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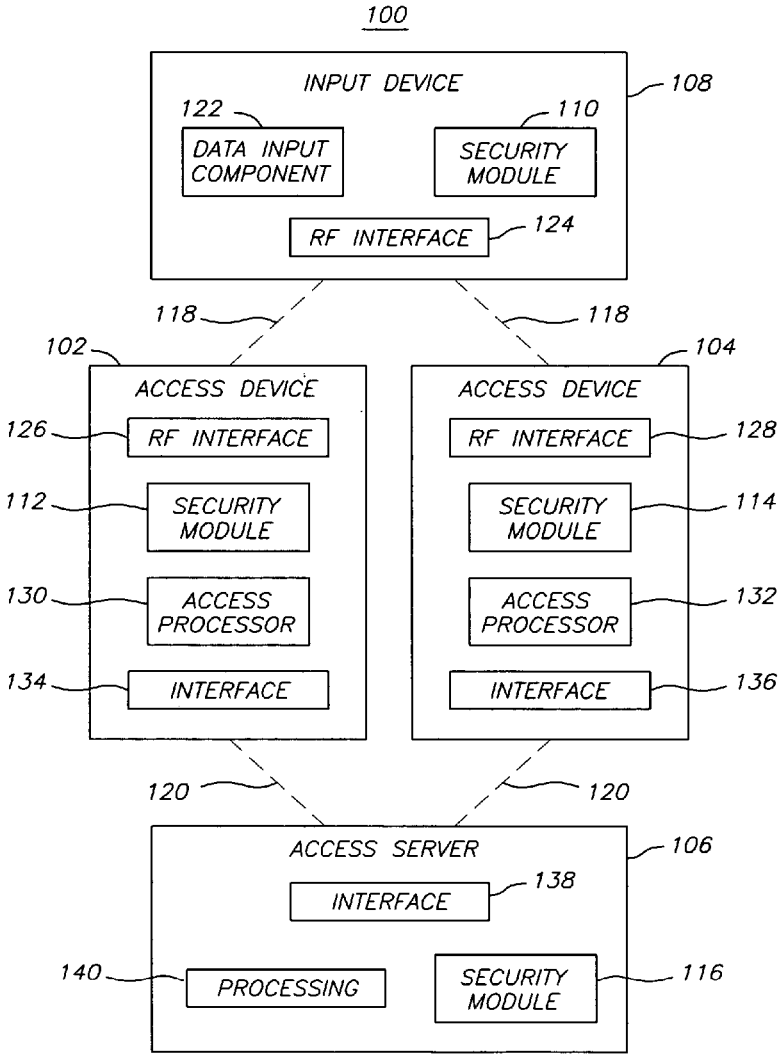
(57) **ABSTRACT**

Techniques are provided to authenticate components in a system. Users may enter credentials into an input device and the credentials may be authenticated and/or securely transmitted to the components. The components may then provide the credentials to a server in the system. Strong authentication may thus be provided to the effect that credentials associated with specific users have been received from specific components in the system. The server may then enable the components to access selected services.