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(57) Abstract:

A browser plug-in (100) designed to detect and mitigate click fraud in online advertising networks. The plug-in incorporates monitoring unit (110) to observe user interactions, subsequently directing this data through a specialized data analyzer (120) to discern metrics associated with these interactions, such as click frequency, location, and duration. The plug-in employs a machine learning unit (130) to predict and recognize potential fraudulent activities, referencing historical data for accuracy. Upon detecting suspicious or fraudulent patterns, a real-time alert mechanism (140) notifies the relevant entities. Additional functionalities include an IP filtering unit (150) to restrict or block access from notorious IP addresses, a verification interface (160) triggered upon identification of questionable interactions, and adaptive capabilities allowing the machine learning unit (130) to evolve its detection algorithm based on new click fraud patterns. This system offers a comprehensive approach to safeguarding online advertising interactions.

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