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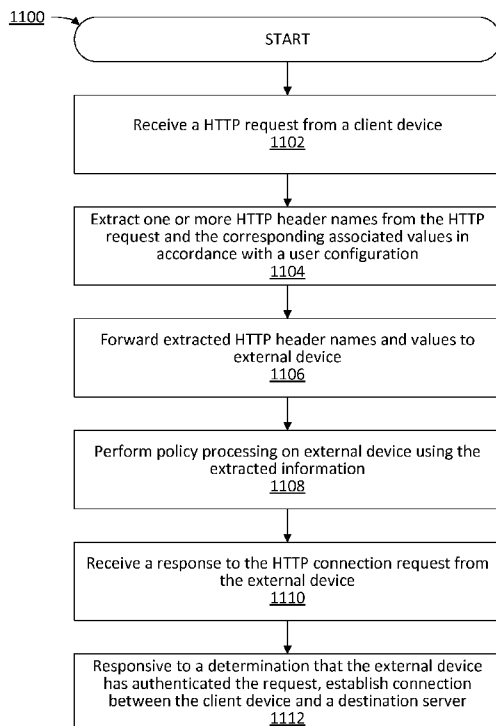


FIG. 11

(57) Abstract: A method for handling hyper-text transfer protocol ("HTTP") requests from client devices is disclosed. The method comprises receiving an HTTP request from a client device to connect to a destination server. It further comprises extracting a plurality of HTTP headers from the HTTP request using a gateway device in accordance with a user defined configuration to create a subset of the request. Next, it comprises forwarding the subset to an external security device from the gateway device to perform URL policy processing using the request. Finally, it comprises based on a received result of the URL policy processing, transmitting the client request to the destination server.



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