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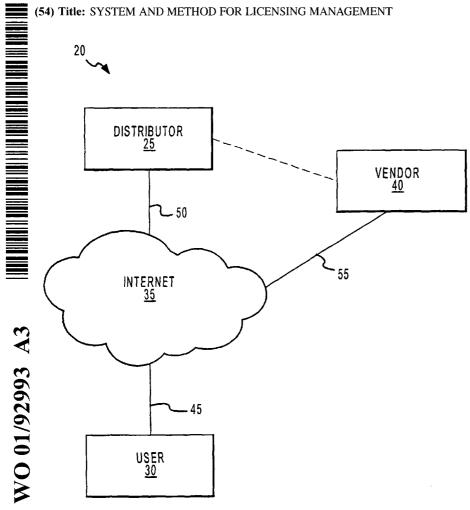
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(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses an improved system and method for managing licensing data that may be applied to any property, product and/or service licensing model. The licensing management system (20) and method may further include client (30) and server managed security features to control or otherwise monitor and/or restrict the use and re-distribution of licensed subject matter. In one specific application, the present invention provides, for example, a system method for licensing software applications over a network (35) on a user (30) self-serve, subscription-based model. The present invention, providing addition to "out-of-the-box" functionality, also provides the user (30) with the ability to optionally customize the implementation of the licensing management system (20) to uniquely conform to specific user goals.



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