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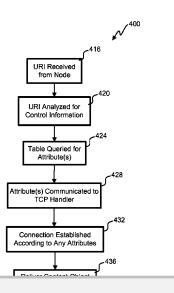
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#### (57) ABSTRACT

In one embodiment, a system for adapting the interoperation of nodes in an information processing system is disclosed. The system includes a protocol handler, a protocol attribute information store and a protocol attribute selector. The protocol handler manages a first connection and a second connection over the network using a protocol. The protocol attribute information store holds a plurality of attributes. The protocol attribute selector evaluates first information related to a first connection, utilizes the protocol attribute information store to determine first protocol attributes corresponding to the first connection, and communicates the first attributes for the first connection to the protocol handler. Additionally, the protocol attribute selector evaluates second information related to a second connection, utilizes the protocol attribute information store to determine second attributes corresponding to the second connection, and communicates the second attributes for the second connection the protocol handler. The protocol handler uses first attributes for the first connection and second attributes for the second connection.

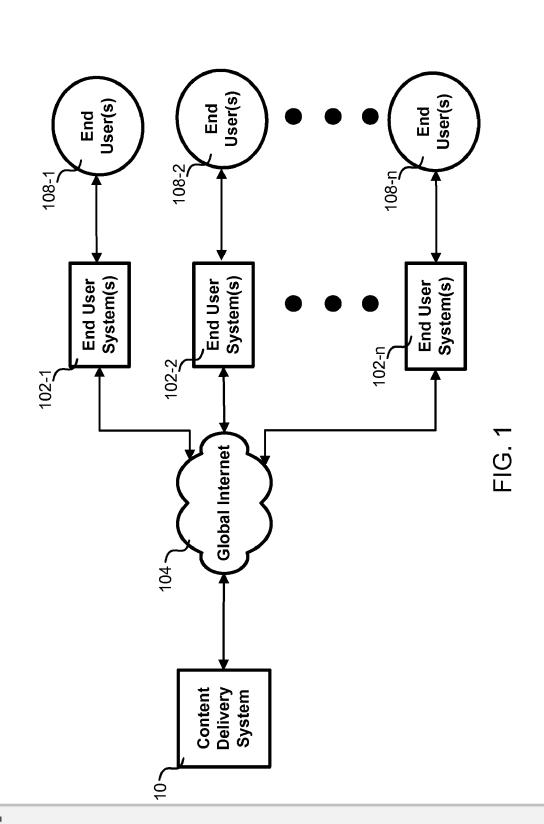
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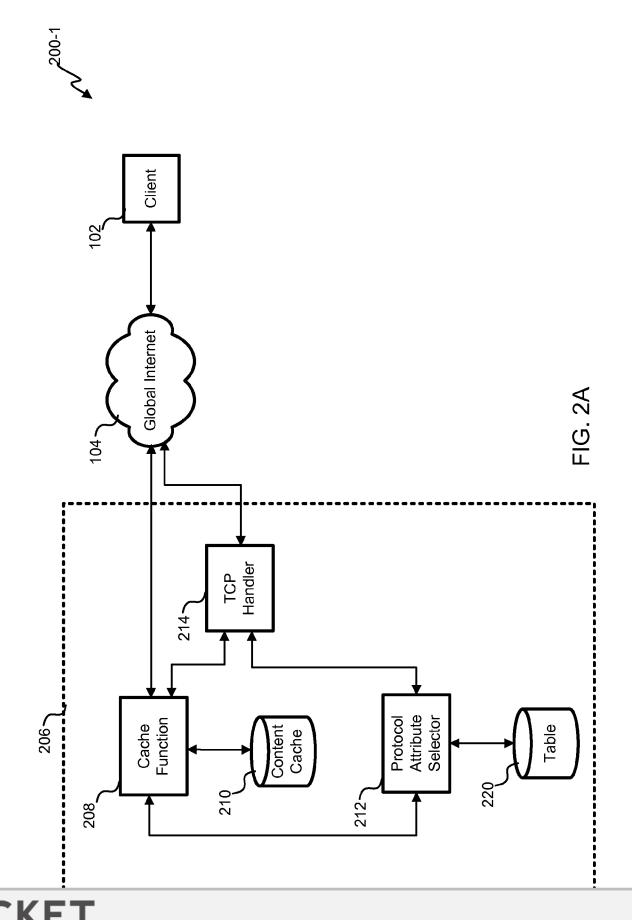
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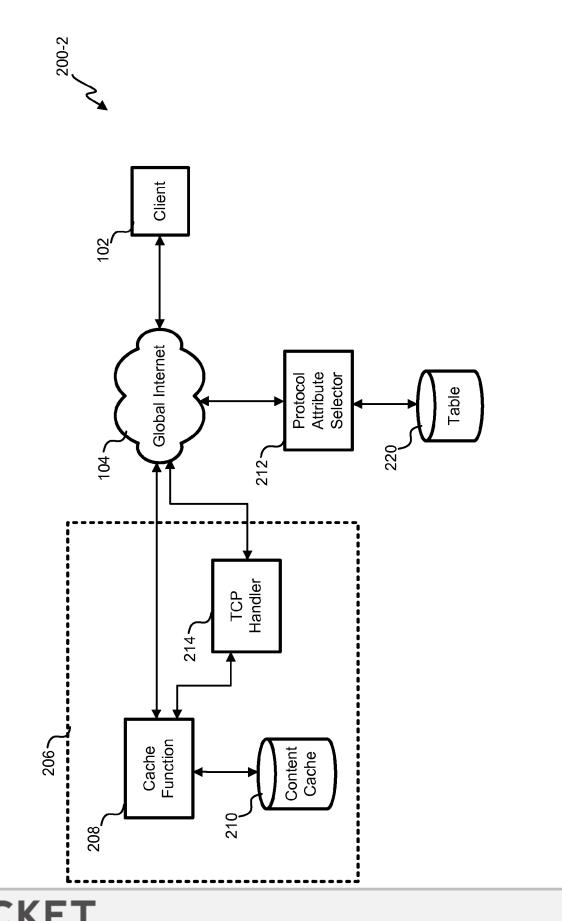
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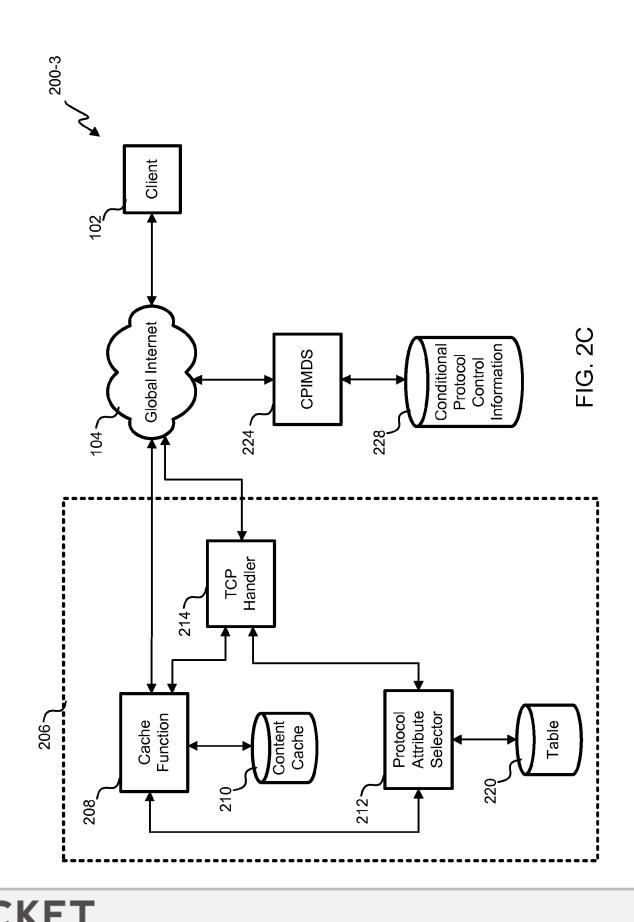
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