



(54) **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSFERRING AN APPLICATION PROGRAM FROM SYSTEM FIRMWARE TO A STORAGE DEVICE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

One aspect of the invention is a method and system for accessing at least one storage element in a processor-based system. The system comprises a memory for storing instruction sequences by which the processor-based system is processed. The memory has at least one storage element. A processor is coupled to the memory, and a storage device is coupled to the processor. Prior to booting an operating system on the processor-based system, the stored instruction sequences cause the processor to write the contents of the at least one storage element to the storage device. Another aspect of the invention relates to a computer system having a user computer in communication with a remote service computer. The remote service computer has access to a database identifying information available to the service computer. A computer implemented method for transferring information to the user computer, comprises: writing the contents of at least one storage element to a storage device on the user computer prior to booting an operating system on the user computer, establishing a communications link between the user computer and the service computer, and presenting at the user computer, information available to the user computer.

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