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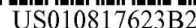
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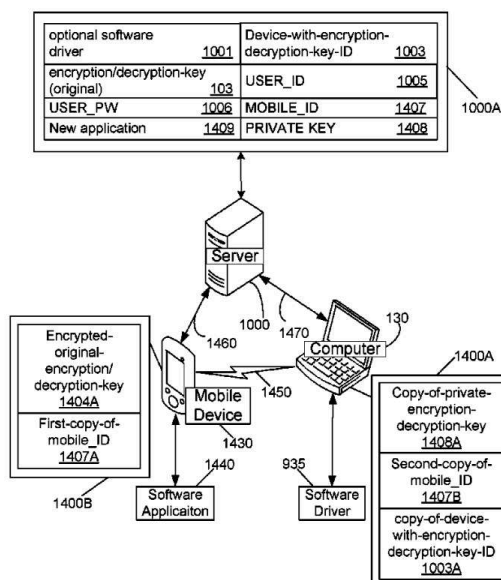
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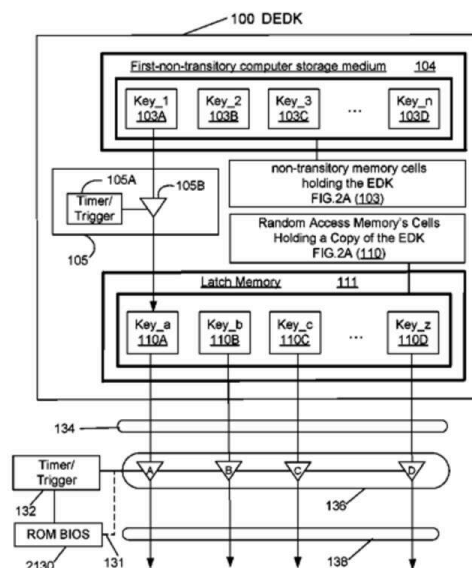
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method and apparatus prevents hacker code from infecting an application program by requiring decryption of the application program prior to running the application program on a computer. The device is preferably a computer system that includes a dongle, or a separate unit that is connected or connectable to the computer. A security program decrypts a first key with a second key stored on the dongle. When a new application is installed the first time on the computer, the security program uses a decrypted first key to encrypt whatever is installed such that the encrypted application program is the only installed version of the application program on any non-transitory computer readable memory accessible by the computer. When a command is given to startup the application program, whatever code is needed for startup is first decrypted using the decrypted first key.

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(54) **VIRUS IMMUNE COMPUTER SYSTEM AND METHOD**

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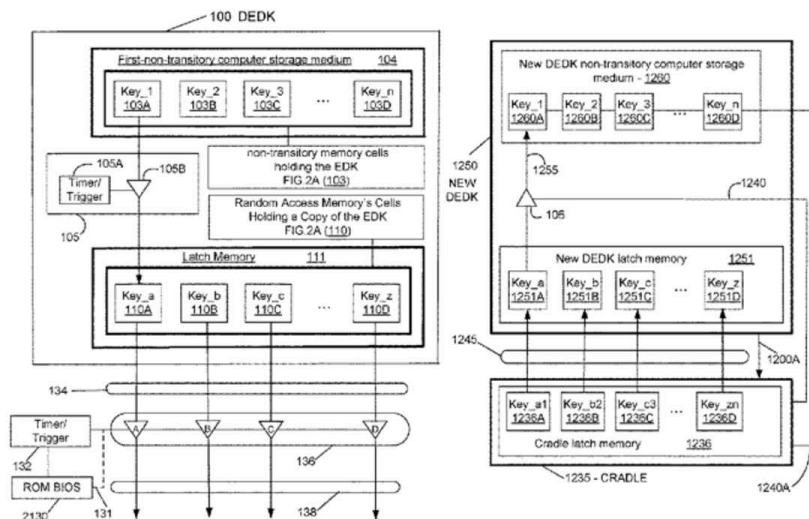
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ABSTRACT

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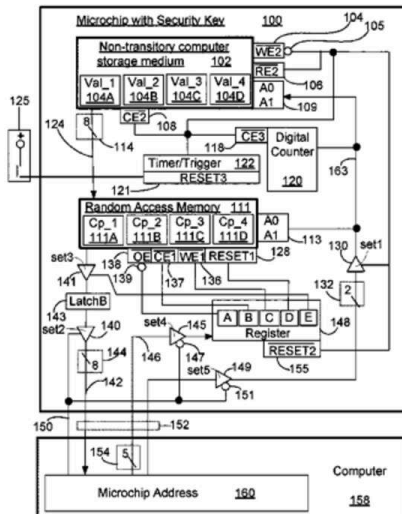
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ABSTRACT

A system and method improves digital security in a computer by adding an electronic circuit. The electronic circuit stores sensitive data in an un-erasable state such that the sensitive data may not be altered. The electronic circuit limits transfer of the sensitive data only once after each power-up or after each reset of the computer. The electronic circuit prevents access to the sensitive data by an authorized program. The electronic circuit utilizes its own storage medium and a random access memory, the latter of which can receive and store the sensitive data from the non-transitory computer storage medium. The method includes hosting on the computer a software driver and a copy-of-copy of first security key obtained from the sensitive data stored on the electronic circuit. The software driver is operable to install a software module on the computer using the copy-of-copy of first security key to encrypt each installed file.

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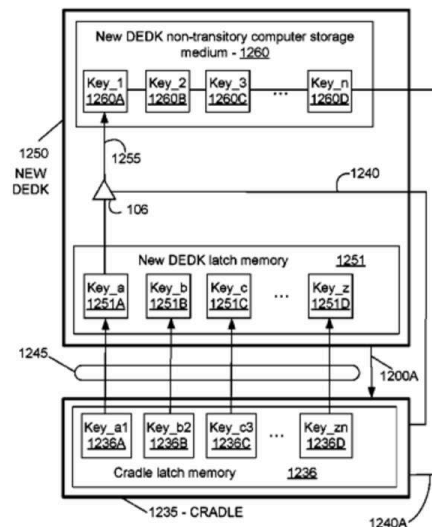
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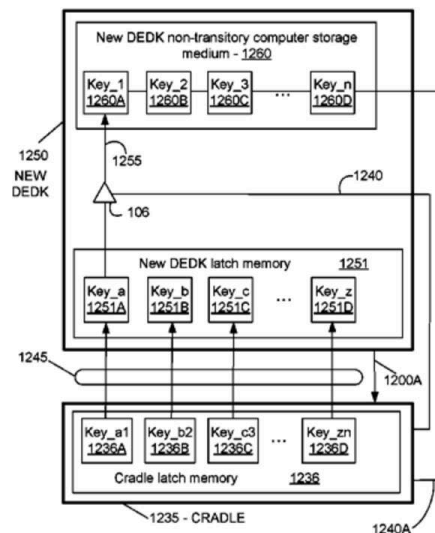
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method and apparatus prevents hacker code from infecting an application program by requiring decryption of the application program prior to running the application program on a computer. The device is preferably a computer system that includes a dongle, or a separate unit that is connected or connectable to the computer. A security program decrypts a first key with a second key stored on the dongle. When a new application is installed the first time on the computer, the security program uses a decrypted first key to encrypt whatever is installed such that the encrypted application program is the only installed version of the application program on any non-transitory computer readable memory accessible by the computer. When a command is given to startup the application program, whatever code is needed for startup is first decrypted using the decrypted first key.

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