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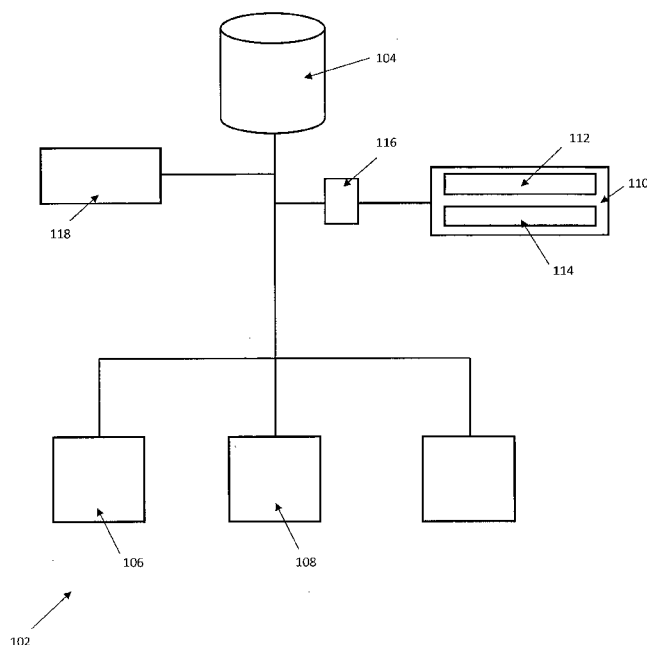


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: A network system and an apparatus for imple-
menting an external game may be provided, the apparatus
comprises a first communication link to a plurality of gaming
machines, the apparatus capable of identifying participating
gaming machines from the plurality of gaming machines via
the first communication link; a second communication link to
two or more prize pools, the apparatus capable of selecting
via the second communication link one or more prize pools
for awarding prizes; and wherein the apparatus is arranged to
suspend games at the participating gaming machines during
implementation of the external game and further arranged to
award all participating gaming machines with at least one
prize each; further wherein the apparatus is arranged to award
at least one participating gaming machine said at least one
prize from the selected one or more prize pools.