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NEW ABSTRACT

In one example of an embodiment of the invention, a method to control usage of resources on a network (54) by an entity comprising a user (56) and a host device (52) to couple the user to the network is disclosed, comprising receiving identification information from the entity (72), evaluating the identity of user, and evaluating the host device. In addition, the method comprises evaluating a status of at least one additional condition related to the user and allowing the entity to use one or more network resources based, at least in part, on the evaluations. Conditions may be aggregated from a plurality of network resources. Any of these activities may be performed by plug-ins.