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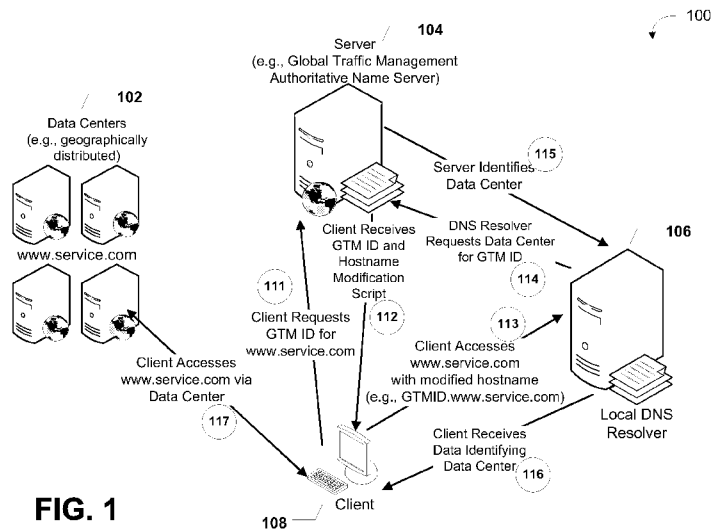


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A particular method includes receiving a request from a client at a server and sending a global traffic management identifier in response to the request from the client. The global traffic management identifier is determined based on an attribute of the client. In response to the client requesting access to a service based on a modified hostname of the service, a data center associated with the service is identified based on the modified hostname of the service. The modified hostname identifies the global traffic management identifier, and the identified data center is useable by the client to access the service.

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