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A METHOD OF MAKING SECURE AND CONTROLLING ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM A COMPUTER PLATFORM HAVING A MICROCOMPUTER

A method of making secure and monitoring access to information from a computer platform having a microcomputer, the method being characterized in that it consists:

- in producing at least one non-rewritable recording medium on which information such as data and/or applications is recorded, together with operating software for said information;
- in delivering a portable medium of the smart card type to each user, said medium having recorded thereon information concerning the rights assigned for using the information on the recording medium;
- in inserting a recording medium and a portable medium in readers fitted to the computer platform;
- in configuring or transforming the computer platform of an authorized user into a secure workstation and in causing the computer platform to perform security functions on the basis of parameters recorded on the recording medium, the portable medium, and the computer platform;
- in loading the operating software from the recording medium into the computer platform, once all of the security functions have been satisfied; and
- in enabling the information stored on the recording medium to be used within the limits of the rights acquired by the authorized user.