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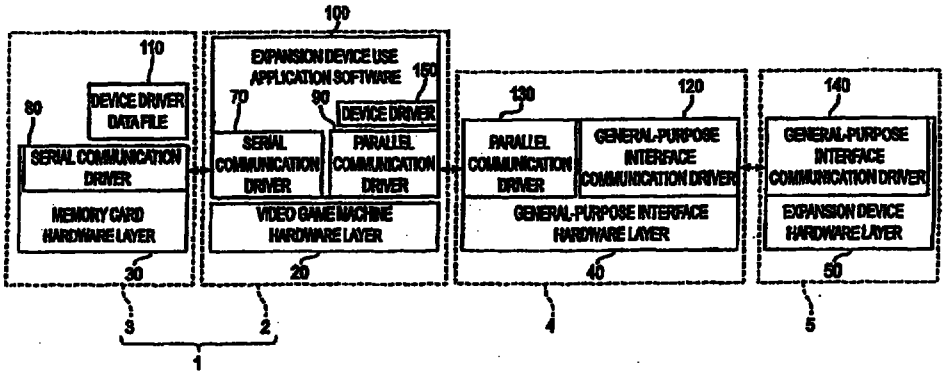
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(57) Abstract

A video game machine supplies to a memory card device drivers read from outside, for performing data transmission and reception with an externally provided expansion device. The memory card holds these device drivers as a device driver data file. The memory card retrieves the device driver that corresponds to the expansion device that is connected to the video game machine, from the device driver data file in which is its held, and supplies it to the video game machine, and the video game machine stores that device driver.