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(54) **ENABLING A SOFTWARE SERVICE PROVIDER TO AUTOMATICALLY OBTAIN SOFTWARE SERVICE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Methods, and apparatus, enabling an originating service provider to automatically obtain from a 3rd party service provider and run a software service online. Method comprising: originating service provider negotiating license with 3rd party service provider over certain software service run by 3rd party service provider; license stipulating life cycle information of software service, enabling originating service provider to automatically obtain software service; 3rd party provider delivering software service to originating service provider in response to agreements of license; and originating service provider automatically deploying software service in self-hosted environment according to stipulation of the license. Based on the method and apparatus of the present invention, the service provider can automatically and flexibly obtain a software service to reduce costs of the service provider and ensure quality of the software service, and facilitate the expansion of software service filed and software service update.

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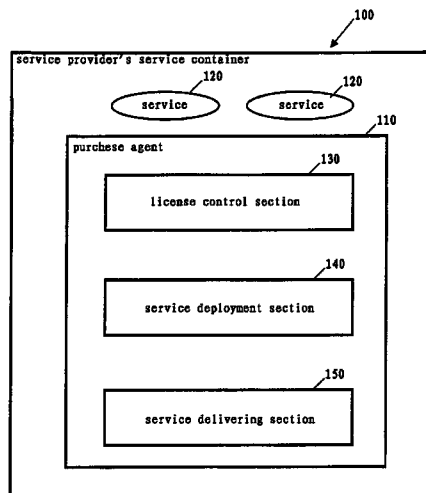


Fig. 1

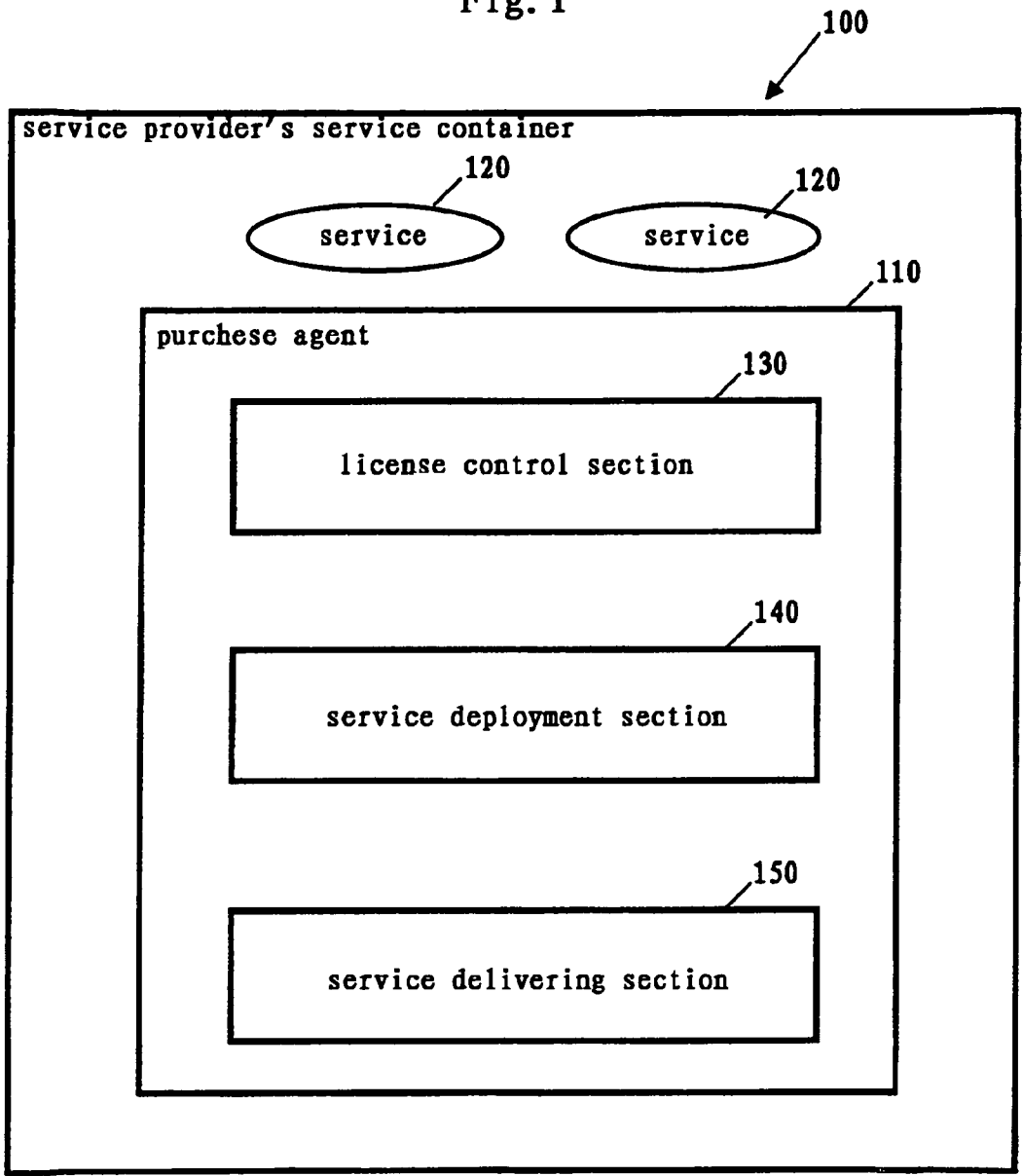


Fig. 2

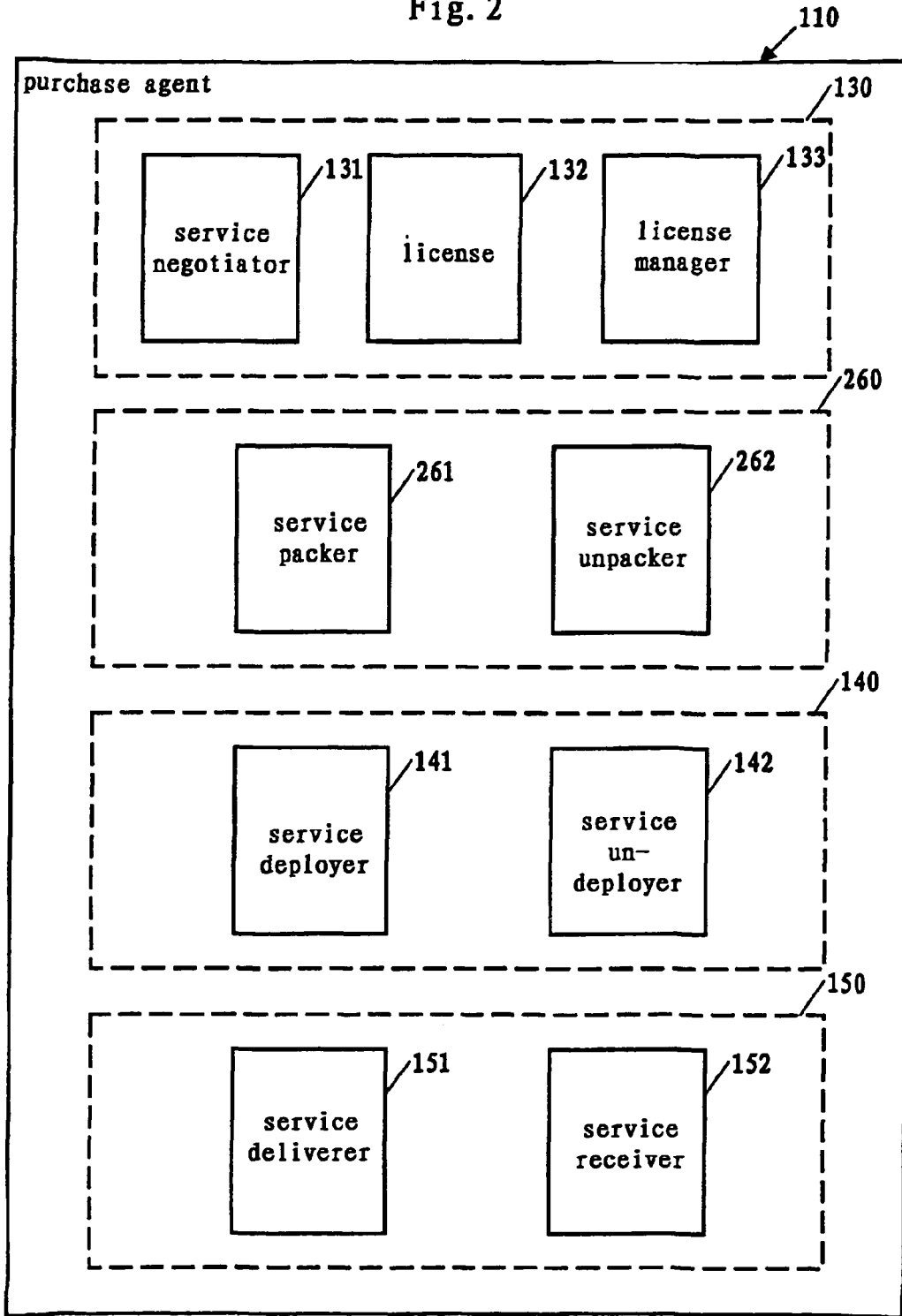


Fig. 3

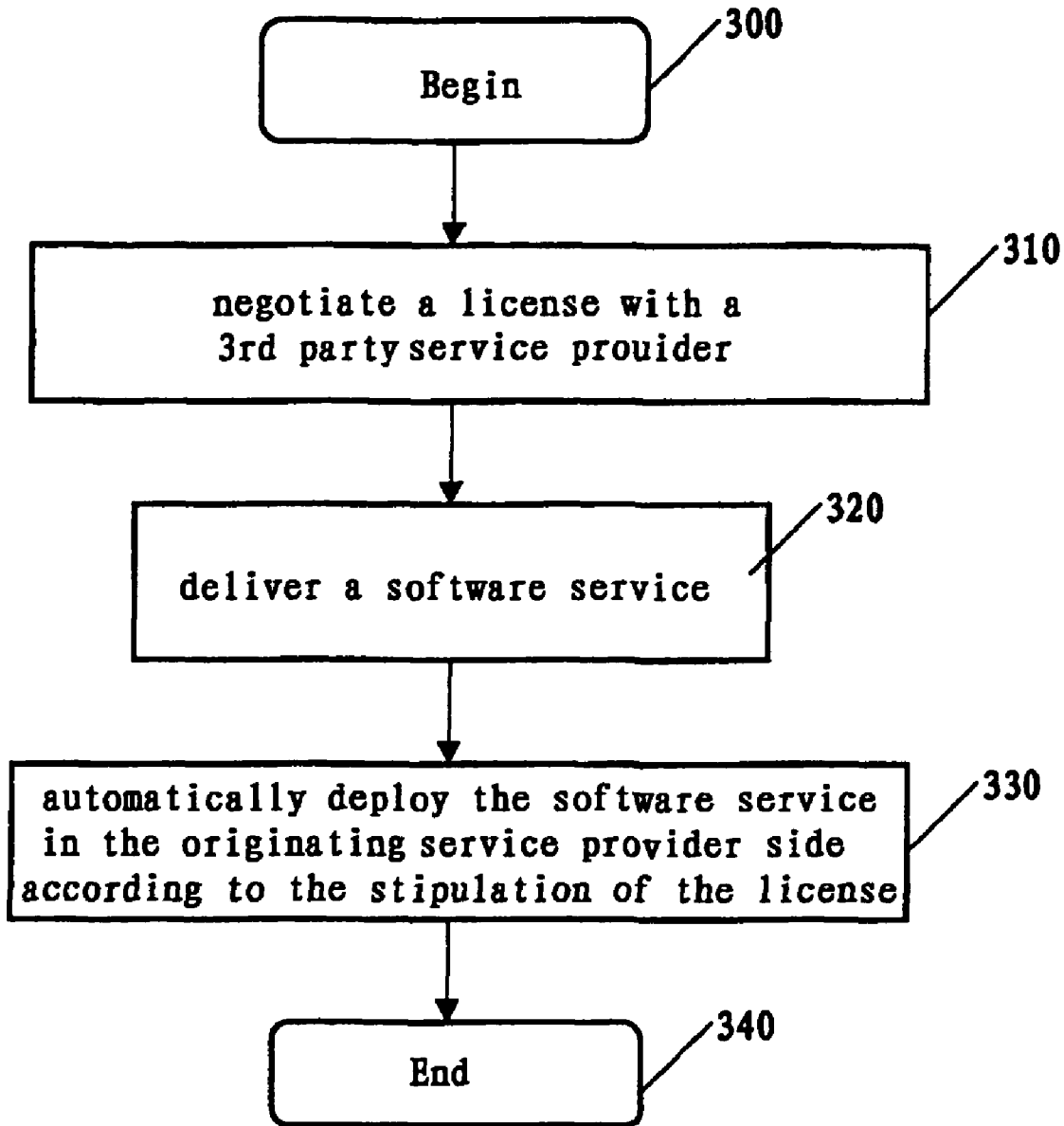
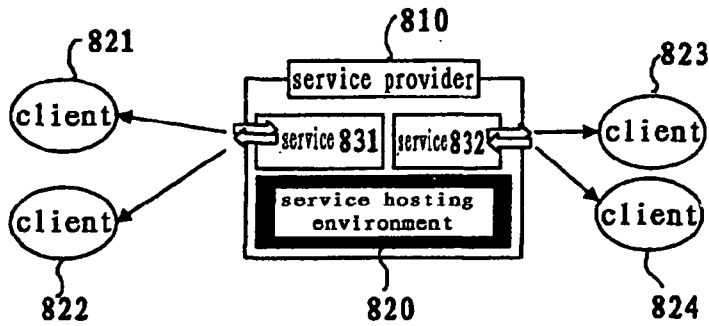


Fig. 4

service	purchaser	purchase model	leasehold	status
service A	SP_1	lease for period of time	1 month	on
service B	SP_1	lease for period of time	0.5 month	off
service C	SP_2	buy one license		on
service D	SP_3	buy the service		off
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Fig. 8
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