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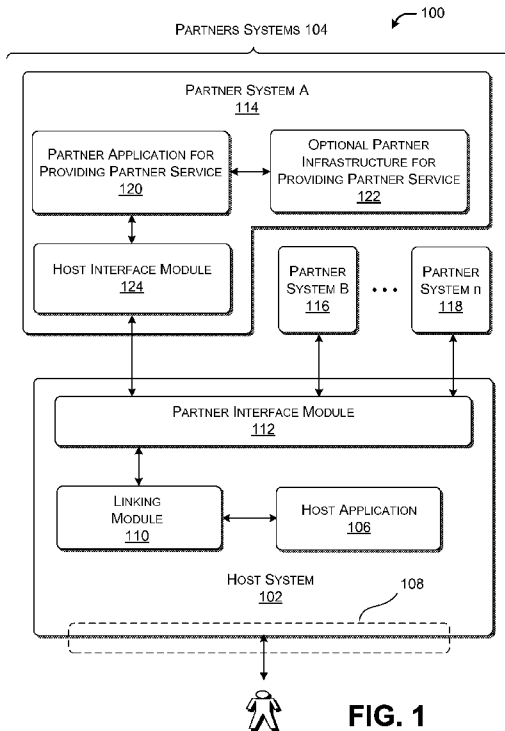


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: An approach is described for allowing a user to select a partner service in the context of the user's interaction with a host application. The user selects the partner service using a partner-selection user interface presentation. The selected partner service receives this selection, and proceeds to carry out a partner function which complements a host function performed by the host application.

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