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system having a server and including a processor for  
executing computer program instructions and having  
a memory coupled to the processor for storing the  
computer program instructions, the programming in-  
structions comprising: establishing at least one on-  
line video gaming tournament; accepting partici-  
pant entry into the online video gaming tourna-  
ment; establishing a tournament pool, which in-  
cludes a system of rewards and wherein a percentage  
of rewards is distributed as winnings; distribution of  
winnings upon completion of the video gaming  
tournament, the distribution being based upon the  
player's statistical game performance.

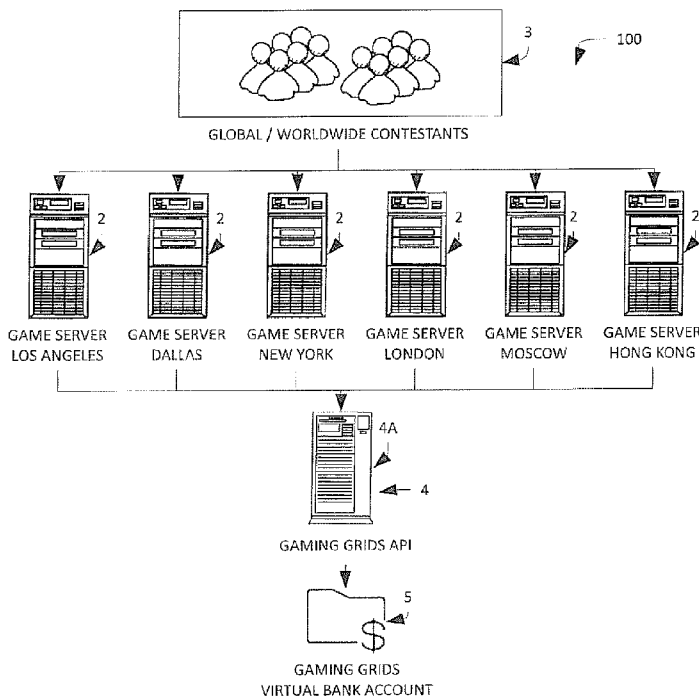


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