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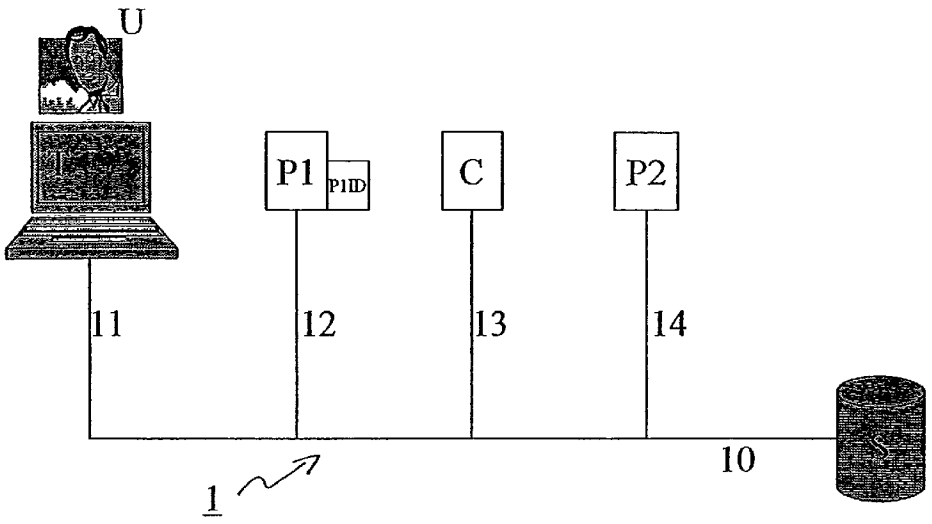
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(57) Abstract: Disclosed is a network peripheral access method. A device on a network registers with a server that peripheral access requests of a specific type be directed to a specific peripheral. When the device creates a request of the specified type, rather than sending the request directly to the peripheral, the device sends the request to the server. The server receives the request, associates the request with the peripheral registered for that type of request, and sends the request to the registered peripheral. In an alternate embodiment, the device sends an abbreviated request to the server, the server responds with an access identifier (e.g., a network address) of the registered peripheral, and the device sends the request directly to the registered peripheral. The presence of the server decreases the amount of peripheral-specific configuration information kept on the requesting device.

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