are processed with a bill.

In the SaaS services, although there is a function of displaying an estimated fee on the Web in the case of processing with the bill, a sales representative creates the bill to each company in most cases, and therefore, it increases the man hours of the sales.

Accordingly, a preferred aim of the present invention is, in issuance of a bill of a SaaS service, to provide an automatic bill insuring system capable of automatically issuing a bill to a user, and accepting an application for a formal contract from the user, so that the SaaS service is available.

008 The above and other preferred aims and novel characteristics of the present invention will be apparent from the description of the present specification and the accompanying drawings.

**MEANS FOR SOLVING THE PROBLEMS**

The typical ones of the inventions disclosed in the present application will be briefly described as follows.

More specifically, the typical one of the inventions includes: a SaaS service master for storing information of a SaaS service including price information of the SaaS service and special-price-period information of the SaaS service; a service-selection/number-selection processing unit for accepting selection of the SaaS service from a SaaS-service user ; a usage-fee calculation processing unit for calculating, based on the information stored in the SaaS service master, a usage fee of the SaaS service that is accepted by the service-selection/number-selection processing unit; a bill issuance processing unit for sending a bill to the user based on the usage fee of the SaaS service calculated by the usage-fee calculation processing unit; a formal contract processing unit for accepting an application for a formal contract from the user after confirming a bank transfer from the user based on the bill and

performing a formal contract processing of the SaaS service; and a SaaS-service usage processing unit for performing a service usage start processing of the SaaS service after completing the formal contract processing by the formal contract processing unit, wherein the bill issuance processing unit issues the bill again and sends the bill to the user when the bill issuance processing unit cannot confirm a bank transfer of the usage fee of the SaaS service from the user within a due period of the bill, refers to the special-price-period information of the SaaS service stored in the SaaS service master when the bill is issued again, and issues the bill to the user again based on the usage fee of the SaaS service recalculated by the usage-fee calculation processing unit when the first issuance of the bill is the issuance during the special price period.

**CLAIMS**

1. An automatic bill issuing system comprising:

a SaaS service master for storing information of a SaaS service including price information of the SaaS service and special-price-period information of the SaaS service;

a service-selection/number-selection processing unit for accepting selection of ~~a~~the SaaS service from a user of the SaaS service;

a usage-fee calculation processing unit for calculating, based on the information stored in the SaaS service master, a usage fee of the SaaS service that has been accepted by the service-selection/number-selection processing unit;

a bill issuance processing unit for sending a bill to the user based on the usage fee of the SaaS service calculated by the usage-fee calculation processing unit;

a formal contract processing unit for accepting an application for a formal contract from the user after confirming bank transfer from the user based on the bill and performing a formal contract processing of the SaaS service; and

a SaaS-service usage processing unit for performing a service usage start processing of the SaaS service after completing the formal contract processing by the formal contract processing unit,

wherein the bill issuance processing unit issues the bill again and sends the bill to the user when the bill issuance processing unit cannot confirm a bank transfer of the usage fee of the SaaS service from the user within a due period of the bill, refers to the special-price-period information of the SaaS service stored in the SaaS service master when the bill is issued again, and issues the bill to the user again based on the usage fee of the SaaS service recalculated by the usage-fee calculation processing unit when the first issuance of the bill is the issuance during the special price

period.

2. The automatic bill issuing system according to claim 1,

Wherein~~, when the bank transfer of the usage fee of the SaaS service from the user cannot be confirmed within a due period of the bill, the bill issuance processing unit reissues a bill, and sends the bill to the user~~

price information of the SaaS service during the special price period, included in the price information of the SaaS service, is stored in information in the SaaS service master as a different item, or is included in the special-price-period information of the SaaS service.

~~3. The automatic bill issuing system according to claim 2, comprising~~

~~a SaaS service master in which information of the SaaS service containing information of a special price period of the SaaS service is stored,~~

~~wherein the bill issuance processing unit refers to the SaaS service master upon reissuing the bill, and,~~

~~when a first bill has been issued within the special price period, the bill issuance processing unit reissues the bill to the user based on the usage fee of the SaaS service recalculated by the usage fee calculation processing unit.~~

~~4~~3. The automatic bill issuing system according to claim ~~3~~2,

wherein, when a password set by the user so as to correspond to the bill is inputted upon accepting the application for the formal contract from the user, and when the bill and the password are correct, the formal contract processing unit performs the formal contract processing.

~~54~~ 54. The automatic bill issuing system according to claim ~~43~~ 43, wherein the bill issuance processing unit sends the bill to the user by e-mail notification.