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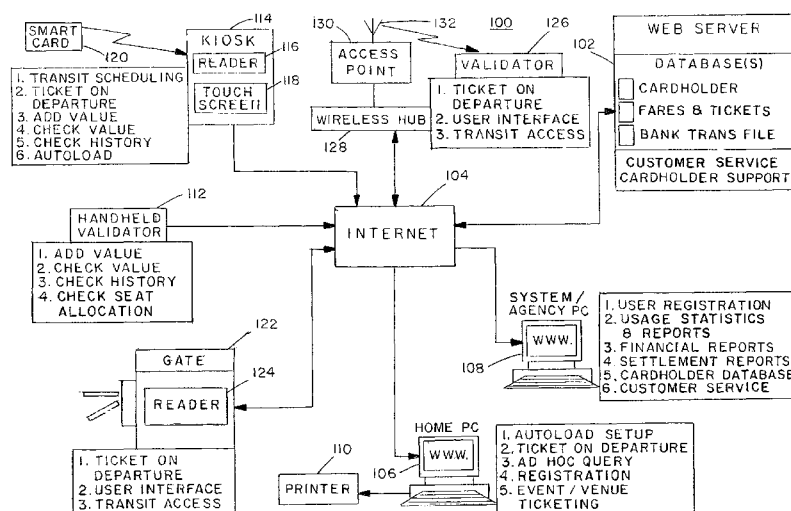
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(57) Abstract: A system for Internet Enablement of automatic fare collection devices, such as smart cards, is provided to interface to smart card fare systems to increase the ability to sell and process transit payments and to collect entry permits or tickets at an access device or fare collection equipment. The system comprises a server containing a database for storing accounts of individual cardholders where each smart card is associated with a unique account. A patron or cardholder accesses his account via a terminal containing a web browser to purchase entry permits. Once the entry permits have been purchased, the cardholder presents his card to an access device which communicates with the server to determine if there are any pending entry permits. If there are any pending entry permits associated with the access device, the entry permit is written to the smart card and the other entry permits remain pending until the cardholder presents the card at the appropriate access device.



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