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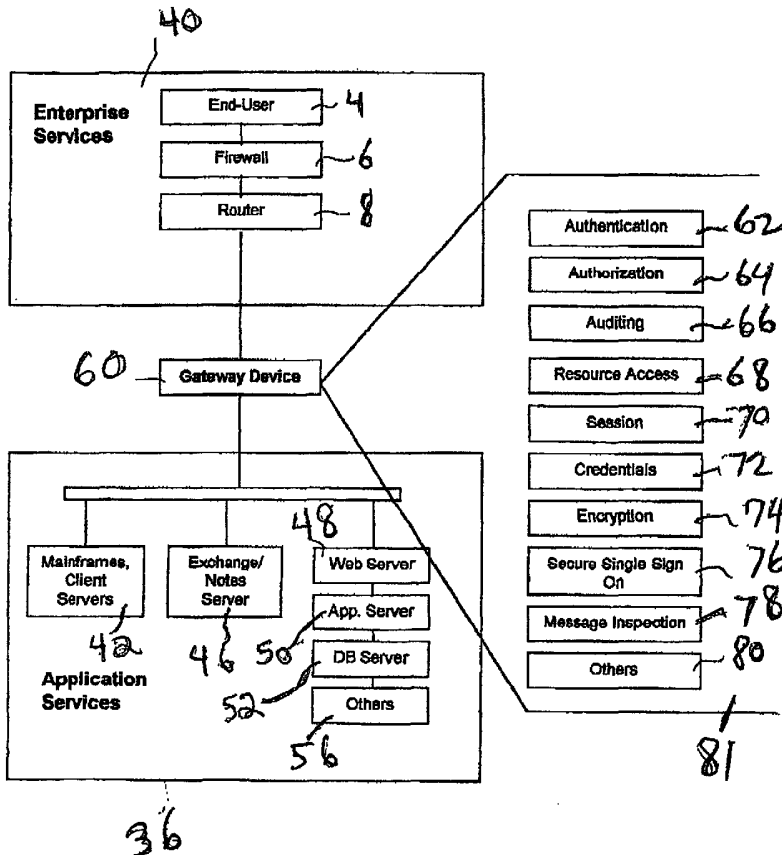
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(57) Abstract: A device (60) acts as a gateway between end-user(s) (40) (human or machine) and various enterprise applications (36) (e.g. file servers, data servers, etc.), providing core digital services such as a secure, authenticated access to those enterprise applications. The device can use outside or third party entitlement stores for authentication and or application of access policy for those enterprise applications to provide single sign on and end-to-end transaction view capabilities. Clustering, replication, and load balancing (both front-end and back-end) of a plurality of these devices allows for highly scalable and reliable service to end-users. Any access unit through any network of choice may access the device.

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