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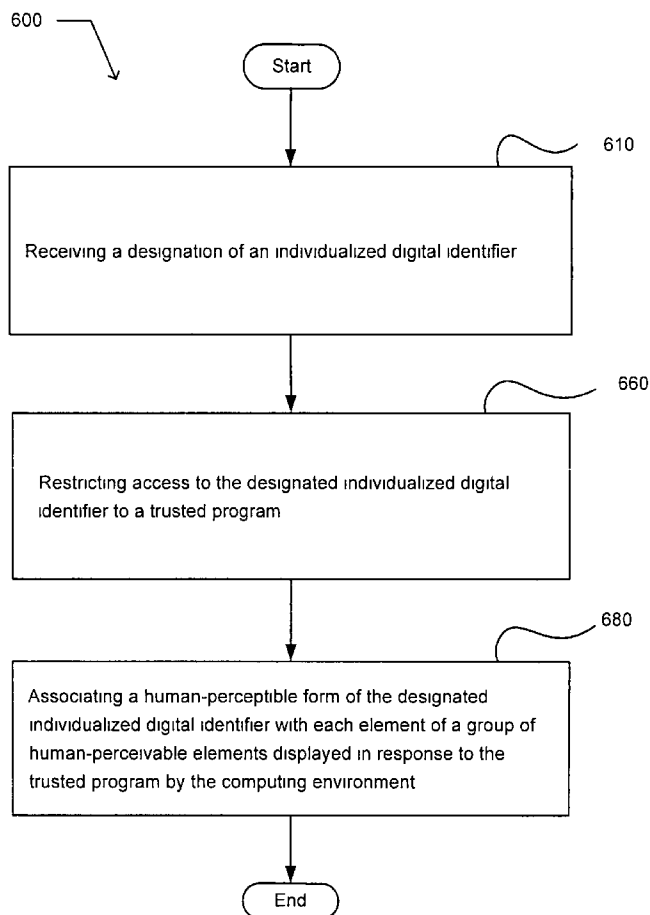
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(57) **Abstract:** Embodiments include a method, a computing device, and a computer program product. An embodiment provides a method implemented in a computing environment. The method includes receiving a designation of an individualized digital identifier. The method also includes associating a human-perceptible form of the designated individualized digital identifier with each element of a group of human-perceptible elements displayed by the computing environment.

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