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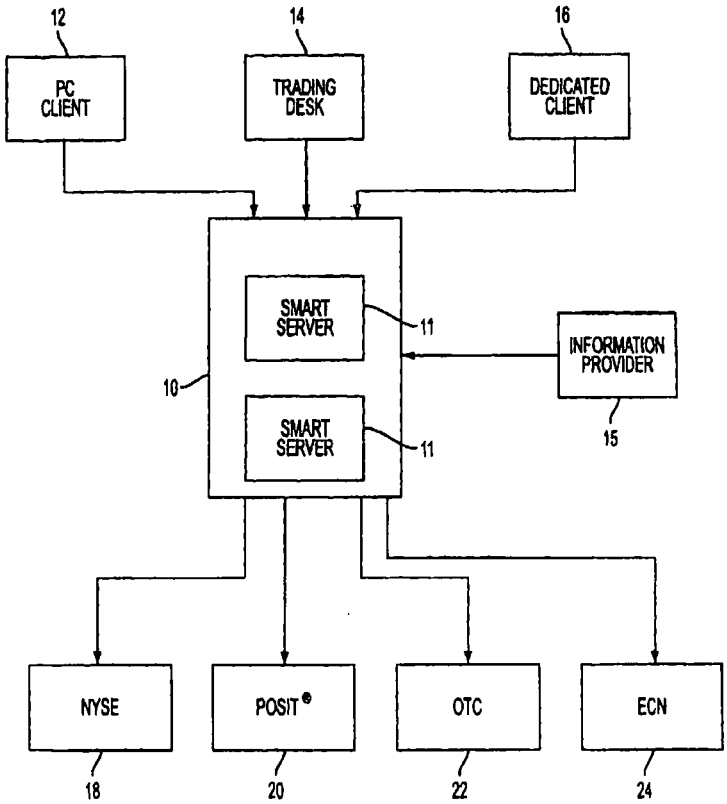
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(57) Abstract: A method and system for forecasting the transaction cost of a portfolio trade execution that may be applied to any given trade strategy or an optimal trade strategy that minimizes transaction costs. In preferred embodiments, a server (10) comprises one or more computers (1) that act as an automated forecaster whereby it accepts user-defined input variables from customers (12) and generates a transaction cost estimation report based on those variables. The server is programmed with specific transaction cost estimation and optimization algorithms (150) that model the transaction costs of a specific trade execution based on the user's trading profile and market variables.

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