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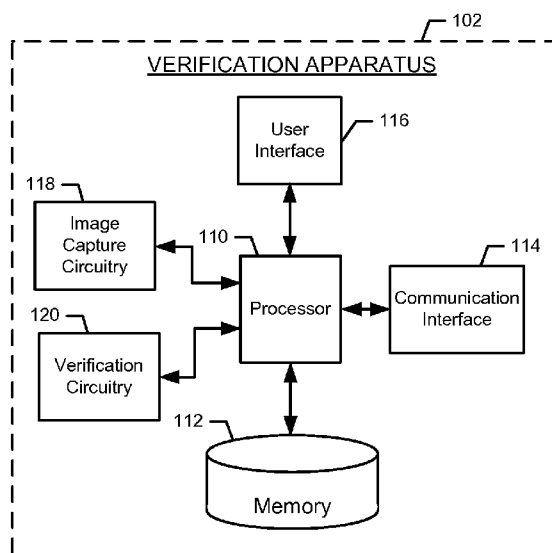


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: Methods and apparatuses are provided for facilitating user verification. A method may include accessing an image captured of a user of a computing device being used by a plurality of players to play a multiplayer game. The method may further include determining based at least in part on the image whether the user is a player from among the plurality of players that is presently authorized to perform an action in the game. The method may additionally include granting game play privileges to the user when it is determined that the user is the player presently authorized to perform an action in the game. The method may also include denying the user game play privileges when it is determined that the user is not the player presently authorized to perform an action in the game. Corresponding apparatuses are also provided.

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