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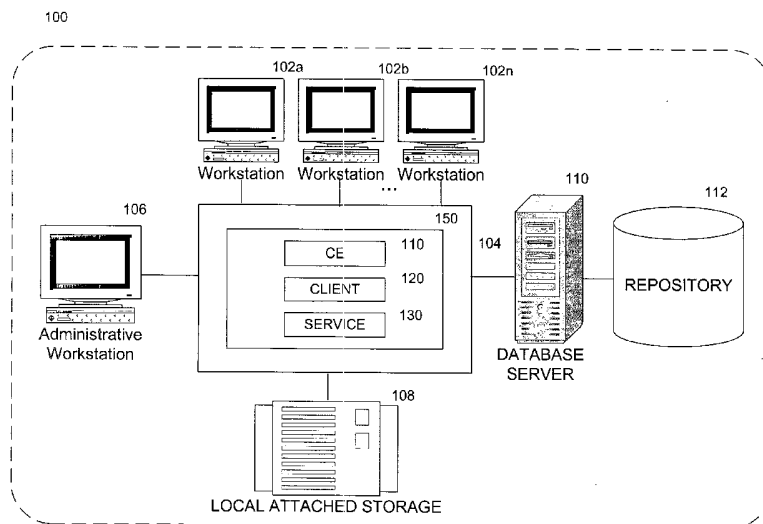
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(57) Abstract: A system, method and computer program product for analyzing file I/O activity on local attached storage devices (108) within a computer network (100) is provided. In an embodiment, a software agent executes on one or more servers (110) within the network (100), and monitors the I/O activity on the network's local attached storage (e.g., SAN, NAS, and IDE and SCSI disks) (108). A management interface is also provided for monitoring I/O activity-related data and for receiving reports on such I/O activity. In an embodiment, collected I/O-related data and any predefined I/O metrics are stored in a central repository (e.g., a relational database) (112). The system, method and computer program product provide accurate metrics to assists system administrators in deciding, justifying and validating resource purchases for and allocations within the network (100).

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