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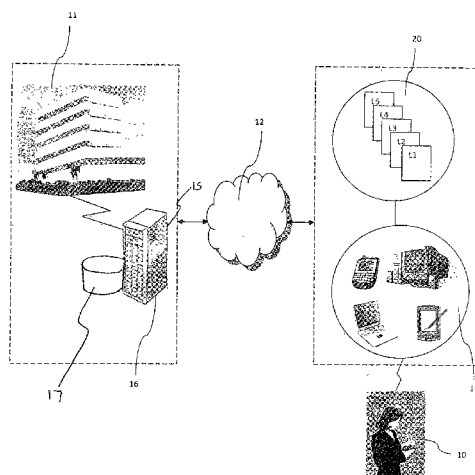


FIGURE 1

(57) Abstract: A system and method for providing access to a user account is provided, and in particular for improving the security to a user when entering access details, for example when logging on to Internet sites, networks, software and web applications. On one form, there is a system for providing access to a user account via an electronic device having a visual display screen, including communication means for issuing at least one security identifier to the user, said security identifier including one or more characters chosen from a predetermined character set; a database for storing said at least one security identifier and said predetermined character set; a processor for providing an access interface on said visual display screen for said user to input said security identifier, wherein said access interface includes a graphical display character set which includes at least the characters comprising the security identifier; and for comparing said security identifier entered by said user on the graphical display character set to the security identifier stored in said database, and for comparing said security identifier entered to a predetermined security identifier stored in said database, and if comparison is successful, providing access to said user account.

