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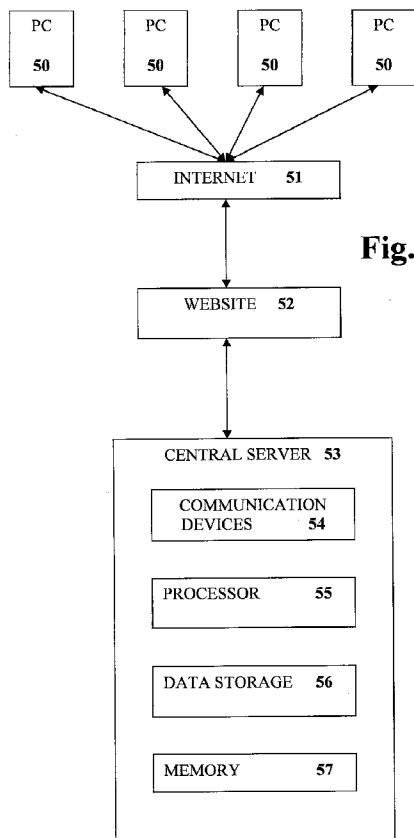


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: A method for providing historical vehicle service data by entering vehicle service and parts replacement data and customer data by a service provider into a website (11, 12); transferring the vehicle service and parts replacement data and the customer data from the website to a central server which creates the historical vehicle service data (13, 14, 15); providing notification by the central server to a vehicle manufacturer information on defective parts (16), to a parts supplier information on replaced parts (17), and to a service provider the time of the next scheduled service for a given vehicle (18); and accessing the website by a customer for the historical vehicle service data on the customer's vehicle (20), and by a vehicle dealer and/or financial institution for the historical vehicle service data on any vehicle (19).

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