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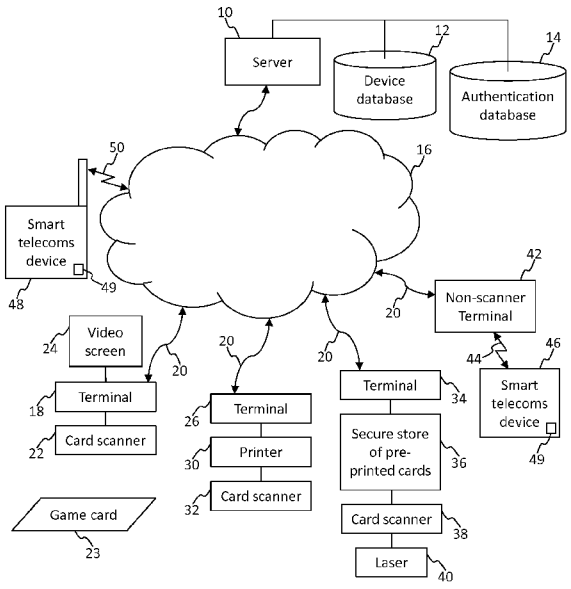



Figure 1

(57) Abstract: A high-security gaming system for implementing a real-time instant-win game is described. The system comprises:a game card arranged to facilitate game card player interaction to play the real-time instant-win game, the game card includes: a unique game card identifier;a two-dimensional scene which has a missing object; and location means for accurately specifying a player-selected location of the missing object within the scene; a terminal arranged to receive game card information relating to the unique game card identifier and the player-selected location specified by the location means; and an authentication server, operably coupled to the terminal by a communications network, for authenticating the game card and determining the result of the instant-win game;wherein the terminal is arranged to communicate the game card information to the authentication server via the telecommunications network and the authentication server is arranged to receive and use the game card information to:authenticate the validity of the game card by use of an authentication process on the received game card identifier;carry out a comparison of the player-selected location with a predetermined correct location of the missing object for that game card; and send a win message to the terminal to indicate an instant win if the player selected location is within a predetermined distance of the correct location of the missing object.

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