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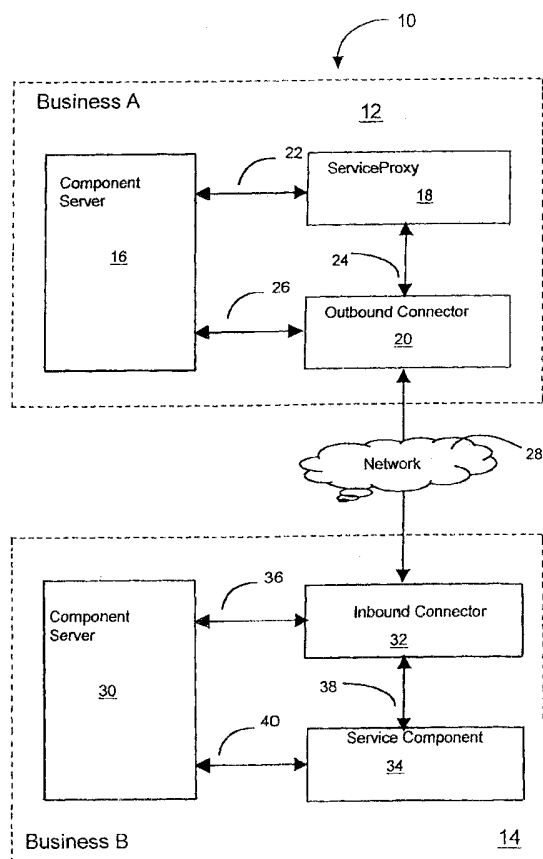
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(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses a computer server having a generic interface for interacting with a variety of middleware products and application programming interfaces. The proposed architecture of the interface is such that knowledge of existing middleware systems is not needed to develop or modify server applications.

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