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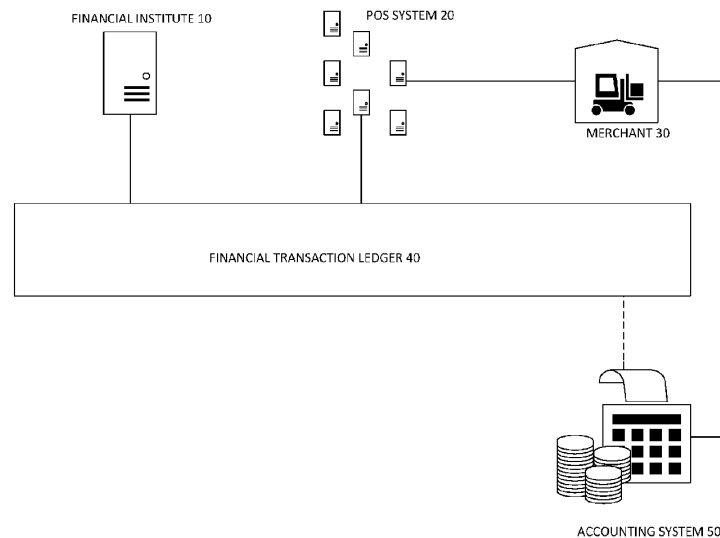


FIGURE 2

(57) Abstract: Embodiments include a computer-implemented method for controlling access to a permitted blockchain, comprising: receiving, from a read-only requester entity, a read-only access request, being a request for registration as a read-only blockchain user; determining whether or not to allow the read-only request, and in response to determining to allow the read-only request, registering the read-only requester entity as a read-only blockchain user, having permission to read data from the permitted blockchain in the absence of permission to write data to the permitted blockchain, wherein the permitted blockchain is a financial transaction ledger recording payments between payment participants in exchange for goods or services.

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