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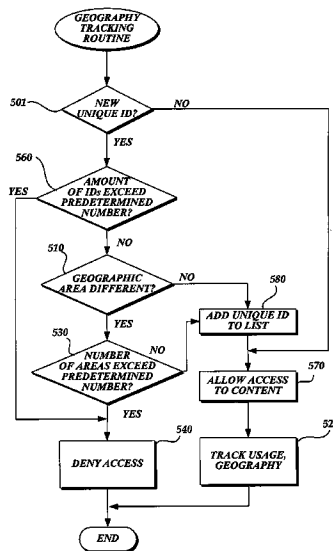
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system and method for controlling access to electronic content stored on a content provider's server is provided. A content provider may control and restrict unauthorized access to electronic content through an identified user account by limiting a number of devices from which requests to access the content through the account have been received. A content provider may also collect usage information of interest by monitoring authorized access to electronic content.

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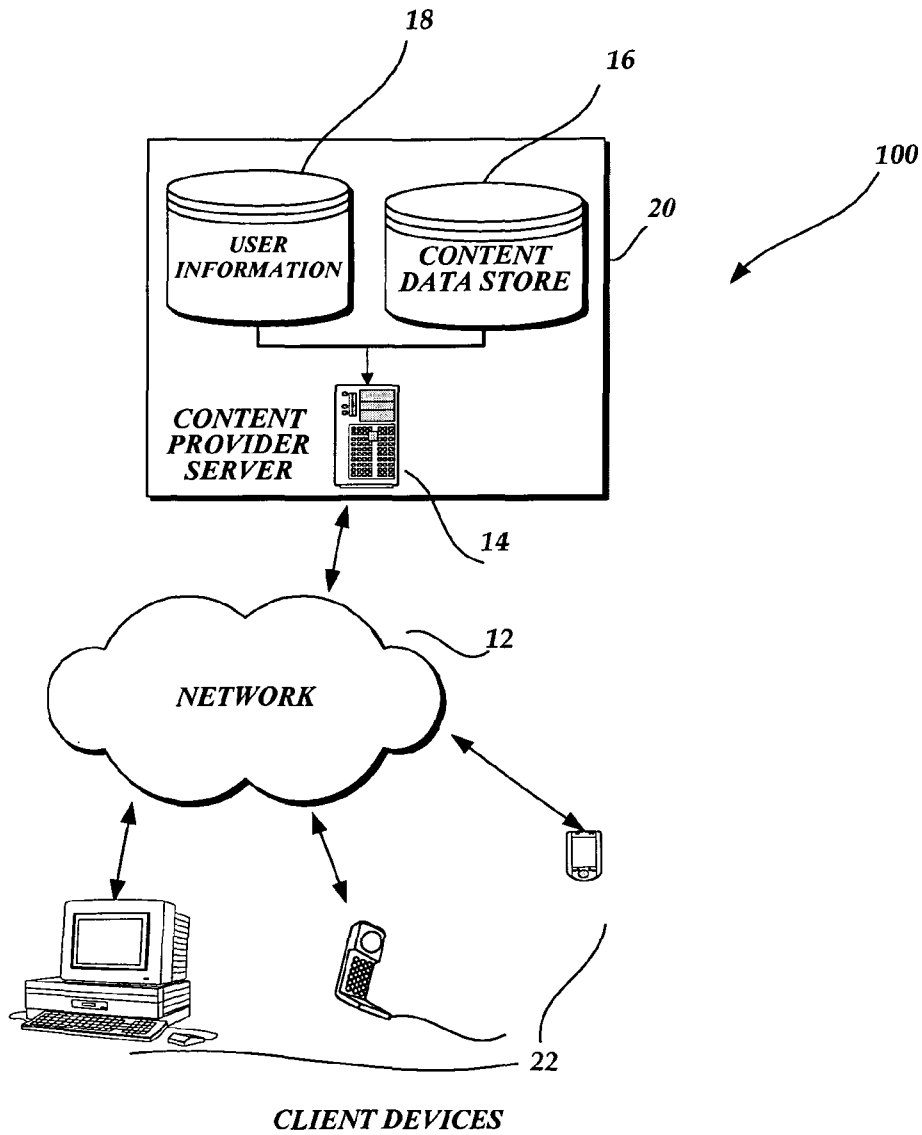


Fig. 1.

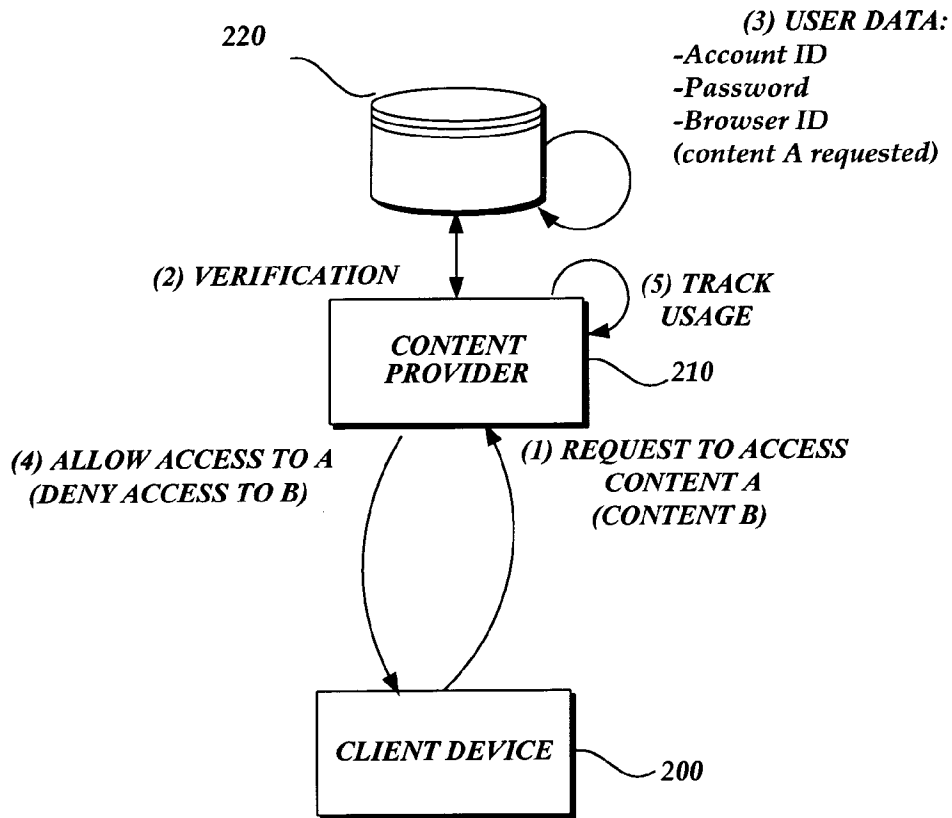


Fig. 2.

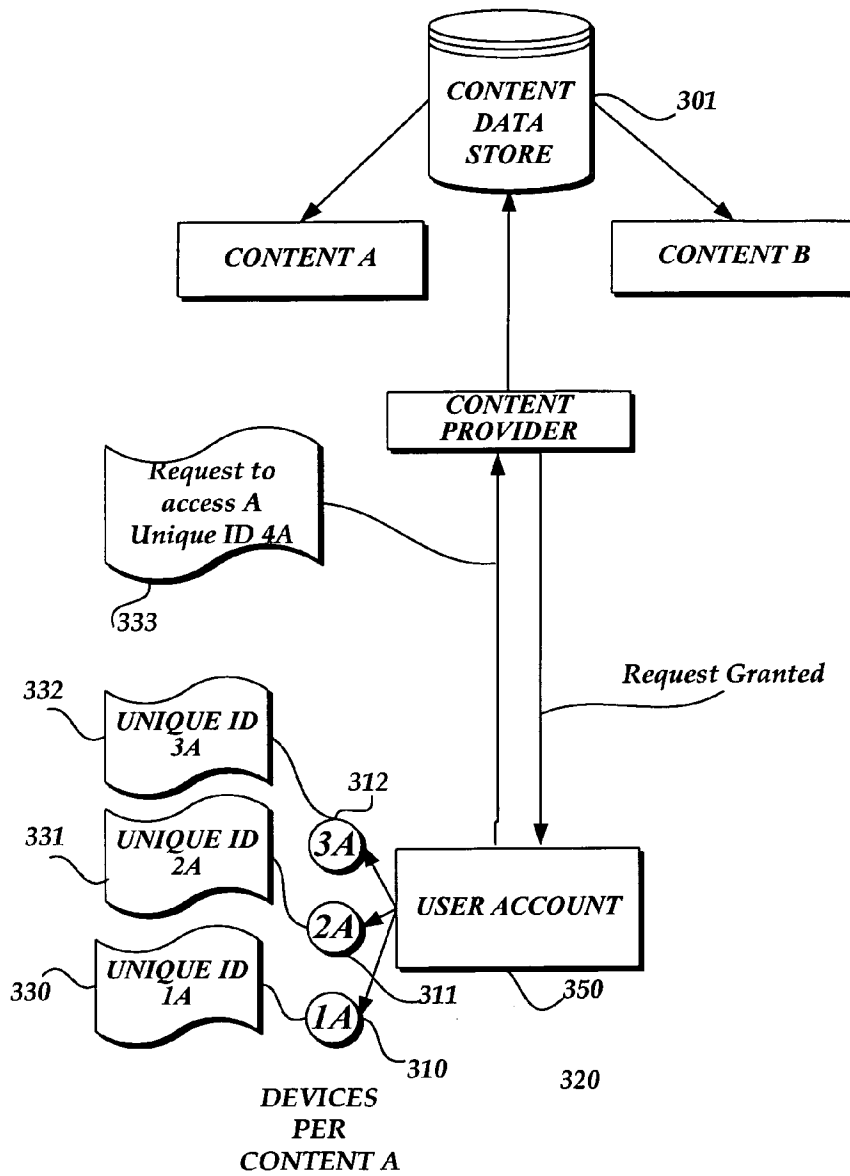


Fig.3A.

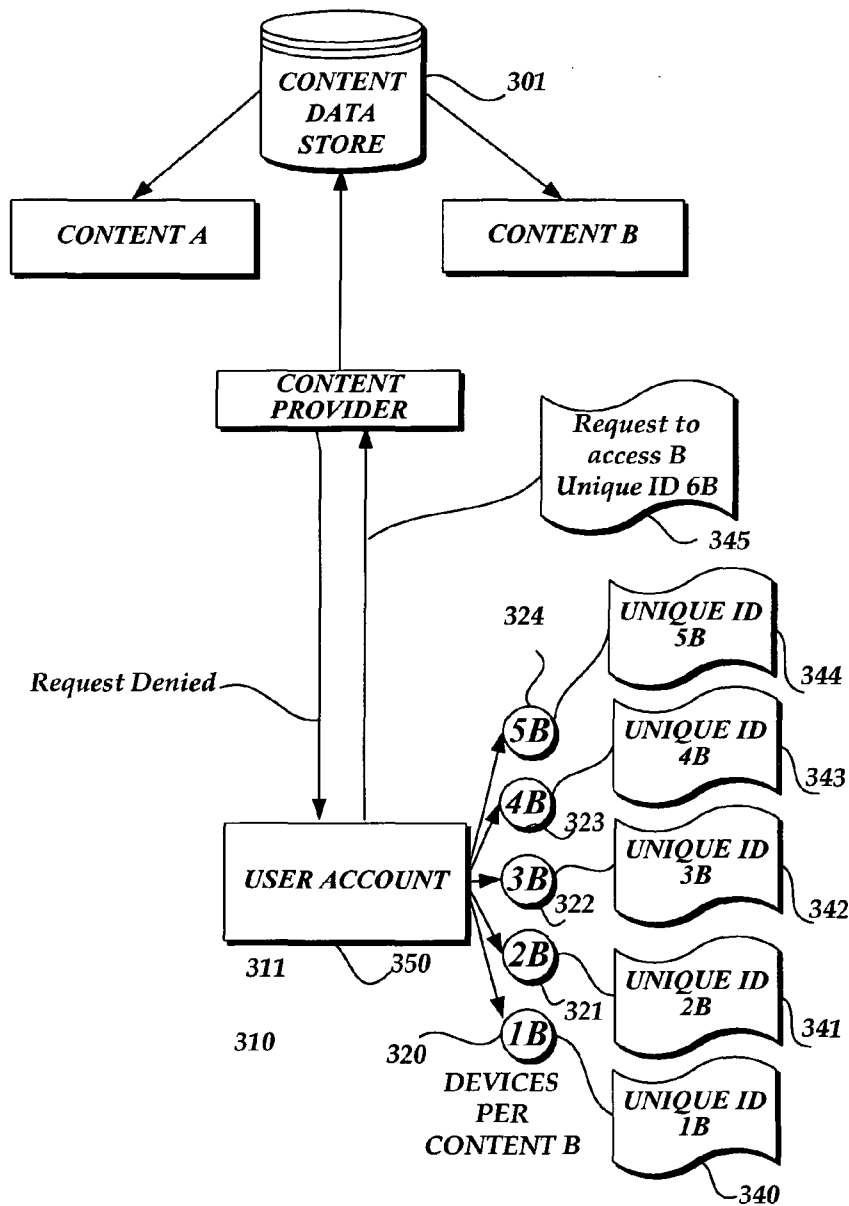


Fig.3B.

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