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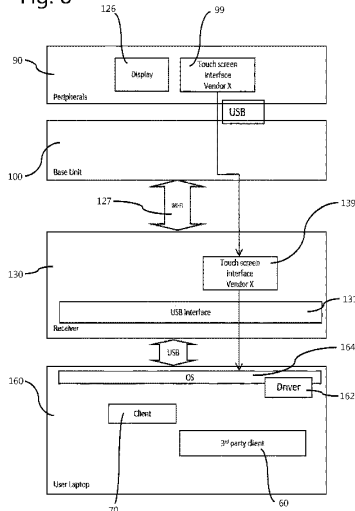
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(57) Abstract: A system and method are described for connecting a processing device to a functional device connected to or in a base unit of a communications network, the base unit having a transmitter and the processing device having a memory, a display and an operating system. A first peripheral device is adapted to be coupled to the processing device via a generic communications protocol, the first peripheral device having a receiver and at least one fixed or configurable endpoint of the functional device exposed on the first peripheral device. The base unit and the first peripheral device is adapted to transmit and receive data respectively over the communications network from the functional device to the processing device via the at least one fixed or configurable endpoint using the generic communications protocol for communication between the processing device and the first peripheral device.

Fig. 8



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