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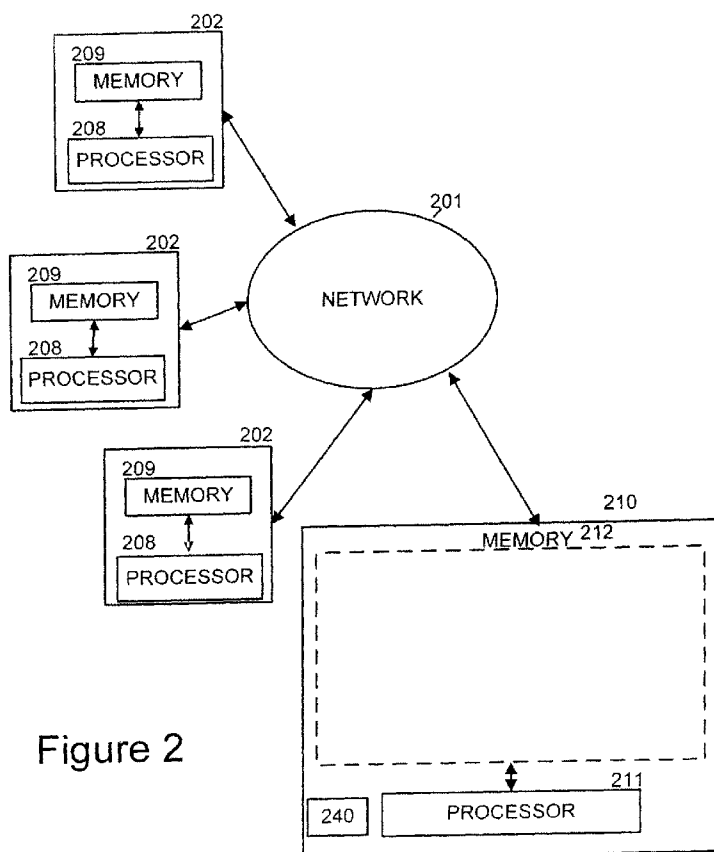


Figure 2

(57) **Abstract:** In one embodiment, the methods and apparatuses detect a query; detect a plurality of available participants; search a plurality of electronic mail messages associated with the plurality of available participants based on the query; and identify a qualified participant from the plurality of available participants based on searching the plurality of electronic mail messages.

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