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(57) Abstract

An arrangement and method are disclosed herein for operating a computer system (100) including a host computer (102) having system RAM (106). The host computer (102) uses a BIOS (104) to control the operation of the system. The operation of the system requires the host computer to obtain the BIOS (104) device and store the BIOS (104) within the system RAM (106). The arrangement and method of the invention allows at least a portion of the BIOS (104) to be stored within the mass memory storage of a mass memory storage peripheral computer device (114) rather than being stored within ROM (118). The BIOS may be expansion BIOS (120) associated with a particular peripheral computer device or system BIOS (104) associated with the host computer (102).

