(54) Title: RESTRICTING ACCESS TO A METHOD IN A COMPONENT

(57) Abstract: Process and system for restricting access to a method (110) in a distributed computing environment. An embodiment of the invention includes maintaining a list of methods in the distributed computing environment. Further, the process and system restrict access to a method in the distributed computing environment by generating a key that specifies that the method is blocked and deleting the key when the method is not blocked. An exemplary embodiment includes capability to perform configuration of the system.
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