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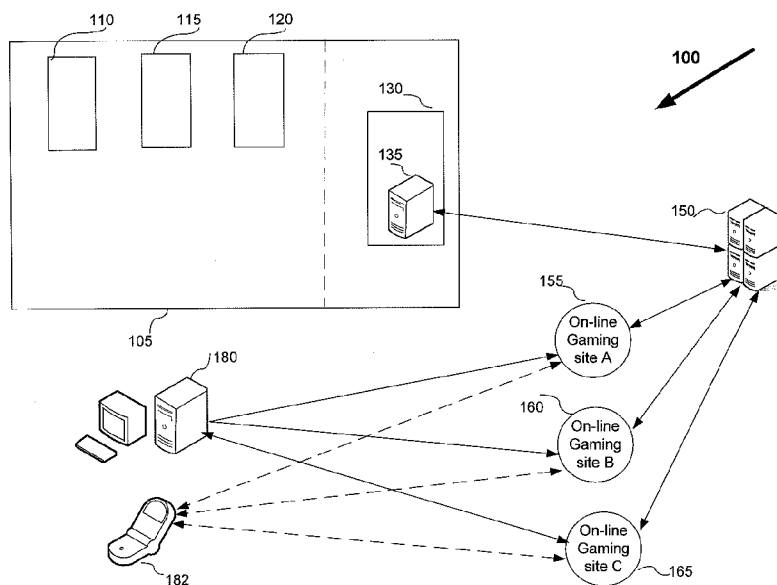


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A method of converting a landbased gaming machine prize or balance comprising a sum, to on-line gaming environment credit, comprising the steps of: receiving a landbased gaming winning document or balance indication from a player; determining at least one alternative for converting at least a part of the sum of the landbased gaming machine prize or the landbased gaming machine positive balance to an on-line gaming credit, valid for use in an on-line gaming application of at least one on-line gaming provider; receiving an accepted offer from the player for the at least one alternative; providing the player with at least one credit indication according to said accepted offer; and updating the on-line gaming provider with the accepted offer.





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**Continuation of Box II Reason 2:**

Claim 2 was not searched because it was not adequately supported in the specification. It required memorization, but memorization (a step that is performed by a person) was not described in the specification.

Claim 6 was not examined because "the predefined condition" lacked proper antecedent basis.

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