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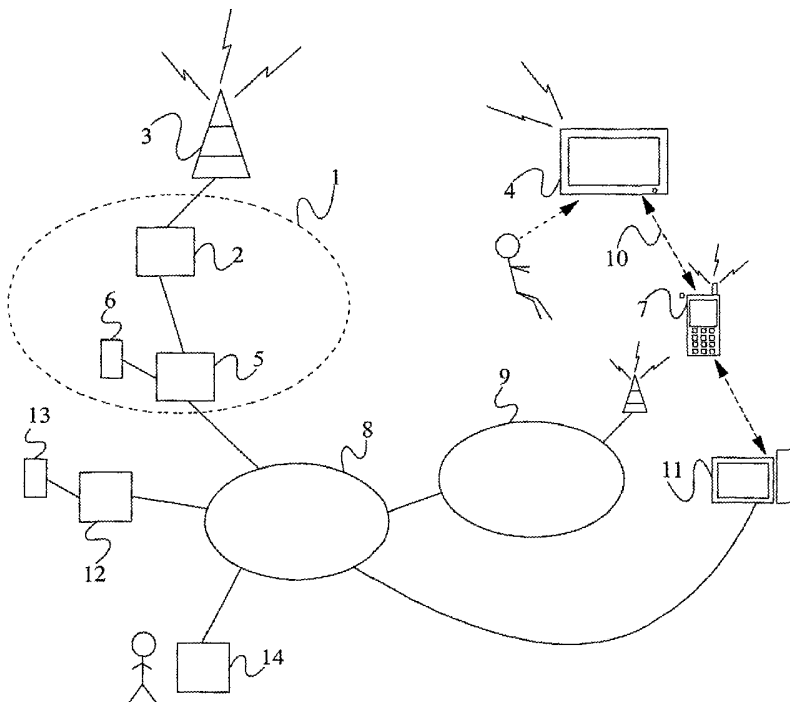
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(57) Abstract: A method of generating and redeeming an electronic coupon for a purchaser. The method comprises the steps of generating an electronic coupon at a central server (5), the coupon being associated with a purchaser's identity, sending a request for the coupon from a point-of-sale (14) to the central server (5), the request identifying the purchaser; and sending the coupon from the central server (5) to the point-of-sale (14).



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