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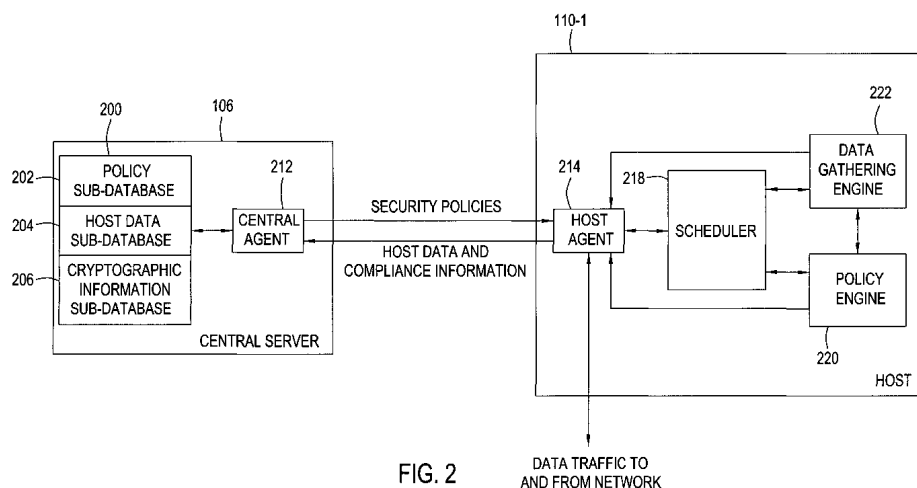


FIG. 2

(57) Abstract: A system and method for providing an enterprise-based security policy are described. In one embodiment, the system includes a central agent (212) that is configured to retrieve a policy skin from a database (202) and to transmit the policy skin to a host. The system further includes a data gathering engine (222) that is configured to collect host data related to the host. In addition, the system includes a policy engine (220) that is configured to execute the policy skin against the host data to determine security policy compliance.

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