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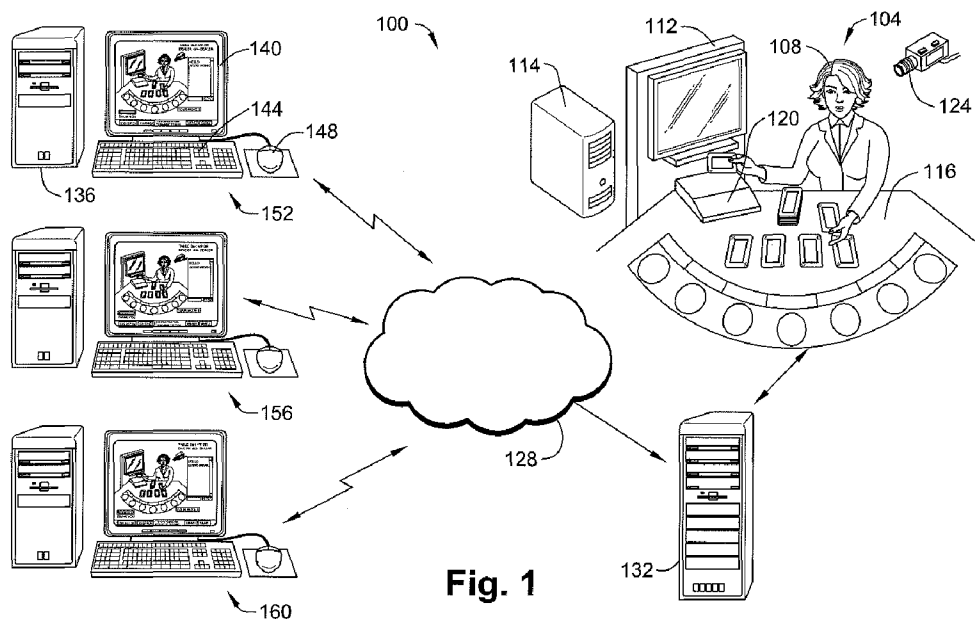


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: In a live on-line gaming environment, a game manager manages a game in which players participate from remote locations using computing platforms, a method and apparatus for enabling the game manager to manage the game, without requiring intensive training or supervision. The method and apparatus provide the game manager with an applet which instructs the game manager on the flow and rules of the game. The applet provides the game manager with instructions for the steps to be performed in the game, and with tools or user interface for feeding the results of the steps. The applet further enables the game manager to chat with the players.

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