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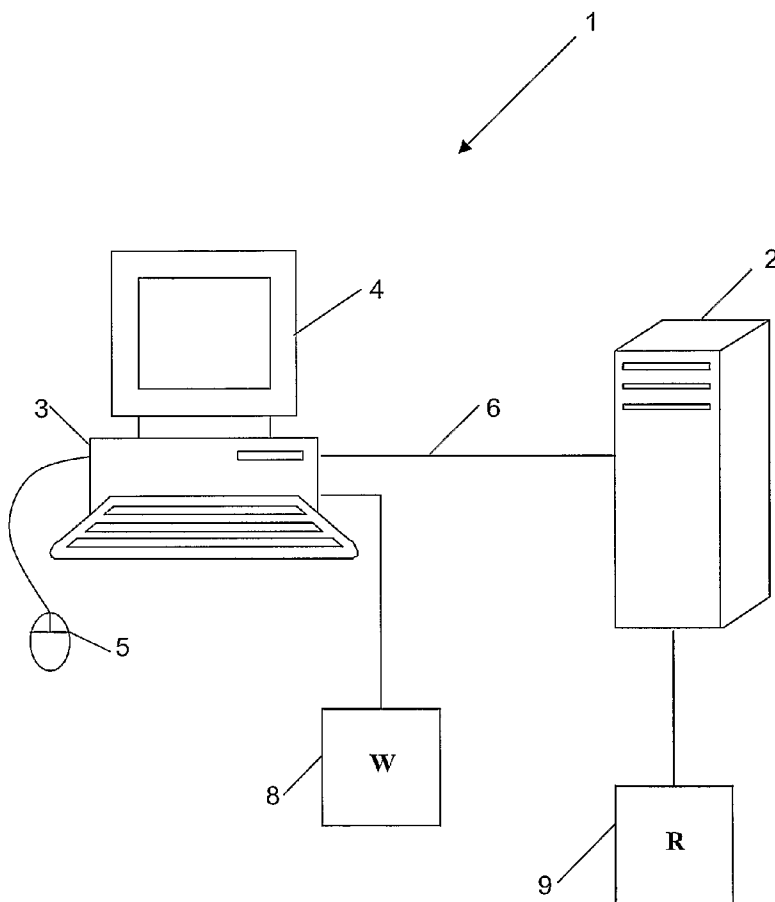
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(57) Abstract: A gaming apparatus (1) includes a player terminal (3) operable by a player to simulate a slots game, and a random event generator (9) for generating a random event upon which an outcome of the slots game is based. The slots game has a plurality of successful outcomes, each successful outcome causing the player to win a corresponding prize. A wagering facility enables the player to place a wager on the occurrence of any specific successful outcome of the slots game, or to make a plurality of different wagers, each corresponding to a different specific one of the successful outcomes of the slots game.

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