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(57) Abstract: Method of data processing for computer software program. System for playing games. The system for playing games includes a first server coupled to a computer network, and the first server includes a list of computer games. A second server coupled to the computer network includes a storage device including images of CD ROMs corresponding to at least some of the games on the list of computer games. A client computer coupled to the computer network includes computer readable code that allows a user to select a game from among the games in the list of computer games. Computer readable code obtains access to an image of a computer game among the images of the CD ROMs on the storage device included by the second server. The code stores at least a portion of the image onto a storage device locally coupled to the client computer and causes the game to run at least partially in response to the portion of the image stored on the storage device locally coupled to the client computer.

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