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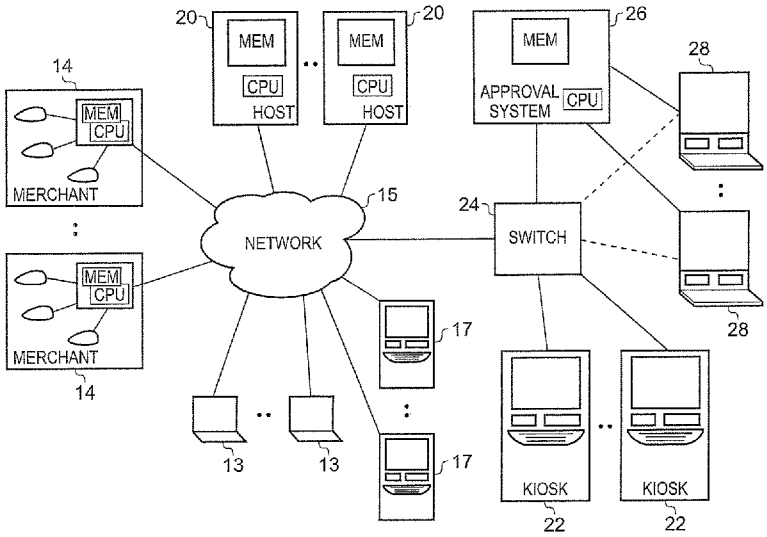


FIG. 2

(57) Abstract: In response to receipt of an identifier for at least one of a user or a purchase transaction, a validation system prompts a user to input information for obtaining a tax refund associated with one or more purchase transactions. The validation system causes information relating to users and purchase transactions and stored in a storage system to be updated based on information input by the user. The validation system transmits a validation request message that identifies the user to an approval system that has access to the storage system to validate a tax refund for the one or more purchases for an eligible user, eligibility being derived from user related information. The validation system receives a response message from the approval system and indicates to the user whether a refund associated with the one or more purchases has been validated.

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