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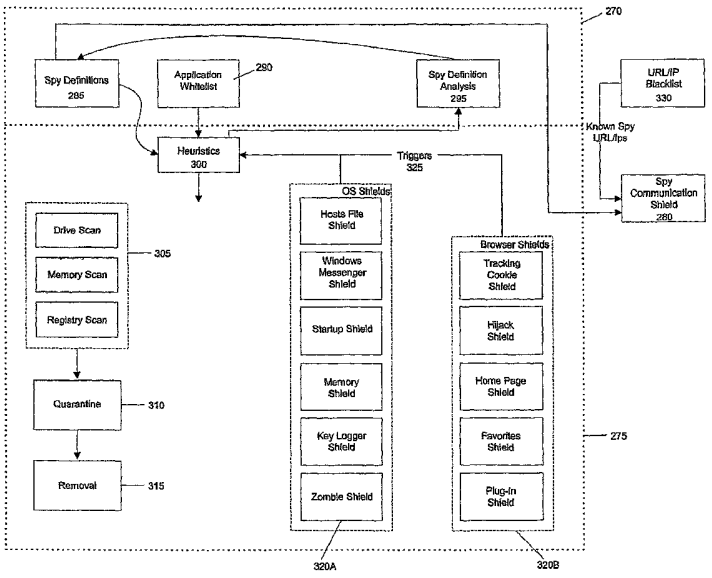

(57) Abstract: Methods for monitoring network communications between a protected computer and a remotely-located computer such as a Web server are described. One embodiment is configured to intercept a data packet transmitted from a protected computer. This embodiment then compares the destination address of the data packet against a list of approved destination addresses. When the destination address is included in the list of approved destination addresses, then the packet is delivered to the destination address. If the packet is not addressed to an approved address, then it is evaluated for pestware traces. Embodiments of the invention can also be configured to monitor incoming traffic to a protected computer.

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