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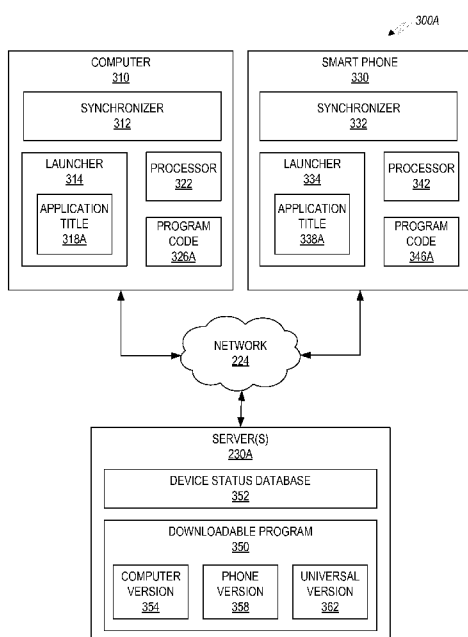


FIG. 3A

(57) Abstract: A system and method for utilizing a server (230A) to syn-
chronize launchers (314, 334) among multiple computing devices (310, 330)
of a user. When a user installs an application on a first computing device
(310), the launcher(s) (334) of at least one of his or her other computing
devices (330) are automatically updated. In at least two of the user's comput-
ing devices, the installation includes or is followed by downloading different
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