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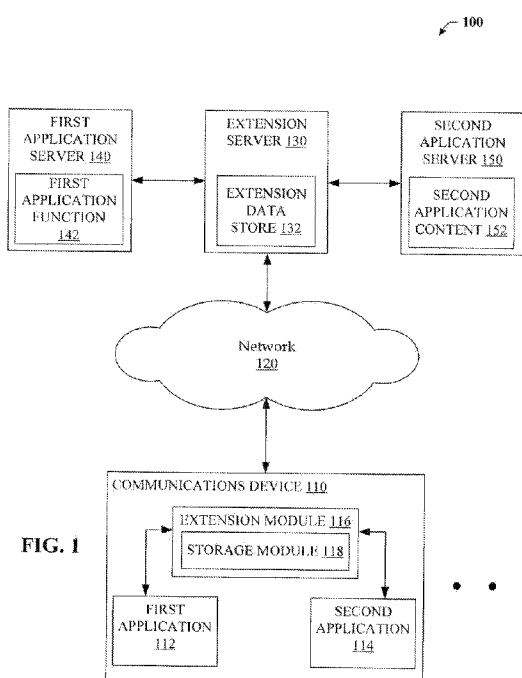


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** A method and apparatus for facilitating communication amongst a plurality of applications associated with at least one device is provided. The method may comprise receiving, by an extension module, a request from a first application to communicate with one or more applications, establishing a communication link between the first and at least one of the one or more applications, wherein the communication link allows the first and the at least one of the one or more applications to communicate at least one of data or control information, and storing, by the extension module, at least a portion of data communicated between the communicating applications.



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