ABSTRACT

Provided are an information terminal linking system and method capable of shortening the time of a transaction for which a financial device is used in a business store. In each processing step during a transaction, a portable terminal determines whether a request for preprocessing to be executed can be made to a device terminal, based on the transaction state (step 502). If a request can be issued for the preprocessing to be executed, the portable terminal issues a query to each device terminal as to whether a request for preprocessing can be accepted by that device terminal, and uses the query results from each device terminal to determine a device terminal to which the preprocessing is to be requested and then requests the preprocessing to be executed (step 503). The device terminal executes a processing flow in relation to the financial device, based on the transaction state of the portable terminal. In the subsequent processing step in which the transaction is completed, the portable terminal requests the device terminal to execute the remaining processing not executed as the preprocessing (step 506). The device terminal executes the processing flow in relation to the financial device, based on the transaction state of the portable terminal.