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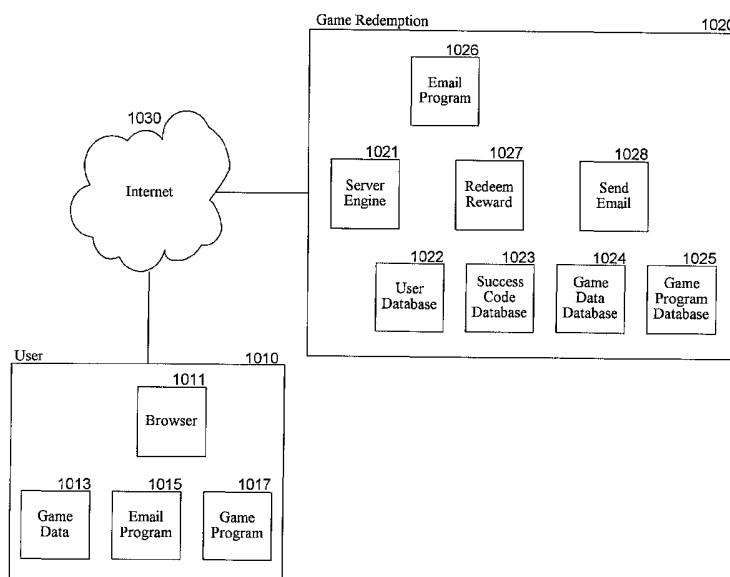
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(57) Abstract: A method and system for receiving and playing a computer game is provided. In one embodiment, the user executes a game program that is self-contained within an email message sent by a game server computer system. If the outcome of the game indicates success, then the computer game may display instructions on how to redeem a reward. Because the computer game is sent via email, and stored in the user's email system, the user can choose to play the game even when no connection to a game web site is established. The user can later redeem their rewards, if any, when a connection to a redemption web site is established. Thus, the user can play the computer games even when not connected to the game web site.



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