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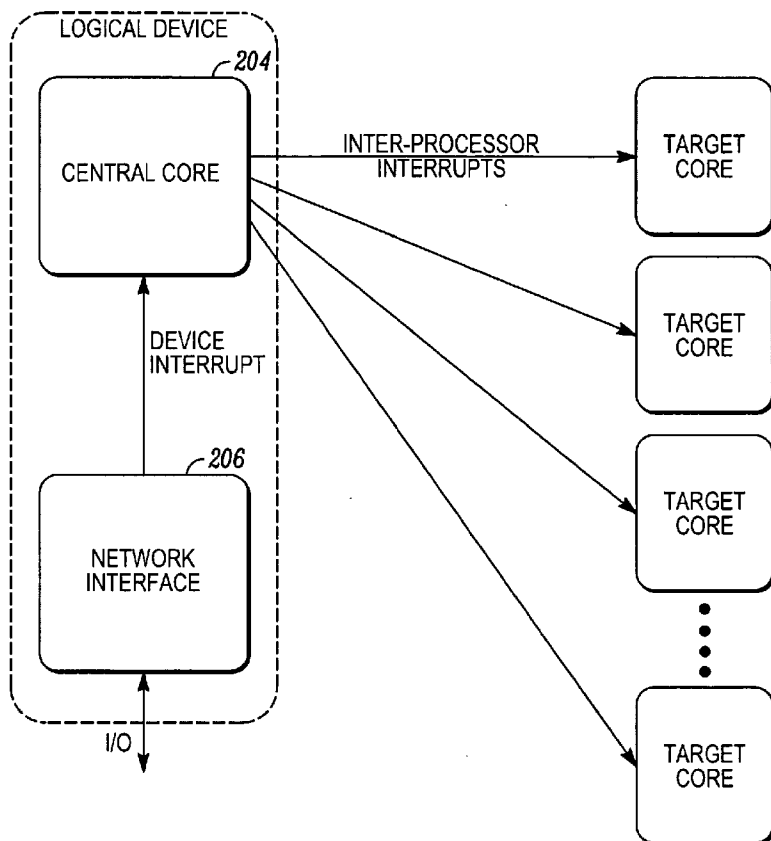
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(57) Abstract: Techniques are described that can be used to implement a network interface. A network interface may be communicatively coupled to a general purpose core or hardware thread. Various operations can be assigned to be performed by the general purpose core, thereby at least to provide flexible operation of the network interface. The general purpose core may be capable to issue inter processor interrupts by executing one or more interrupt service routine. The other cores or hardware threads may be capable to process network protocol units received by the network interface.

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