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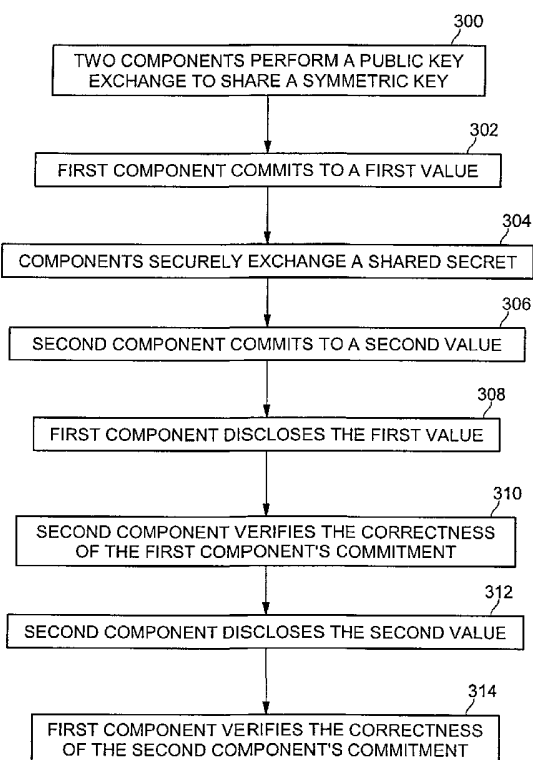
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(54) Title: A METHOD OF CONFIRMING A SECURE KEY EXCHANGE



(57) Abstract: A key exchange protocol can be performed between components of a system, such as between a computer program being executed by the processor of a PC (or other computer system) and a peripheral. A peripheral with a user input capability and a very limited display capability, such as a keyboard or a mouse, may be used to confirm a key exchange between the system components in a way that requires the user to enter only small amounts of input data (e.g., keystrokes or mouse clicks). Security between components may be enhanced without having a negative impact on usability of the system. Embodiments of the present invention help to deter "man in the middle" attacks wherein an attacker gains control of a system component situated between certain communicating system components.

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Method for symmetric key exchange by using public key cryptography and a defined value based on a random value, a public key, a symmetric key and a shared secret.

2. claims: 13-41

Method for symmetric key exchange by using public key cryptography and two nonces, a hash value and a public key. Additionally displaying part of the nonces and accepting the input this part of the nonce.

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