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(57) Abstract: A communication unit (110, 120) for playing a game with a second remote communication unit includes a receiver, for receiving a gaming message (210) that includes challenge data to initiate a contest with the second communication unit. The communication unit (110, 120) comprises a processor containing gaming software for extracting the challenge data from the gaming message. The processor processes response data relating to the challenge, either input by a user, or stored in a memory element of the communication unit, and determines an outcome of the contest based on the received challenge data and the response data. In this manner, a communication unit participating in a game, either as challenger or opponent, is enabled to determine the outcome of the contest based on receipt of a single gaming message, namely the received challenge data and any contest (opponent) data generated by a user or stored within the communication unit.
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