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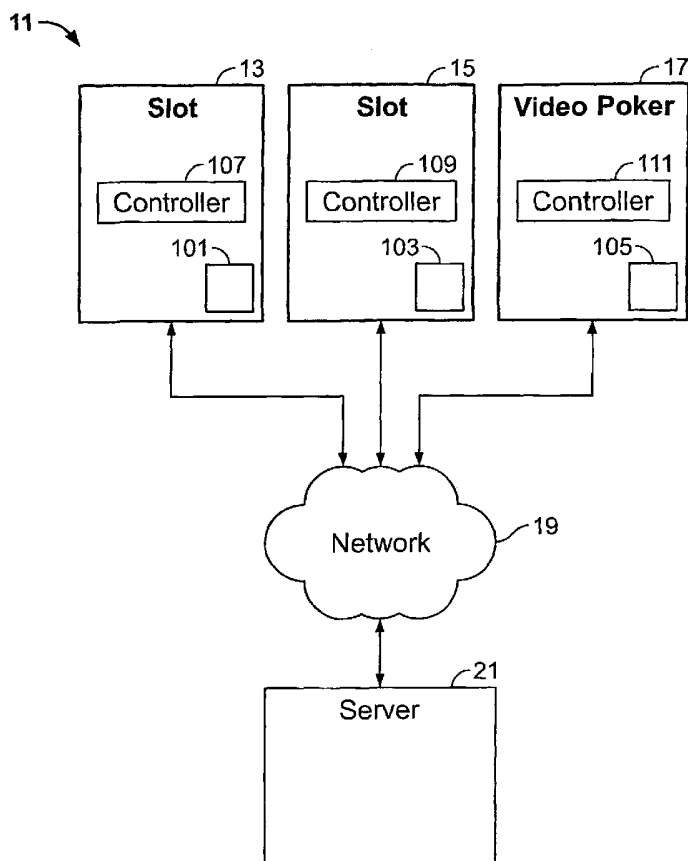
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a system and method for an improved communications interface for a gaming machine (13, 15, 17). Certain embodiments of an improved gaming network include a gaming system including a communication interface, and a server (21) providing at least one of an application, a service, and a status to the gaming system. The communication interface initiates communication with the server (21) to transmit and/or receive information. The communication interface may allow games or other applications/services to be downloaded to the gaming system. In an embodiment, the communication interface facilitates voice over internet protocol communication, for example. The communication interface may also provide a secondary game at the gaming system and/or access to the Internet or other network, for example. In an embodiment, the communication interface facilitates purchase and/or confirmation of items and/or services at the gaming system. The communication interface may translate information to an appropriate protocol for the gaming system.

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