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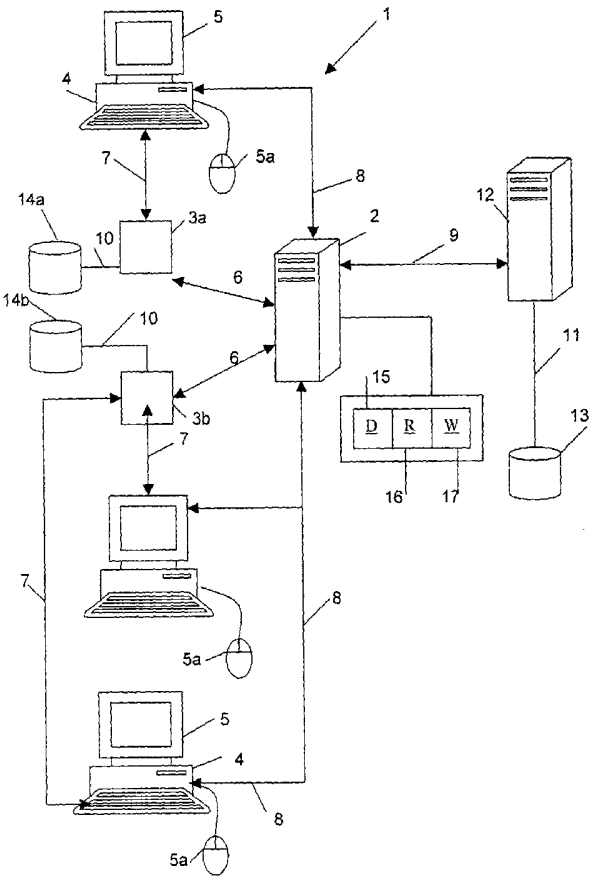

(57) Abstract: A system (1) for playing a zero-sum game includes a gaming server (2) operable under program control to regulate the progress one or more instances of the zero-sum game such as multiplayer poker, and a number of portal websites (3a, 3b)on the World Wide Web of the Internet. The gaming server (2) is also accessible on World Wide Web and enables participation in the instance of the zero-sum game by a predetermined number of players. The gaming server (2) initiates further instances of the zero-sum game when all prior instances of the game have the predetermined plurality of participating players.

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