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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: ImagineAR, Inc.	Examiner: TBD
US Appln. No.: TBD	Group Art Unit: TBD
Filed: TBD	Confirmation No.: TBD
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CAPTURE AND USE OF LOCAL ELEMENTS IN GAMEPLAY	Attorney Docket No.: 0036177-00042

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir/Madam:

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begins on page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 18/813,579 filed August 23, 2024, now U.S. Patent No. _____, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 18/205,206 filed June 2, 2023, now U.S. Patent No. 12,070,691, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 17/952,026 filed September 23, 2022, now U.S. Patent No. 11,666,827, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 17/172,623 filed February 10, 2021, now U.S. Patent No. 11,484,797, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 15/215,406 filed July 20, 2016, now U.S. Patent No. 10,946,284, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 14/084,113, filed November 19, 2013, now abandoned, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 61/796,715, filed November 19, 2012, the contents of which applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

Claims 1-29 (Previously Canceled).

30. (New) A computer-implemented method of enabling virtual gameplay on a computing device, the method comprising the steps of:

determining a real world player geographic location of the computing device while executing a video game providing the virtual gameplay;

using a first weather condition associated with the determined real world player geographic location to retrieve from a database coupled to the computing device a first one of a plurality of local element scripts; and

actuating the retrieved first one of the plurality of local element scripts to modify a type of non-player character that will appear during the virtual gameplay.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising, responding to a weather condition change at the determined real work player geographic location by using a second weather condition associated with the determined real world player geographic location to retrieve from a database coupled to the computing device a second one of the plurality of local element scripts and actuating the retrieved second one of the plurality of local element scripts to further modify the type of non-player character that will appear during the virtual gameplay.

32. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the first weather condition is obtained from a news feed.

33. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the first weather condition is retrieved from a website.

34. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein a wireless assisted global positioning sensor is used to determine the real world player geographic location.

35. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein a device identifier for the computing device is used to determine the real world player geographic location.

36. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the real world player geographic location is a billing address linked to the computing device.

37. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the real world player geographic location is determined during a login process.

38. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the real world player geographic location is periodically determined during gameplay.

39. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising causing the first weather condition to be shown as a part of the video game during virtual gameplay.

40. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the type of non-player character is limiting to appearing during the virtual gameplay to only when the first weather condition is associated with the determined real world geographic location.

41. (New) A computer-implemented method of enabling virtual gameplay on a computing device, the method comprising the steps of:

determining a real world player geographic location of the computing device while executing a video game providing the virtual gameplay;

using a first weather condition associated with the determined real world player geographic location to retrieve from a database coupled to the computing device a first one of a plurality of local element scripts; and

actuating the retrieved first one of the plurality of local element scripts to modify a virtual character statistic of a non-player character that will appear during the virtual gameplay.

42. The method of claim 41, further comprising, responding to a weather condition change at the determined real work player geographic location by using a second weather condition associated

with the determined real world player geographic location to retrieve from a database coupled to the computing device a second one of the plurality of local element scripts and actuating the retrieved second one of the plurality of local element scripts to further modify the virtual character statistic of the non-player character that will appear during the virtual gameplay.

43. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the first weather condition is obtained from a news feed.

44. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the first weather condition is retrieved from a website.

45. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein a wireless assisted global positioning sensor is used to determine the real world player geographic location.

46. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein a device identifier for the computing device is used to determine the real world player geographic location.

47. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the real world player geographic location is a billing address linked to the computing device.

48. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the real world player geographic location is determined during a login process.

49. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the real world player geographic location is periodically determined during gameplay.

50. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising causing the first weather condition to be shown during virtual gameplay.

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-29 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 30-50 are hereby added.

Claims 30-50 are hereby presented for examination.

II. Correspondence and Fees

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter is presented. Any fees are to be charged to Deposit Account No. 506044. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 506044 for any future underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)		Attorney Docket Number	0033632-00015
		First Named Inventor	Yousuf Chowdhary
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		Art Unit	Unassigned
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**SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CAPTURE AND USE OF LOCAL ELEMENTS IN
GAMEPLAY**

(Title of the invention)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

☒ The attached application,

OR

☐ United States Application Number or PCT International application number _____
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The above-identified application was made or authorized to be made by me.

I believe I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application.

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.14(h)(3), access will be provided to a copy of the above-identified patent application with respect to: 1) the above-identified patent application-as-filed; 2) any foreign application to which the above-identified patent application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) if a copy of the foreign application that satisfies the certified copy requirement of 37 CFR 1.56 has been filed in the above-identified patent application; and 3) any U.S. application-as-filed from which benefit is sought in the above-identified patent application.

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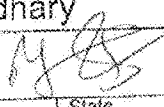
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**CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR PRIORITIZED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(e) (Page 1 of 1)**

First Named Inventor:	Chowdhary	Nonprovisional Application Number (if known):	
Title of Invention:	SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CAPTURE AND USE OF LOCAL ELEMENTS IN GAMEPLAY		

APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THE FOLLOWING AND REQUESTS PRIORITIZED EXAMINATION FOR THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION.

1. The processing fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i)(1) and the prioritized examination fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(c) have been filed with the request. The publication fee requirement is met because that fee, set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d), is currently \$0. The basic filing fee, search fee, and examination fee are filed with the request or have been already been paid. I understand that any required excess claims fees or application size fee must be paid for the application.
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3. The applicable box is checked below:

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- ii. An executed inventor's oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 or 37 CFR 1.64 for each inventor, or the application data sheet meeting the conditions specified in 37 CFR 1.53(f)(3)(i) is filed with the application.

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- iv. This certification and request is being filed prior to the mailing of a first Office action responsive to the request for continued examination.
- v. No prior request for continued examination has been granted prioritized examination status under 37 CFR 1.102(e)(2).

Signature <u>/Frank Bruno/</u>	Date <u>04-10-2025</u>
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Application Data Sheet 37 CFR 1.76

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Title of invention **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CAPTURE AND USE OF LOCAL ELEMENTS IN GAMEPLAY**

Attorney docket number 0036177-00042

Entity status Small

Application type Nonprovisional Application under 35 USC 111(a)

Subject matter Utility

Total number of drawing sheets ---

Suggested figure for publication ---

Filing by reference No

Publication request Normal eighteen-month publication

Representative Information

of representatives: 1

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of benefit claims: 6

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Application number	15215406
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Prior application filing date	11/19/2013

Prior application status	Pending
Application number	14084113
Continuity type	Claims benefit of provisional
Prior application number	61796715
Prior application filing date	11/19/2012

Foreign Priority Information

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 This application (1) claims priority to or the benefit of an application filed before March 16, 2013 and (2) also contains, or contained at any time, a claim to a claimed invention that has an effective filing date on or after March 16, 2013.
NOTE: By providing this statement under 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78, this application, with a filing date on or after March 2016, 2013, will be examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

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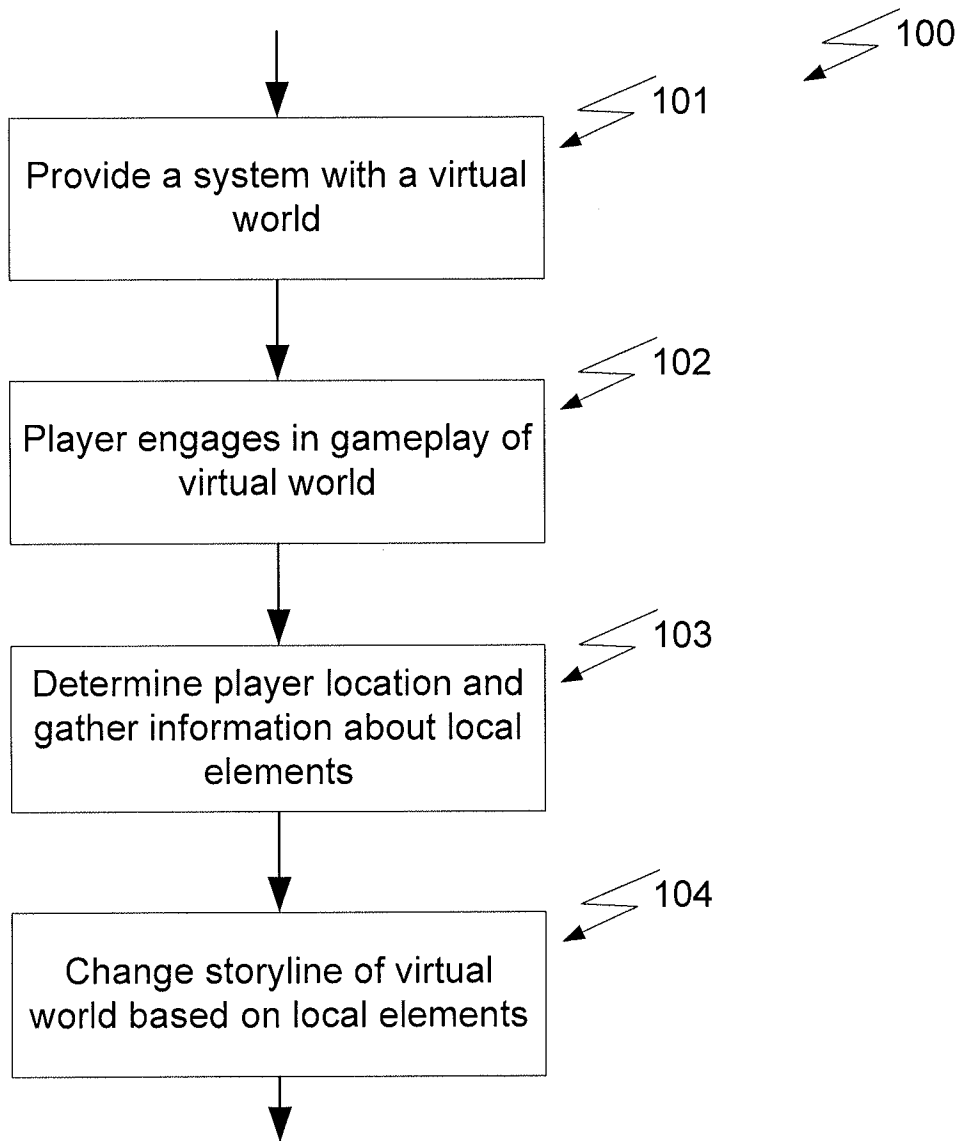


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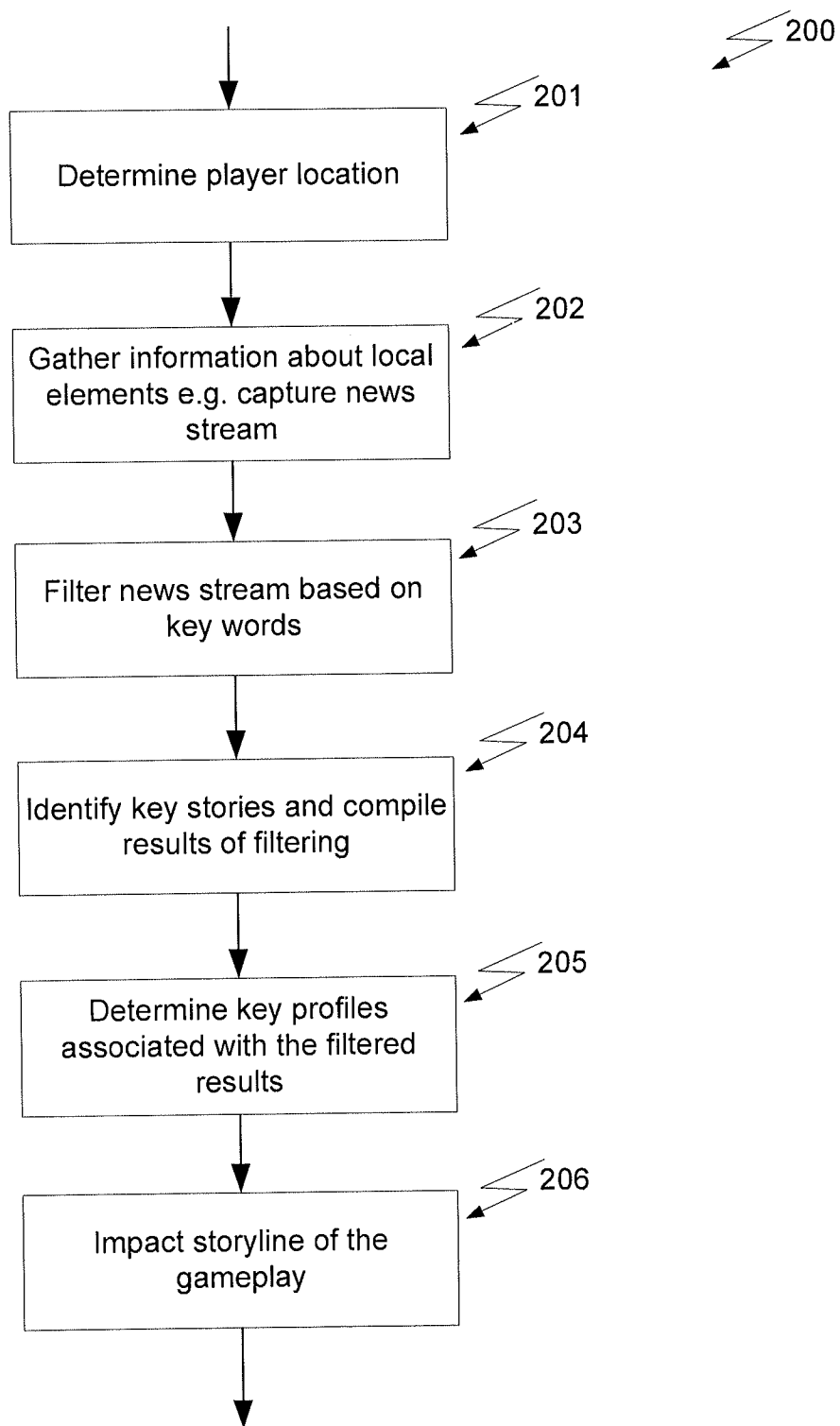


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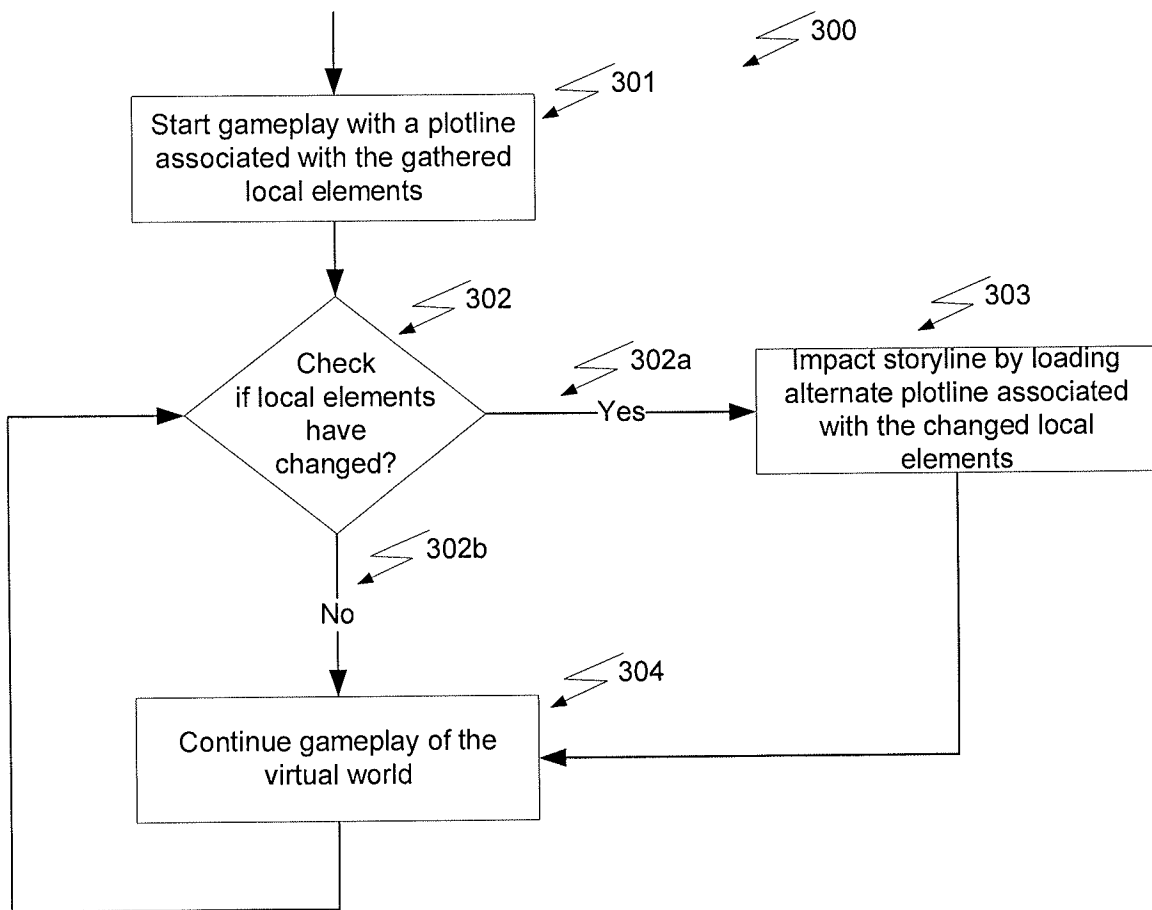


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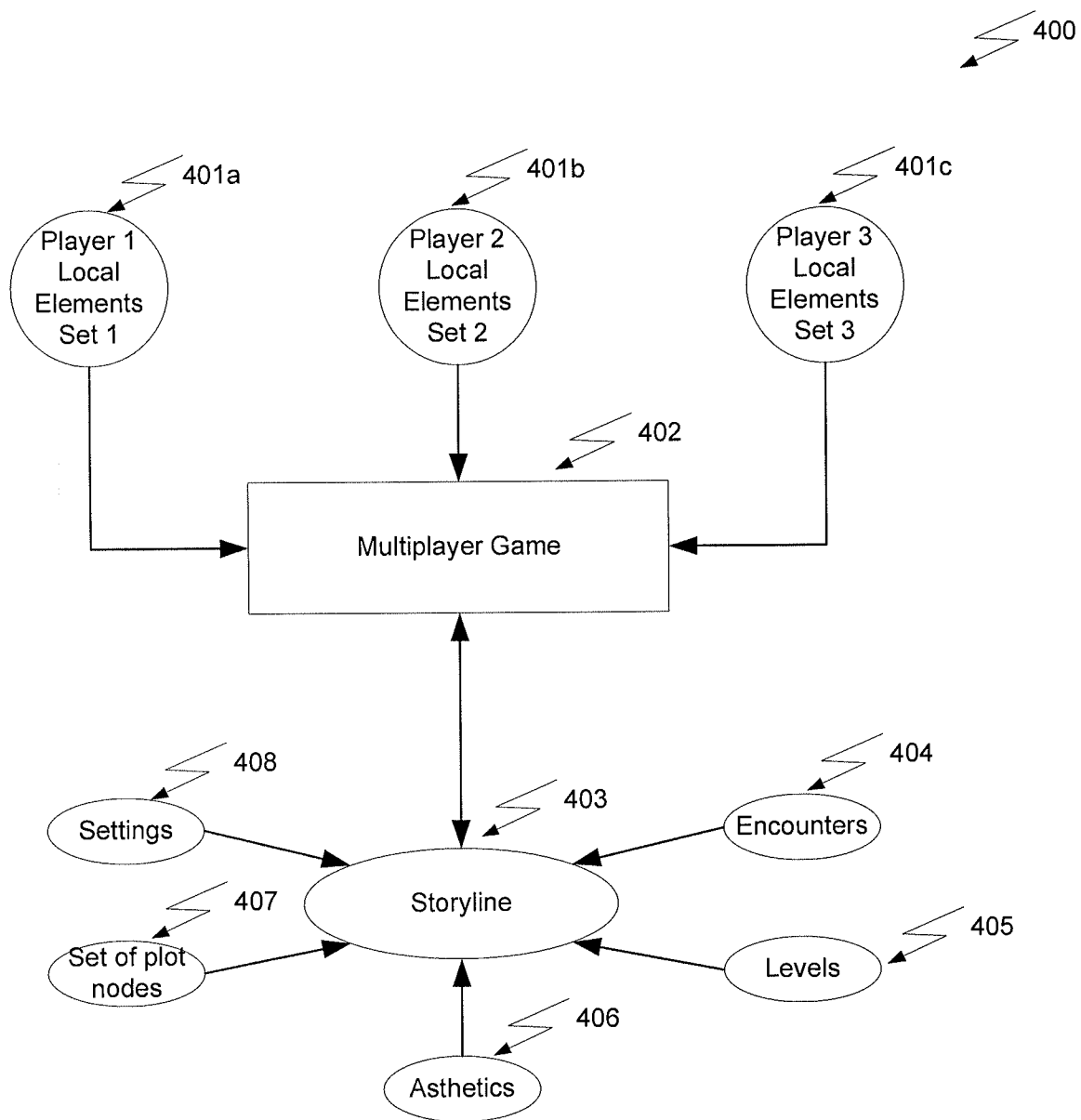


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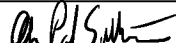
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**SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CAPTURE AND USE OF LOCAL ELEMENTS
IN GAMEPLAY**

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 14/084,113, filed November 19, 2013, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/796,715, filed November 19, 2012, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

FIELD OF INVENTION

[0002] The present invention is related to video game applications in general and video game applications for the capture and use of local elements to impact gameplay in particular.

BACKGROUND

[0003] A virtual world is a computer simulated environment. A virtual world may resemble the real world, with real world rules such as physical rules of gravity, geography, topography, and locomotion. A virtual world may also incorporate rules for social and economic interactions between virtual characters. Player (users) may be represented as avatars, two or three-dimensional graphical representations. Virtual worlds may be used for massively multiple online role-playing games, for social or business networking, or for participation in imaginary social universes.

[0004] Prior art virtual worlds have storylines that are either static or branch in a rather predictable fashion. Prior art methods for a branching storyline are well known in the industry, where the outcome of one encounter defines the starting point of the next. Such virtual worlds have a set number of possible branches and a player's skills, interaction with other players and non-player characters (NPCs) aids in the creation of variety and new possibilities. Mostly, the storyline is also dependent on the virtual character (Player Character) that a player chooses to engage in the gameplay of the virtual world.

[0005] These existing virtual worlds lack the ability to take the player's location and its various local elements into account for meaningful impact on gameplay. By overcoming these limitations, the present invention allows for a richer and more unique gameplay experience for each player.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0006] A player's real world location may have a significant meaning for the player, and thus an emotional bond may already exist. By exploiting this emotional bond and making the storyline of a virtual world dependent on the local elements a more interesting and meaningful experience can be provided. Thus a player may be willing to spend more time engaging with a virtual world when the virtual world's storyline is impacted by the changing local elements. Likewise, a player may enjoy the option to choose a real world location and interact with a virtual world impacted by local elements of that chosen location.

[0007] This application describes systems and methods whereby the storyline of a virtual world may change based on the real world local elements of a particular location. Thus changes to the real world local elements may influence the gameplay of a virtual world. Local elements may include but are not limited to weather e.g. storms, hurricanes; social and political environments like political and social unrest, protest, peaceful rallies, marathon runs, local festivals, stock market ups / downs and crashes, elections whether local, state or nation level, local robberies, crime and heists, mafia and related incidents, traffic congestion, accidents, construction, construction related delays etc. derived from the location.

[0008] In one embodiment of the invention there may be virtual characters associated with each of the changing local elements. For example as a result of political and social unrest in the real world, an element of chaos may be introduced (e.g. bringing hordes of NPCs into the virtual world to reflect real life). Thus there may be predefined scripts incorporated in the virtual world,

each script may be associated with a different local element, and upon encountering such a local element the relevant script is called into play impacting the storyline of the virtual world.

[0009] In one single-player embodiment the virtual characters that are available to the player are dependent on the local elements of the location of the player. In another multi-player embodiment the location of each player then introduces virtual characters associated with the local elements of these real world locations. Thus depending on who is playing from where, the storyline keeps changing, since the combination of virtual characters changes based on the real world local elements of the location of the players.

[0010] In one embodiment of the invention, the items and loot that the players may come across, monsters and enemies that they may fight, traps and puzzles that they may have to overcome may vary based on the changing local elements of real world location(s).

[0011] The term “storyline” may include, but is not necessarily limited to, the aesthetics, virtual characters that are available, plot, set of plot nodes, scene, settings etc. and may change individually or in combination with the location of the player. Storylines can change, evolve, branch or morph based on the changes in the local elements. Alternate settings may be applied, alternate levels may be offered for gameplay based on these changes.

[0012] Using the methods and systems disclosed in this application the local elements of the real world, location(s) become a vital factor impacting the storyline of the virtual world. This provides for a richer gaming experience and increases player engagement while making the gameplay of the virtual world more unique for each player.

[0013] According to a first aspect of the invention, a computer-implemented method is provided for enabling virtual gameplay on a computing device in communication with a storage means. Access is provided to at least one video game in which a player is able to interact with the

video game according to a storyline. A player location is detected or input at the computing device and the location is stored on the storage means. A local element is retrieved from a database using the computing device based on the player location. The local element is correlated to a local element script actuatable in the video game. The computing device is used to retrieve and actuate the local element script in the video game, such that the local element script supplements or replaces the storyline.

[0014] A second or subsequent location may be detected in the course of gameplay. In this case, a second or further local element script may be retrieved that is related to the second or subsequent location and its local element.

[0015] The correlating of the local element preferably takes account of an operating context within the game. Operating context refers to internal and/or external factors impacting a particular system, device, application, business, organization etc. For example, operating context for an application is the external environment that influences its operation. For a mobile application, the operating context may be defined by the hardware and software environment in the device, the target user, and other constraints imposed by various other stakeholders. In the case of the present invention, operating context may have a bearing on, for example, the selection of the local element for the detected location (e.g. selecting a kid-appropriate local element to be introduced in a game for kids).

[0016] Preferably, the video game includes at least one virtual character. The local element script may be used to modify the virtual character's appearance, facial or body expression or health. Or it may be used to modify the tools, weapons, equipment or clothing of the virtual character. It may be used to modify character statistics of a virtual character. For example, the local element may be used to determine an overall mood or tension of a location.

In this case, the local element script may be used to modify character statistics representing mood or aggression in the virtual character.

[0017] Preferably, the storyline comprises one or a combination of plot, plot nodes, character interactions, encounters, scene, setting, aesthetics, levels, premise, or theme. The local element script may be used to specifically modify the scene or setting of the storyline. In one example, the local element script may be used to modify or introduce non-player characters, game monsters, enemies, traps or puzzles corresponding to the local element.

[0018] The local element may include one or a combination of local events, local indicators, and local celebrities or news figures.

[0019] The local element may be a local news item. The local element script may be used to modify the storyline to reflect that news item. For example, if the news item refers to a crowd of people, the local element script may introduce a crowd of non-player characters into the storyline.

[0020] The local element may be a weather, social, political, economic, stock market, demographic, traffic, crime, or construction indicator relevant to the location. The local element script may be used to modify the storyline to reflect that indicator.

[0021] The local element may be a local celebrity or news figure, in which case, the local element script may modify the storyline to introduce a non-player character representing that local celebrity or news figure.

[0022] The local element may include a keyword extracted from a news stream of local news items. This can be used, generically or specifically, to match to a profile and a specific script to modify gameplay.

[0023] The location may be re-detected at intervals, and in the event of a change in the location, a virtual character is shown moving to a new scene in the storyline.

[0024] If a null location is detected or the detected location is unsupported, a default or random storyline may be provided. Or, a player may be asked to input or select a location. An approximate match can also be used.

[0025] Preferably, the storage means is provided by one or a combination of: a local fixed memory, a local removable memory, a remote fixed memory, a remote removable memory, and a virtual memory. The storage means may be selected from the group consisting of: a local data storage of a game console, a local inbuilt memory, a user provided memory, an online server, and a shared folder on a network.

[0026] Preferably, the detecting step includes retrieving player location from a sensor. In one embodiment, the player is enabled to play the game using a game device, and the player location may be detected by an on-board sensor on the game device (e.g. a mobile device).

[0027] Preferably, the detecting step includes retrieving player location from one or a combination of GPS, A-GPS, WiFi, IP address, account or billing address, and player provided location information. The player provided location information may be a fantasy location.

[0028] The detecting step may further include retrieving at least one map from a map database in response to the detected location.

[0029] The location may be detected at login or during gameplay.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

[0030] Figure 1 is a flow diagram illustrating the primary steps of the method, according to a preferred embodiment.

[0031] Figure 2 is a flow diagram representing an example of filtering a news stream to impact storyline of gameplay.

[0032] Figure 3 is a flow diagram representing an example of ongoing location detection to impact storyline based on changed local elements.

[0033] Figure 4 is a conceptual diagram illustrating the interplay between multiple local elements and aspects of the storyline in a virtual world.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0034] Methods and arrangements of changing storyline for gaming applications and virtual worlds based on local elements are disclosed in this application.

[0035] Before embodiments of the invention are explained in detail, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited in its application to the details of the examples set forth in the following descriptions or illustrated drawings. The invention is capable of other embodiments and of being practiced or carried out for a variety of applications and in various ways. Also, it is to be understood that the phraseology and terminology used herein is for the purpose of description and should not be regarded as limiting.

[0036] Before embodiments of the software modules or flow charts are described in detail, it should be noted that the invention is not limited to any particular software language described or implied in the figures and that a variety of alternative software languages may be used for implementation of the invention.

[0037] It should also be understood that many components and items are illustrated and described as if they were hardware elements, as is common practice within the art. However, one of ordinary skill in the art, and based on a reading of this detailed description, would understand that, in at least one embodiment, the components comprised in the method and tool are actually implemented in software.

[0038] As will be appreciated by one skilled in the art, the present invention may be embodied as a system, method or computer program product. Accordingly, the present invention may take the form of an entirely hardware embodiment, an entirely software embodiment (including firmware, resident software, micro-code, etc.) or an embodiment combining software and hardware aspects that may all generally be referred to herein as a “circuit,” “module” or “system.” Furthermore, the present invention may take the form of a computer program product embodied in any tangible medium of expression having computer usable program code embodied in the medium.

[0039] Computer program code for carrying out operations of the present invention may be written in any combination of one or more programming languages, including an object oriented programming language such as Java, Smalltalk, C++ or the like and conventional procedural programming languages, such as the “C” programming language or similar programming languages. The program code may execute entirely on the user’s computer, partly on the user’s computer, as a stand-alone software package, partly on the user’s computer and partly on a remote computer or entirely on the remote computer or server. In the latter scenario, the remote computer may be connected to the user’s computer or mobile device like a Smartphone, tablet e.g. iPad through any type of network, including a local area network (LAN) or a wide area network (WAN), or the connection may be made to an external computer (for example, through the Internet using an Internet Service Provider).

[0040] A “virtual world” as used herein need not be a “game” in the traditional sense of a competition in which a winner and/or loser is determined, but rather that the term “game” incorporates the idea of a virtual world. Moreover, a person or entity who enters the virtual world in order to conduct business, tour the virtual world, or simply interact with others or the virtual environment, with or without competing against another person or entity is still considered to be “playing a game” or engaging in the gameplay of the game.

[0041] Virtual worlds can exist on game consoles for example Microsoft Xbox, and Sony Playstation, Nintendo Wii, etc., or on online servers, or on mobile devices (e.g. an iPhone or an iPad), Smartphones, portable game consoles like the Nintendo 3DS, or on a PC (personal computer) running MS Windows, or MacOS, Android, Ubuntu, Linux or another operating system. This list is not exhaustive but is exemplary of devices or computing environments where virtual worlds can exist, many other variations are available and known to persons skilled in the art.

[0042] A computer or a game console that enables a user to engage with a virtual world, including a memory for storing a control program and data, and a processor (CPU) for executing the control program and for managing the data, which includes user data resident in the memory including a set of gameplay statistics. The computer, or a game console, may be coupled to a video display such as a television, monitor, or other type of visual display while other devices may have it incorporated in them (iPad). A game or other simulations may be stored on a storage media such as a DVD, a CD, flash memory, USB memory or other type of memory media. The storage media can be inserted to the console where it is read. The console can then read program instructions stored on the storage media and present a game interface to the user.

[0043] Typically, a user or a player manipulates a game controller to generate commands to control and interact with the virtual world. The game controller may include conventional controls, for example, control input devices such as joysticks, buttons and the like. Using the

controller a user can interact with the game, such as by using buttons, joysticks, and movements of the controller and the like. This interaction or command may be detected and captured in the game console. The user's inputs can be saved, along with the game data to record the game play. In one embodiment, the gameplay data can include usage statistics captured to record the user's experience as they progress from one level of the game to the next.

[0044] The term “player” is intended to describe any entity that accesses the virtual world, regardless of whether or not the player intends to or is capable of competing against other players. Typically, a player will register an account with the game console within a peer-to-peer game and may choose from a list or create virtual characters that can interact with other virtual characters of the virtual world.

[0045] The term “engage in gameplay” generally implies playing a game whether it is for the purpose of competing, beating, or engaging with other players. It also means to enter a virtual world in order to conduct business, tour a virtual world, or simply interact with others or a virtual environment, with or without competing against another entity.

[0046] A “virtual character” may include a persona created by a player or chosen from a list in the virtual world. Typically virtual characters are modeled after the humans whether living or fantasy (e.g. characters from mythology).

[0047] A virtual character is represented by one or more gameplay statistics, which encapsulate some meaning to connect the virtual (and digital) reality of the game to the real world. Many of these statistics are not apparent to the user as such, but are instead encoded within the framework of the game or composed together to form a script. In role-playing games (RPGs) and similar games, these statistics may be explicitly exposed to the user through a special interface, often with added meaning which provides context for the user's actions.

[0048] In virtual worlds (video / computer games) a non-player character (NPC) is a virtual character that is controlled by the program and not a player. NPC may also refer to other entities not under the direct control of players. NPC behavior in a virtual world may be scripted and automatic. The scripted and automatic behavior of NPCs may change with the changing local elements thus in turn impacting the storyline of the virtual world.

[0049] A “player character” or “playable character” (PC) is a virtual character in a virtual world that is controlled or controllable by a player. A player character is a persona of the player who controls it. In some cases a virtual world has only one player character and in other cases there may be a small number of player characters from which a player may pick a certain virtual character that may suit his or her style of gameplay, while in other scenarios there may be a large number of customizable player characters available from which a player may choose a virtual character of their liking. An avatar - may include the physical embodiment of a virtual character in the virtual world.

[0050] For the purpose of this application the term “story” may mean storyline, plot nodes, virtual character(s), set of virtual characters or character interaction, encounters, settings, aesthetics, levels, premise or theme amongst other things. The intent is to cover all such areas that may be impacted by the location of the player, and are known to persons skilled in the art. Some of these terms are explained in more detail below.

[0051] Plot

[0052] A “plot” defines the events a story comprises, particularly as they relate to one another in a pattern, a sequence, through cause and effect, or by coincidence. A well thought through plot with many different patterns of events results in a more engaging and interesting game. A plot may have a beginning, a middle, and an end, and the events of the plot may causally

relate to one another as being either dependant or probable. A plot may also refer to the storyline or the way a game progresses. Similarly a storyline may refer to a plot or a subplot of a virtual world. Thus for the purpose of this application the terms plot and storyline may be used interchangeably.

[0053] Plot Node

[0054] In a virtual world a “plot node” may be defined as a forking point in the storyline where the plot of the story can diverge based on the decisions a player makes, or the location of the player.

[0055] Plotline - Set of Plot Nodes

[0056] “Plotline” can be considered a certain sequence of interconnected plot nodes, while a set of plot nodes may or may not be interconnected. A plotline may be integral to the main storyline or may be complimentary and thus provide extra possibilities in terms of virtual character interaction and specific scenarios. Thus there may be a certain association between a certain local element and a plotline or a certain set of plot nodes. Therefore when a player from a certain location with certain local element(s) joins the gameplay, the plotline or set of plot nodes associated with this local element(s) may become incorporated into the gameplay.

[0057] Encounters

[0058] In a virtual world an “encounter” may be defined as a meeting between two or more virtual characters or may be thought of as a decision point at which a player encounters an opposing element (e.g. an enemy). An encounter may be player initiated (actively engaging in fighting an enemy) or unwanted by the player. A player may opt to avoid an encounter or may actively engage in them to move to the next level of the virtual world. The outcome of the encounters may at times define how the rest of the game progresses.

[0059] A “random encounter” is a feature commonly used in various role-playing games (RPGs) whereby an encounter with a non-player character (NPC), an enemy, a monster, or a dangerous situation occurs sporadically and at random. Random encounters are generally used to simulate the challenges associated with being in a hazardous environment, such as a monster-infested wilderness or dungeon usually with an uncertain frequency of occurrence to simulate a chaotic nature.

[0060] Premise

[0061] The “premise” of a game or concept statement is a short, direct description of the situation of a game and describes the fundamental concept that drives the plot. The premise determines the primary goals of the virtual characters of a virtual world, the opposition to these goals and typically may define the means and the path that these virtual characters may take in achieving those goals. The primary objective is usually sought by both the protagonist (hero) and the antagonist (villain) but may only be achieved by one of them.

[0062] Theme

[0063] A “theme” is the main idea, moral, or message, of a game. It is typically the common thread or oft repeated idea that is incorporated throughout a game. Examples of themes in games: espionage-themed role-playing game, martial arts—themed iPod based game, single-player horror-themed PC adventure game, fantasy-themed role-playing game, science fiction themed computer game, adult-themed video game, a horror-themed FPS (first person shooter) video game, futuristic-themed competitive fighting game, paranormal investigation -themed role-playing game etc.

[0064] Settings

[0065] “Settings” in the virtual world control multiple areas of the virtual world (game). Settings may be changed by a player or may be impacted by the local elements of the location of a player.

[0066] Levels

[0067] A “level” in the virtual world (video game) terminology refers to a discrete subdivision of the virtual world. Typically a players begins at the lowest level (level 1), and proceeds through increasingly numbered levels, usually of increasing difficulty, until they reach the top level to finish the game. In some games levels may refer to specific areas of a larger virtual world, while in other games it may refer to interconnected levels, representing different locations within the virtual world.

[0068] Statistics (Stat)

[0069] A “statistic” (stat) in role-playing games (RPG) is a datum which represents a particular aspect of a virtual character. Most virtual worlds separate statistics into several categories. The set of categories actually used in a game system, as well as the precise statistics within each category may vary greatly from one virtual world to another. Many virtual worlds also use derived statistics whose values depend on other statistics, which are known as primary or basic statistics. Derived statistics often represent a single capability of the character such as the weight a character can lift, or the speed at which they can move. Derived statistics are often used during combat, can be unitless numbers, or may use real-world units of measurement such as kilograms or meters per second.

[0070] A virtual character’s statistics affects how it behaves in a virtual world. For example, a well-built muscular virtual character may be more powerful and be able to throw certain virtual objects farther, but at the same time may lack dexterity when maneuvering intricate virtual

objects. A virtual character may have any combination of statistics, but these statistics may be limited by either a hard counter, soft counter or a combination of both.

[0071] Most devices where virtual worlds exist provide a mechanism to save the state of the game, so that the game can be played from the same point where it was left off. Methods for saving the state of the game include but are not limited to the examples cited here, for example a gaming console may provide internal memory chips, or a port where a user can connect user supplied memory; while games played over the Internet may provide online memory. The aforementioned memory space can also be used for saving the different components of the storyline that are affected by the change in the real world location of the player to enhance the gameplay experience.

[0072] Script

[0073] A “script” defines the default behavior of a virtual character. Just as with statistics, different scripts can refer to different behaviors for the same virtual character.

[0074] Figure 1 is a flow diagram illustrating the primary steps of the method, according to a preferred embodiment. A system is provided with a virtual world 101. The virtual world may be a single player game or a multiplayer game or a MMORPG (Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game) and may exist on any type of a gaming device which may include but not limited to an iPhone, iPad, Smartphones, Android phones, personal computers e.g. laptops, gaming consoles like Nintendo Wii, Nintendo DS, Sony PlayStation, Microsoft Xbox 360, and online server based games etc.

[0075] The computer program comprises: a computer usable medium having computer usable program code, the computer usable program code comprises: computer usable program code for enabling change in storyline based on the real world location of a player, computer usable

program code for presenting graphically to the player the different options available to modify and personalize different aspects of the virtual world including but not limited to settings.

[0076] The player engages in gameplay of the virtual world 102. As mentioned earlier, the term “engage in gameplay” generally implies playing a game whether it is for the purpose of competing, beating, or engaging with other players. It also means to enter a virtual world in order to conduct business, tour a virtual world, or simply interact with others or a virtual environment, with or without competing against another entity.

[0077] The player location is determined and information is gathered about local elements relevant to that location 103. As technology advances, more and more miniaturized electronic components become cost effective to be mass produced and included in all sorts of devices. Today many types of mobile devices e.g. Smartphones like iPhone include a built-in GPS sensor, have data coverage via mobile cellular network or WiFi, and are widely used for engaging in the gameplay of virtual worlds. Thus determining the player location is a well known method in the art. There may be other methods, well known in the art, to determine the player location, e.g. using the Wireless Assisted GPS (A-GPS), WiFi network, using IP address, player provided information, using billing address zip/area code, etc.

[0078] Similarly digital maps have become readily available e.g. Google Maps, Microsoft Bing Maps, etc. and once the GPS co-ordinates have been received from the GPS sensor can be used for identifying the location/geographic landscape and acquiring other information e.g. demographics of the location. Similarly weather information and local news are also readily available over the Internet. These news streams may be used for gathering the local elements of a location.

[0079] In one embodiment of the invention the location of the player is the real world location where the player is engaging in the gameplay. In an alternate embodiment the player may

have defined the location e.g. a player is based in Seneca Falls, NY, but may have chosen to use the local elements of NY, NY. Or, the system may make such an approximation if there is no available local element data for Seneca Falls.

[0080] The storyline of the virtual world is then changed based on the local elements **104**. Several exemplary methods are provided in this application for illustrative purposes. The application is not limited to these examples but in fact covers all combinations, permutations, variations etc. that may be obvious to the one skilled in the art.

[0081] Figure 2 is a flow diagram representing an example of filtering a news stream to impact storyline of gameplay.

[0082] In one embodiment of the invention for a single player virtual world, there may be many variations of the virtual world such that each variation is associated with a profile, and certain real world elements that tend to occur in all places every now and then. For example severe weather, earthquakes, political, economic and social turmoil, protests, marathons, street festivals, traffic congestion, stock market rise and fall, food shortages, price hikes, each may be associated with a certain profile. There may be generic profiles that are associated with such elements in general, and there may be specific profiles that are associated with specific and unique real world local elements.

[0083] For example there may be generic profiles for severe weather, earthquakes, street festivals etc. such that when one such local element is in effect at a certain location the relevant variations of the virtual world may be applied, using a generic profile associated with such a local element.

[0084] Similarly there may be specific profiles for specific local elements for example Mardi Gras, New York Marathon, October Fest, etc. In one embodiment of the invention, when a

player's location is determined by gathering location information from say the gaming device's built-in GPS sensor, and it is determined that the player is in a certain location where a particular local (event) element is taking place (e.g. player is in New Orleans, LA, and its Mardi Gras week) the relevant variation of the virtual world may be applied, using a particular profile. Each profile is implemented using a script.

[0085] Turning to the flow diagram in Figure 2, the player location is determined **201**. As mentioned earlier there are several well understood prior art methods for determining the player location.

[0086] Information about local elements is gathered, e.g. by capturing the local news stream **202**. In a preferred embodiment of the invention, once the location of the player is determined, gathering information about local elements may involve going to local news website to obtain local information on events and happenings.

[0087] This gathered news stream can then be filtered based on key words **203**. In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the captured news stream from the determined location of the player is filtered by key words. As explained earlier, a virtual world may have a certain set of scripts associated with generic profiles and particular profiles. The list of key words may be derived from the list of profiles, since the virtual world can only apply variations to the gameplay based on the scripts that it can handle. If new scripts are added then new key words associated with these scripts/profiles may also be added to the virtual world, expanding its scope. Key words may have a wide range e.g. severe weather, storms, record rainfall, flooding, murder, theft, mugging, rape, protests, election, etc.

[0088] Key stories related to the location may then be identified based on the key word filtering and these results of the filtering can be compiled **204**. Stories can be associated with key

words. For example, as in the table below, a list of profiles may be associated with key words, and the local news feed can then be filtered to find specific incidences of those key words. The profile may be triggered if the key words show up in the news feed.

List of Profiles	Key Words	News Feed Filter
Fire in the City	FIRE, BLAZE	Warehouse blaze
Theft in the City	THEFT, ROBBERY, HEIST	
Murder in the City	MURDER, KILLING	

[0089] In this case, the news feed filter found an item that matched the key word “blaze”, so the “Fire in the City” profile would be selected to be implemented using local element scripts.

[0090] Key profiles are determined that are associated with the filtered results **205**. In one embodiment of the invention each profile may be associated with one or more scripts.

[0091] A script defines the default behavior of a virtual character. Just as with statistics, different scripts can refer to different behaviors. Using the method and system of the invention, a default script of a virtual character may define its default behavior and in order to implement an altered behavior associated with a change in the local elements of a location a certain other script may be used instead of the default script of a virtual character.

[0092] In one embodiment script(s) may be associated with certain local element(s), and these scripts may already be embedded in a virtual world (game), but are dormant and may get invoked once a local element meets the criteria to call this script. In one embodiment there may be generic scripts associated with generic local elements, e.g. stormy weather, traffic congestion,

murder, robbery, etc. Thus the appropriate script may be called into the game based on the local elements of a location. These changes in the scripts may be made periodically e.g. once a day, or may get changed with the changing local elements in real time e.g. several times a day.

[0093] In one embodiment the local elements of the player location may be used to define the Player Character(s), some or all Non-Player Characters (NPCs), and certain sets of plot nodes, levels, or encounters. Thus when a player engages in gameplay with a certain set of local elements, the Player Character (PC) may have certain characteristics that are based on these local elements. The system may also load a certain type of NPCs. The number of NPCs itself may also vary with the local elements e.g. when there is a protest in the real world location of the player, a large number of NPCs may appear in the virtual world and may engage in destructive behavior and a certain set of plot nodes associated with this situation may be loaded in the game.

[0094] In another embodiment with the change in local elements, the system of the invention may import scripts associated with this local element, so that the resulting gameplay is varied and thus more sophisticated.

[0095] In yet another embodiment the scripts associated with different profiles for the local elements may be downloaded (either automatically or upon player request) from a central server that acts as a repository for additional scripts. In another embodiment the user may have to pay when acquiring these additional scripts e.g. from a remote server.

[0096] The scripts are used to impact the storyline of the gameplay 206. In one embodiment of the invention for a single player virtual world as the local elements change so does the storyline of the virtual world.

[0097] In another embodiment of the invention, the different Player Characters, Non-Player Characters, and settings for virtual character statistics may also vary with the changing local elements. For example the personalities of virtual characters when playing the game in New Orleans during Mardi Gras week may be more playful as opposed to the same game when played in New York, NY after a string of murders so that the personalities of virtual characters may be more violent.

[0098] Such an affect can be achieved by having different stats for the PCs and NPCs, such that one set of stats is associated with a certain type of local element while another set of stats is associated with another type of local element. Thus by having different sets of stats, each associated with a certain local element, the same Player Character or NPC can exhibit a different behavior/personality.

[0099] In one embodiment, a player logs on the gaming server, a set of plot nodes associated with the local element(s) of the player location may now become available to the other players engaged in the gameplay of the virtual world. When another player logs off, the set of plot nodes associated with that particular location's local elements may now be unavailable to the players still playing the game. Thus the gameplay changes as player from diverse real world locations with varying sets of local elements engage and disengage in the gameplay of the virtual world.

[00100] In one embodiment of the invention impact to the storyline may be made by loading the script(s) associated with the identified local element(s). These scripts may be already imbedded in the game, but dormant till called. New scripts for changing local elements may be added to the game by the game developer or players to reflect new scenarios, thus expanding the scope of the game.

[00101] The occurrence and outcome of special bonus features, the amounts wagered on any bets, the outcomes for any intermediate game stages, the results of any player decisions made during the game, bonus plays and their outcomes, the final game outcomes etc. may also change based on the local elements of the location of the player.

[00102] In one embodiment of the invention extra points and lives are either granted or deducted when certain local elements change and warrant a change in the virtual world. For example the real world stock market of the location where the player is located has gone up, thus the player may be given extra lives. While a loss in the stock market may be reflected with the deduction of points and lives. Similarly if the interest rates on loans go up in the real world, the assets of the virtual characters may get devalued in the virtual world.

[00103] Figure 3 is a flow diagram representing an example of ongoing location detection to impact storyline based on changed local elements. As shown, gameplay starts with a plotline associated with the gathered local elements **301**.

[00104] The system checks whether the local elements have changed **302**. In order to determine the changes in local elements the original profiles and associated key words may be stored in a file or a database, and the new ones compared with the ones already stored. In a preferred embodiment, this comparison may be done on an as needed basis, preferably on a periodic basis, such that the frequency may be selectable by the player or the game developer. In another embodiment this comparison is done in real time, i.e. news stream is filtered in real time and all changes to local elements applied thereafter.

[00105] If Yes **302a** (i.e. the local elements have changed), then the system impacts the storyline by loading an alternate plotline associated with the changed local elements **303**.

[00106] If No, **302b** (i.e. there is no change to the local elements), then the system continues the gameplay of the virtual world unchanged **304**.

[00107] Figure 4 is a conceptual diagram illustrating the interplay between multiple local elements and aspects of the storyline in a virtual world. Figure 4 shows a sample multiplayer virtual world (game) **402** with Player1, located at real world location Location1, and having an associated set of local elements Set1 **401a**. Player2 is located at real world location Location2 and has associated set of local elements Set2 **401b**. Player3 is located at real world location Location3 and has associated set of local elements Set3 **401c**. These three players are engaged in the gameplay of the virtual world, in this case, a multiplayer game **402**.

[00108] The storyline **403** of the multiplayer virtual world **402** may be composed of encounters **404**, levels, **405**, aesthetics **406**, set of plot nodes **407** or settings **408** amongst other items described earlier in this application.

[00109] The storyline **403** may be impacted / changed by a change in any one of the encounters **404**, levels, **405**, aesthetics **406**, set of plot nodes **407** and / or settings **408** based on the real world locations of the players engaged in the gameplay. The storyline **403** then in turn impacts the gameplay of the virtual world **402**.

[00110] The storyline may be changed by changing the plot nodes or set of plot nodes, virtual character (both player characters and non-player characters), set of virtual characters or virtual character interaction, settings, aesthetics, levels, premise or theme, encounters, levels etc. Thus a change in the local elements of the player location may impact any one of the earlier mentioned variables. The application is not limited to the cited examples, but the intent is to cover all such areas that may be used in a virtual world to impact the storyline of a virtual world.

[00111] Several exemplary embodiments / implementations of the invention are given below. There may be other methods obvious to the ones skilled in the art, and the intent is to cover all such scenarios.

[00112] In one embodiment of the invention the encounters and their outcomes may change when certain local elements are found present. Elements of an encounter, such as opponent appearance or fighting style may tailor themselves to fit the changing local elements. For example on a hot muggy day the player's virtual character may need to shed his heavy clothing while on a cold snowy night the player's virtual character may need extra layers of clothing and may lose health points when sufficient clothing is not available; thus perhaps forcing virtual characters to steal clothing items from NPCs.

[00113] In some embodiments of the invention there may be long term changes in response to the change in local elements. For example in a certain city a local mayoral election is held and a new mayor is elected while at the same time new logging licenses are issued to the forestry industry. This may be reflected in the virtual world by the introduction of a very powerful villain who may not be defeated till the mayor is in office as an elected representative and the forests in the virtual world may be similarly reduced by simulating logging by NPCs.

[00114] In other embodiments of the invention there may be short term local elements like weather that may impact the gameplay such that the local weather conditions may be used to create the ambiance in the virtual world. Thus if it sunny and hot outside in the real world where the player is located, the same may be reflected in the virtual world, and the virtual characters may have to shed some layers of clothing to stay comfortable. Similarly, if it is raining in the location where the player is based, the virtual world may simulate a storm to emulate the real world. Thus the real weather may impact the storyline by either creating a similar or opposite

weather in the virtual world. In another embodiment of the invention the weather forecast model may be used for changes to gameplay.

[00115] Let's take into consideration a more detailed example, one that is based on a weather related event that devastated many cities in North America, Hurricane Sandy in late October 2012. As the hurricane moved from one city to the other the locations in its path encountered varying degrees of damage and destruction and thus spawned some very local events (elements). In New York, NY there was wide spread flooding including flooding of major tunnels, deaths due to fire and flooding, stock markets were closed for a record time, subway closures, fires, evacuations, food and gas shortages, lack of public transport and resultant loss of work days. While in Toronto Canada, the same weather system had a lesser degree of effect but nevertheless brought strong winds, flying/falling debris, injuries and death due to the falling neon signs, uprooting of trees etc.

[00116] Thus two players playing the same game at the same time in the two above mentioned cities may experience two varying (albeit related) storylines. Therefore when playing a virtual world (game) one where this invention is implemented, a player in New York, NY may experience the ambiance of the game change to dark and stormy skies, rain and flooding which make certain bridges impassable in the game, a certain change in the behaviour of the virtual characters where they are suddenly more afraid, bunches of NPCs running randomly in confusion and panic, while the number of points required to acquire items may go up significantly for the duration of such an event etc.

[00117] While a player in Toronto, Canada playing the same game at the exact same time may experience stiff winds and fallen trees which may make getting from one point to another more difficult, flying and falling debris which has to be dodged in order to prevent injury and loss of health points etc.

[00118] In one embodiment of the invention relating to a MMORPG (Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game) the local elements of the respective locations of the players engaged in the gameplay at any given time impacts the storyline. Thus for example certain branches of the storyline and / or set(s) of plot nodes may become available when players from a certain location are either logged in or logged off.

[00119] When a new player engages in gameplay of the MMORPG, gather player location information e.g. using the embedded GPS sensor of a gaming device, then gather the local elements associated with this location. There may be other methods for determining player location, e.g. using IP address, WiFi network location, AGPS and other well known techniques in the art.

[00120] The system checks to see if the local elements of above said player location are unique, i.e. if any other player from the same location is also engaged in the gameplay of the virtual world at the same time or another player from another location with similar local elements is engaged in the gameplay. If player location and its local elements are unique then the system may load alternate / complementary set of storyline plot nodes associated with these new local elements. Gameplay continues using the new information. If player location and its local elements are not unique then gameplay continues with no changes.

[00121] In an alternate embodiment a certain set of storyline plot nodes become unavailable when a player from a location with certain local elements engages in the gameplay of the virtual world.

[00122] In multiplayer virtual worlds as new players engage in the gameplay and as other disengage, the respective local elements of their respective locations may have a cumulative effect in changing the storyline of the virtual world.

[00123] In an alternate embodiment a certain set of storyline plot nodes may become available when a player from a certain location with certain local elements disengages in the gameplay of a virtual world.

[00124] In another embodiment the storyline of the virtual world may change with the change of local elements, such that the virtual character can skip levels, or move from one level to the other randomly, or the game may lock out odd or even number levels (or other combinations of levels) to change the storyline.

[00125] In yet another embodiment the aesthetics of the virtual world may change with the changing local elements of the real world location of the player. For example the background of a platform game may change depending on the location (city) of the player and its current local elements (e.g. stormy weather or clear blue skies).

[00126] In another embodiment the virtual character interaction may change with the changing local elements of the player location. For example when all is quiet in the city where the player is located (i.e. no local elements match the key words) the virtual character interaction is more subdued. By contrast, when the same city encounters a string of murders, the virtual character interaction may become more aggressive, and the associated dialogue may also change correspondingly. Such an embodiment can be implemented by having different scripts for the virtual characters, and changing the scripts with the changing local elements of the real world location of the player.

[00127] In one embodiment the theme of the game may change with the changing local elements. For example, the original theme may be an espionage theme. After news of a local murder, the theme of the game may change to a murder mystery (to solve the local case), or a horror theme.

[00128] In another embodiment the premise of the game may change with the changing local elements of a location. For example, the original premise may be a treasure hunt. After a kidnapping news item, the premise may change to a quest to find the victim of the kidnapping.

[00129] In another embodiment the storyline of the virtual world may have multiple forks with multiple possibilities, and each time the local elements of the player location change, a new path(s) may be chosen either randomly or based on a dice roll or based on a pre-configured setting or based on a player defined setting.

[00130] In another embodiment of the invention, the statistics of the player character (PC) and the non-player characters (NPC) may depend on the local elements of the player location and may change when these local elements changes.

[00131] For example, in one embodiment when a player engages in gameplay of a particular virtual world from a first location the stats for a PC are such that the virtual character is physically very strong but is less intelligent, while when the same player engages in the gameplay of the same virtual world from a second location, the stats for the same PC are such that the virtual character is now more intelligent but less strong physically. The change in virtual character statistics may either depend on predefined relationships or may depend on a dice roll or may be entirely random.

[00132] One embodiment of the invention may preferably also provide a framework or an API (Application Programming Interface) for virtual world creation that allows a developer to incorporate the functionality of a changing storyline based on the changing local elements of the player location. Using such a framework or API allows for a more uniform virtual world generation, and eventually allows for more complex and extensive ability to change storyline.

[00133] It should be understood that although the term game has been used as an example in this application but in essence the term may also imply any other piece of software code where the embodiments of the invention are incorporated. The software application can be implemented in a standalone configuration or in combination with other software programs and is not limited to any particular operating system or programming paradigm described here. For the sake of simplicity, we singled out game applications for our examples. Similarly we described users of these applications as players. There is no intent to limit the disclosure to game applications or player applications. The terms players and users are considered synonymous and imply the same meaning. Likewise, virtual worlds, games and applications imply the same meaning. Thus, this application intends to cover all applications and user interactions described above and ones obvious to persons skilled in the art.

[00134] Although virtual world storyline changes based on changing local elements of the player location have been exemplified above with reference to gaming, it should be noted that virtual worlds are also associated with many industries and applications. For example, virtual worlds can be used in movies, cartoons, computer simulations, and video simulations, among others. All of these industries and applications would benefit from a changing storyline based on changing local elements of the player location.

[00135] The examples noted here are for illustrative purposes only and may be extended to other implementation embodiments. While several embodiments are described, there is no intent to limit the disclosure to the embodiment(s) disclosed herein. On the contrary, the intent is to cover all alternatives, modifications, and equivalents obvious to persons skilled in the art.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A computer-implemented method of enabling virtual gameplay on a computing device in communication with a storage means, the method comprising the steps of:

providing access to at least one video game in which a player is able to interact with the video game according to a storyline;

detecting at the computing device a player location, and storing the location on the storage means;

retrieving from a database using the computing device a local element based on the player location and correlating the local element to a local element script actuatable in the video game; and

using the computing device to retrieve and actuate the local element script in the video game, the local element script supplementing or replacing the storyline.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising detecting a second or subsequent location in the course of gameplay, and retrieving a second or further local element script, the second or further local element script being related to the second or subsequent location and its local element.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the correlating of the local element takes account of an operating context within the game.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the video game includes at least one virtual character, and the local element script modifies the virtual character's appearance, facial or body expression or health.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the video game includes at least one virtual character, and the local element script modifies the tools, weapons, equipment or clothing of the virtual character.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the local element script modifies character statistics of a virtual character.
7. The method of claim 6, wherein the local element is used to determine overall mood or tension of a location, and the local element script modifies character statistics representing mood or aggression in the virtual character.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the storyline comprises one or a combination of plot, plot nodes, character interactions, encounters, scene, setting, aesthetics, levels, premise, or theme.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein the local element script modifies the scene or setting of the storyline.
10. The method of claim 1, wherein the local element script modifies or introduces non-player characters, game monsters, enemies, traps or puzzles corresponding to the local element.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein the local element comprises one or a combination of local events, local indicators, and local celebrities or news figures.
12. The method of claim 1, wherein the local element is a local news item and the local element script modifies the storyline to reflect that news item.
13. The method of claim 12, wherein, if the news item refers to a crowd of people, the local element script introduces a crowd of non-player characters into the storyline.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the local element is a weather, social, political, economic, stock market, demographic, traffic, crime, or construction indicator relevant to the location, and the local element script modifies the storyline to reflect that indicator.
15. The method of claim 1, wherein the local element is a local celebrity or news figure, and the local element script modifies the storyline to introduce a non-player character representing that local celebrity or news figure.
16. The method of claim 12, wherein the local element comprises a keyword extracted from a news stream of local news items.
17. The method of claim 1, wherein the location is re-detected at intervals, and in the event of a change in the location, a virtual character is shown moving to a new scene in the storyline.
18. The method of claim 1, wherein if a null location is detected or the detected location is unsupported, a default or random storyline is provided.
19. The method of claim 1, wherein if the location does not match a local element in the database, an approximate match is used.
20. The method of claim 1, wherein the storage means is provided by one or a combination of: a local fixed memory, a local removable memory, a remote fixed memory, a remote removable memory, and a virtual memory.
21. The method of claim 1, wherein the storage means is selected from the group consisting of: a local data storage of a game console, a local inbuilt memory, a user provided memory, an online server, and a shared folder on a network.
22. The method of claim 1, wherein the detecting step includes retrieving player location from a sensor.

- 23. The method of claim 1, wherein the player is enabled to play the game using a game device, and the player location is detected by an on-board sensor on the game device.
- 24. The method of claim 23, wherein the game device is a mobile device.
- 25. The method of claim 1, wherein the detecting step includes retrieving player location from one or a combination of GPS, A-GPS, WiFi, IP address, account or billing address, and player provided location information.
- 26. The method of claim 25, wherein the player provided location information is a fantasy location.
- 27. The method of claim 1, wherein the detecting step further includes retrieving at least one map from a map database in response to the detected location.
- 28. The method of claim 1, wherein the location is detected at login.
- 29. The method of claim 1, wherein the location is detected during gameplay.

ABSTRACT

A computer-implemented method is provided for enabling virtual gameplay. Access is provided to at least one video game in which a player is able to interact with the video game according to a storyline. A player location is detected and stored. A local element is retrieved from a database based on the player location and the local element is correlated to a local element script actuatable in the video game. This local element script is retrieved and actuated in the video game to supplement or replace the video game's storyline.



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This is in response to the applicant's request under 37 CFR 1.48(f) submitted on 04/23/2025.

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Foreign Applications for which priority is claimed (You may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at the USPTO. Please see <http://www.uspto.gov> for more information.) - **None.**
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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 19/175,119**

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Title

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CAPTURE AND USE OF LOCAL ELEMENTS IN GAMEPLAY

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<i>Decision Granting Request for Prioritized Examination (Track I)</i>	Application No. 19/175,119	Applicant(s) Chowdhary et al.	
	Examiner CHERYL P GIBSON BAYLOR	Art Unit OPET	AIA (FITF) Status Yes

1. THE REQUEST FILED 10 April 2025 IS **GRANTED** .

The above-identified application has met the requirements for prioritized examination

A. ☒ for an original nonprovisional application (Track I).

B. ☐ for an application undergoing continued examination (RCE).

2. **The above-identified application will undergo prioritized examination.** The application will be accorded special status throughout its entire course of prosecution until one of the following occurs:

A. filing a **petition for extension of time** to extend the time period for filing a reply;

B. filing an **amendment to amend the application to contain more than four independent claims, more than thirty total claims**, or a multiple dependent claim;

C. filing a **request for continued examination** ;

D. filing a notice of appeal;

E. filing a request for suspension of action;

F. mailing of a notice of allowance;

G. mailing of a final Office action;

H. completion of examination as defined in 37 CFR 41.102; or

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<i>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</i>	Application No. 19/175,119	Applicant(s) Chowdhary et al.		
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THOMAS H HENRY	Primary Examiner	Telephonic
Frank Bruno	Attorney	

Date of Interview: 27 May 2025

Issues Discussed:

Non-statutory Double Patenting

Examiner indicated a TD would place the case in condition for allowance. Agreement was reached.

	/THOMAS H HENRY/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3715
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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 19/175,119	Applicant(s) Chowdhary et al.	
	Examiner THOMAS H HENRY	Art Unit 3715	AIA (First Inventor to File) Status Yes

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

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☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 30-50. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to **PPHfeedback@uspto.gov**.
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/THOMAS H HENRY/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3715

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 30-50 are allowable for substantially the same reasons as parent application(s). Although the claims are not identical, they cover similar subject matter to the parent case and are allowable for the same reasons. This case is subject to a terminal disclaimer to the parent case, thus overcoming a double patenting rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THOMAS HAYNES HENRY whose telephone number is (571)270-3905. The examiner can normally be reached M-F 10-6.

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Application Data Sheet 37 CFR 1.76		Attorney Docket Number	0036177-00042
		Application Number	19175119
Title of Invention	Systems and Methods for Capture and Use of Local Elements in Gameplay		
The application data sheet is part of the provisional or nonprovisional application for which it is being submitted. The following form contains the bibliographic data arranged in a format specified by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as outlined in 37 CFR 1.76. This document may be completed electronically and submitted to the Office in electronic format using the Electronic Filing System (EFS) or the document may be printed and included in a paper filed application.			

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Attorney Docket Number	0036177-00043	Small Entity Status Claimed ☒		
Application Type	Nonprovisional			
Subject Matter	Utility			
Total Number of Drawing Sheets (if any)	4	Suggested Figure for Publication (if any)	1	

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Application number of the previously filed application	Filing date (YYYY-MM-DD)	Intellectual Property Authority or Country

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19175119	Continuation of	18813579	2024-08-23		
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18813579	Continuation of	18205206	2023-06-02	12070691	2024-08-27
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17172623	Continuation of	15215406	2016-07-21	10946284	2021-03-16

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15215406	Continuation of	14084113	2013-11-19		

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14084113	Claims benefit of provisional	61796715	2012-11-19		

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Assignee 1

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Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begins on page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 18/813,579 filed August 23, 2024, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 18/205,206 filed June 2, 2023, now U.S. Patent No. 12,070,691, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 17/952,026 filed September 23, 2022, now U.S. Patent No. 11,666,827, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 17/172,623 filed February 10, 2021, now U.S. Patent No. 11,484,797, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 15/215,406 filed July 20, 2016, now U.S. Patent No. 10,946,284, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 14/084,113, filed November 19, 2013, now abandoned, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 61/796,715, filed November 19, 2012, the contents of which applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

Claims 1-29 (Previously Canceled).

30. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method of enabling virtual gameplay on a computing device, the method comprising the steps of:

determining a real world player geographic location of the computing device while executing a video game providing the virtual gameplay;

using a first weather condition associated with the determined real world player geographic location to retrieve from a database coupled to the computing device a first one of a plurality of local element scripts; and

actuating the retrieved first one of the plurality of local element scripts to modify a type of non-player character that will appear during the virtual gameplay.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising, responding to a weather condition change at the determined real work player geographic location by using a second weather condition associated with the determined real world player geographic location to retrieve from a database coupled to the computing device a second one of the plurality of local element scripts and actuating the retrieved second one of the plurality of local element scripts to further modify the type of non-player character that will appear during the virtual gameplay.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the first weather condition is obtained from a news feed.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the first weather condition is retrieved from a website.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein a wireless assisted global positioning sensor is used to determine the real world player geographic location.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein a device identifier for the computing device is used to determine the real world player geographic location.
36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the real world player geographic location is a billing address linked to the computing device.
37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the real world player geographic location is determined during a login process.
38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the real world player geographic location is periodically determined during gameplay.
39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising causing the first weather condition to be shown as a part of the video game during virtual gameplay.
40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the type of non-player character is limiting to appearing during the virtual gameplay to only when the first weather condition is associated with the determined real world geographic location.
41. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method of enabling virtual gameplay on a computing device, the method comprising the steps of:
- determining a real world player geographic location of the computing device while executing a video game providing the virtual gameplay;
 - using a first weather condition associated with the determined real world player geographic location to retrieve from a database coupled to the computing device a first one of a plurality of local element scripts; and
 - actuating the retrieved first one of the plurality of local element scripts to modify a virtual character statistic of a non-player character that will appear during the virtual gameplay.
42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising, responding to a weather condition change at the determined real work player geographic location by using a second

weather condition associated with the determined real world player geographic location to retrieve from a database coupled to the computing device a second one of the plurality of local element scripts and actuating the retrieved second one of the plurality of local element scripts to further modify the virtual character statistic of the non-player character that will appear during the virtual gameplay.

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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begins on page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 18/813,579 filed August 23, 2024, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 18/205,206 filed June 2, 2023, now U.S. Patent No. 12,070,691, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 17/952,026 filed September 23, 2022, now U.S. Patent No. 11,666,827, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 17/172,623 filed February 10, 2021, now U.S. Patent No. 11,484,797, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 15/215,406 filed July 20, 2016, now U.S. Patent No. 10,946,284, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 14/084,113, filed November 19, 2013, now abandoned, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 61/796,715, filed November 19, 2012, the contents of which applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

Claims 1-29 (Previously Canceled).

30. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method of enabling virtual gameplay on a computing device, the method comprising the steps of:

determining a real world player geographic location of the computing device while executing a video game providing the virtual gameplay;

using a first weather condition associated with the determined real world player geographic location to retrieve from a database coupled to the computing device a first one of a plurality of local element scripts; and

actuating the retrieved first one of the plurality of local element scripts to modify a type of non-player character that will appear during the virtual gameplay.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising, responding to a weather condition change at the determined real work player geographic location by using a second weather condition associated with the determined real world player geographic location to retrieve from a database coupled to the computing device a second one of the plurality of local element scripts and actuating the retrieved second one of the plurality of local element scripts to further modify the type of non-player character that will appear during the virtual gameplay.

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38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the real world player geographic location is periodically determined during gameplay.
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40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the type of non-player character is limiting to appearing during the virtual gameplay to only when the first weather condition is associated with the determined real world geographic location.
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[54] 发明名称

一种网络游戏系统

[57] 摘要

本发明公开了一种网络游戏系统，此游戏为 RPG 游戏，应用真实电子地图作为游戏的场景，玩家在游戏活动是在真实电子地图之上。玩家在游戏中所扮演的动画人物可以在真实电子地图中游戏动作，并且寻找特定地区的人与之交流，使游戏与现实生活紧密联系。提高了游戏的真实性和可玩性。

1. 一种网络游戏系统特征是玩家在游戏中所扮演的人物动画在以真实地图为基础的游戏场景中活动。
2. 根据权利1所述的网络游戏系统特征是, 玩家所扮演的扮演的人物动画能够识别电子地图上图元类型, 针对地图的不同图元类别作出不同反应。
3. 根据权利1所述的网络游戏系统其特征是, 玩家所扮演的人物动画能够获取地图的经纬度。

一种网络游戏系统

技术领域:

本发明涉及一种 RPG 网络游戏系统, 为用户提供一种真实的游戏体验。

技术背景:

现有的 RPG 网络游戏都为虚拟游戏, 游戏场景由开发商凭空创造, 游戏给人的真实感觉不足。本游戏系统应用真实电子地图作为游戏场景, 可以给人以身临其境的游戏感觉。

发明内容:

本发明的游戏系统应用真实电子地图为作为游戏场景。现有电子地图技术已经非常成熟, 经过矢量化处理的电子地图含有经纬度信息, 并且可以对地图上的建筑, 道路等图元进行标识。玩家所扮演的游戏动画人物在游戏中可以获取在当前位置的经纬度信息, 玩家可以选择自己在游戏场景中的地点, 并且通过地图的漫游来寻找不同位置的人交流, 玩家所扮演的游戏动画人物在真实电子地图制作的游戏场景中移动, 动作, 互相交流。玩家获取地图标注的图元类型, 并且根据图元的类型做出相应动作行为。



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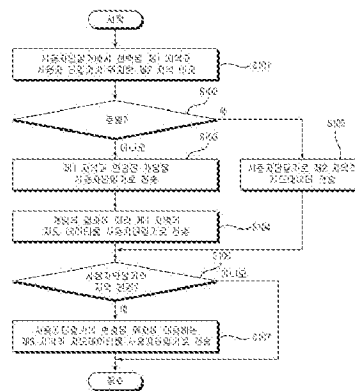
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청구항 1

위치정보를 제공하는 방법에 있어서,

사용자단말기에서 선택된 제1 지역과 상기 사용자단말기가 위치한 제2 지역을 비교하는 단계;

상기 제1 지역 및 상기 제2 지역이 서로 동일하지 않은 경우, 상기 제1 지역과 연관된 게임을 상기 사용자단말기로 전송하는 단계; 및

상기 게임의 결과에 따라 상기 제1 지역의 지도데이터를 상기 사용자단말기로 전송하는 단계

를 포함하는 위치정보 제공 방법.

청구항 2

제1항에 있어서,

상기 제1 지역 및 상기 제2 지역이 서로 동일한 경우, 상기 사용자단말기로 상기 제2 지역의 지도데이터를 전송하는 단계

를 더 포함하는 위치정보 제공 방법.

청구항 3

제1항에 있어서,

상기 사용자단말기의 지역이 변경되는 경우, 상기 사용자단말기의 변경된 위치에 대응하는 제3 지역의 지도데이터를 상기 사용자단말기로 전송하는 단계

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청구항 4

사용자단말기의 위치에 따른 게임 제공 방법에 있어서,

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상기 사용자단말기의 현재위치를 이용하여 단말기 지역을 확인하는 단계; 및

상기 설정정보를 이용하여 상기 단말기 지역과 연관된 게임을 제공하는 단계

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청구항 5

제4항에 있어서,

상기 게임은 캐릭터 육성 게임을 포함하고,

상기 설정정보는 상기 캐릭터 육성 게임이 포함하는 복수의 캐릭터 중 임의의 캐릭터와 상기 지역을 서로 매핑하기 위한 정보를 포함하는 게임 제공 방법.

청구항 6

제5항에 있어서,

상기 설정정보를 이용하여 상기 단말기 지역과 연관된 게임을 제공하는 상기 단계는,

상기 설정정보에서 상기 현재 지역과 연관된 캐릭터를 확인하여 상기 캐릭터에 대한 상기 캐릭터 육성 게임을 상기 사용자에게 제공하는 게임 제공 방법.

청구항 7

게임 제공 방법에 있어서,
 실제 지도를 이용한 게임 배경을 재생하는 제1 단계;
 상기 게임 배경의 시작거점에 복수의 사용자 각각에 대응하는 복수의 캐릭터를 재생하는 제2 단계;
 임의의 사용자에게 대응하는 캐릭터를 상기 실제 지도가 포함하는 복수의 거점간에 이동시키는 제3 단계; 및
 상기 캐릭터가 정지한 거점에 따라 기설정된 이벤트를 처리하는 제4 단계
 를 포함하는 게임 제공 방법.

청구항 8

제7항에 있어서,
 상기 복수의 사용자 모두에 대해 순서대로 상기 제3 단계 및 상기 제4 단계를 반복 수행하는 제5 단계
 를 더 포함하는 게임 제공 방법.

청구항 9

제7항에 있어서,
 상기 제3 단계는,
 기설정된 범위의 랜덤 수만큼 상기 캐릭터를 상기 복수의 거점간에 이동시키는 게임 제공 방법.

청구항 10

제7항에 있어서,
 상기 복수의 거점은 상기 실제 지도에 해당하는 실제 지역의 축제에 대한 정보를 포함하고,
 상기 제4 단계는,
 상기 거점에 해당하는 상기 축제가 상기 사용자 또는 다른 사용자의 캐릭터에게 귀속되었는지 확인하는 단계;
 상기 축제가 귀속되지 않은 것으로 확인된 경우, 상기 사용자에게 상기 캐릭터가 정지한 거점의 상기 축제에 대한 구매 여부 선택 필드를 제공하는 단계; 및
 상기 구매 여부 선택 필드를 통해 상기 축제가 상기 사용자에게 구매된 경우, 상기 축제를 상기 캐릭터에 귀속시키는 단계
 를 포함하는 게임 제공 방법.

청구항 11

제10항에 있어서,
 상기 제4 단계는,
 상기 축제가 상기 다른 사용자의 캐릭터에게 귀속된 경우, 상기 사용자의 제1 게임머니에서 상기 축제에 대응하는 제2 게임머니만큼을 제외하는 단계; 및
 상기 제2 게임머니를 상기 축제를 귀속한 캐릭터의 사용자에게 할당하는 단계
 를 더 포함하는 게임 제공 방법.

청구항 12

제10항에 있어서,
 상기 제4 단계는,
 상기 실제 지역이 실제 축제 기간인 경우, 상기 실제 지역의 축제와 연관된 상품 판매 페이지로의 연결링크를 상기 사용자에게 제공하는 단계

를 더 포함하는 게임 제공 방법.

청구항 13

제1항 내지 제12항 중 어느 한 항의 방법을 실행하기 위한 프로그램이 기록되어 있는 것을 특징으로 하는 컴퓨터에서 판독 가능한 기록 매체.

청구항 14

위치정보 제공 시스템에 있어서,

사용자단말기에서 선택된 제1 지역과 상기 사용자단말기가 위치한 제2 지역을 비교하는 지역 비교부;

상기 제1 지역 및 상기 제2 지역이 서로 동일하지 않은 경우, 상기 제1 지역과 연관된 게임을 상기 사용자단말기로 전송하는 게임 전송부; 및

상기 게임의 결과에 따라 상기 제1 지역의 지도데이터를 상기 사용자단말기로 전송하는 제1 지도데이터 전송부

상기 제1 지역 및 상기 제2 지역이 서로 동일한 경우, 상기 사용자단말기로 상기 제2 지역의 지도데이터를 전송하는 제2 지도데이터 전송부

상기 사용자단말기의 지역이 변경되는 경우, 상기 사용자단말기의 변경된 위치에 대응하는 제3 지역의 지도데이터를 상기 사용자단말기로 전송하는 제3 지도데이터 전송부

를 포함하는 위치정보 제공 시스템.

청구항 15

사용자단말기의 위치에 따른 게임 제공 시스템에 있어서,

사용자로부터 지역별로 입력된 설정정보를 저장 및 유지하는 설정정보 유지부;

상기 사용자단말기의 현재위치를 이용하여 단말기 지역을 확인하는 단말기 지역 확인부; 및

상기 설정정보를 이용하여 상기 단말기 지역과 연관된 게임을 제공하는 게임 제공부

를 포함하는 게임 제공 시스템.

청구항 16

제15항에 있어서,

상기 게임은 캐릭터 육성 게임을 포함하고,

상기 설정정보는 상기 캐릭터 육성 게임이 포함하는 복수의 캐릭터 중 임의의 캐릭터와 상기 지역을 서로 매핑하기 위한 정보를 포함하고,

상기 게임 제공부는,

상기 설정정보에서 상기 현재 지역과 연관된 캐릭터를 확인하여 상기 캐릭터에 대한 상기 캐릭터 육성 게임을 상기 사용자에게 제공하는 게임 제공 시스템.

청구항 17

게임 제공 시스템에 있어서,

실제 지도를 이용한 게임 배경을 재생하는 게임 배경 재생부;

상기 게임 배경의 시작거점에 복수의 사용자 각각에 대응하는 복수의 캐릭터를 재생하는 캐릭터 재생부;

임의의 사용자에게 대응하는 캐릭터를 상기 실제 지도가 포함하는 복수의 거점간에 이동시키는 캐릭터 이동부;

상기 캐릭터가 정지한 거점에 따라 기설정된 이벤트를 처리하는 이벤트 처리부; 및

상기 복수의 사용자 모두에 대해 순서대로 상기 캐릭터 이동부 및 상기 이벤트 처리부를 반복 수행시키는 반복부

를 포함하는 게임 제공 시스템.

청구항 18

제17항에 있어서,

상기 복수의 거점은 상기 실제 지도에 해당하는 실제 지역의 축제에 대한 정보를 포함하고,

상기 이벤트 처리부는,

상기 거점에 해당하는 상기 축제가 상기 사용자 또는 다른 사용자의 캐릭터에게 귀속되었는지 확인하는 축제 귀속 확인부;

상기 축제가 귀속되지 않은 것으로 확인된 경우, 상기 사용자에게 상기 캐릭터가 정지한 거점의 상기 축제에 대한 구매 여부 선택 필드를 제공하는 구매 여부 선택 필드 제공부;

상기 구매 여부 선택 필드를 통해 상기 축제가 상기 사용자에게 구매된 경우, 상기 축제를 상기 캐릭터에 귀속시키는 축제 귀속부;

상기 축제가 상기 다른 사용자의 캐릭터에게 귀속된 경우, 상기 사용자의 제1 게임머니에서 상기 축제에 대응하는 제2 게임머니만큼을 제외하는 게임머니 제외부;

상기 제2 게임머니를 상기 축제를 귀속한 캐릭터의 사용자에게 할당하는 단계; 및

상기 실제 지역이 실제 축제 기간인 경우, 상기 실제 지역의 축제와 연관된 상품 판매 페이지로의 연결링크를 상기 사용자에게 제공하는 연결링크 제공부

를 포함하는 게임 제공 시스템.

발명서

발명의 상세한 설명

발명의 목적

발명이 속하는 기술 및 그 분야의 종래기술

- <16> 본 발명은 위치정보를 제공하는 방법 및 시스템 그리고 위치정보를 이용한 게임 제공 방법 및 시스템에 관한 것으로, 더욱 자세하게는 단순 위치정보의 제공이 아닌 재미요소를 강화하고, 다양한 게임을 통해 실제 지도를 획득하기 위한 위치정보 제공 방법 및 시스템에 관한 것이다.
- <17> 인터넷 및 이동통신 기술 및 서비스의 발달과 휴대폰, PDA 등 이동통신단말기의 진화에 따라 위치기반 서비스(LBS: Location-Based Service)가 인터넷을 통해 가장 성장성이 높은 새로운 서비스 분야로 자리잡고 있다. 위치기반 서비스란 이동통신단말기를 이용하여 사람이나 사물의 위치를 정확하게 파악하는 시스템 및 측정된 위치와 관련된 다양한 부가정보 서비스를 제공하기 위한 기술로서, 이동통신망 기술, 인터넷기술, 위치추적 기술 등의 결합으로 이루어져 다양한 분야에 응용이 가능한 기술이다.
- <18> 현재 이러한 위치기반 서비스는 개인정보 서비스 중심에서 다양한 형태의 부가 서비스로 확대되고 있어, 점차 국가의 전반적인 인프라로 확대될 것으로 전망이 되며 이동통신 사업자뿐만 아니라 단말기 제조사, 어플리케이션 개발사, 콘텐츠 제작 및 프로바이더 등 다양한 형태의 사업자에게 새로운 사업 기회와 매출을 제공하기 때문에 위치기반 서비스 관련 시장은 폭발적으로 성장할 것으로 예상된다.
- <19> 이와 같이 일반인들의 생활 속에 점점 깊게 자리잡아 가고 있는 위치기반 서비스는 이동통신 사업자의 GPS(Global Positioning System) 위성을 이용한 모바일 위치 제공 서비스를 통해 사용자 위치 조회 서비스, 친구 찾기 서비스 및 대중교통 검색 서비스를 제공하고 있고, 주변지역의 위치정보 또는 특정지역의 위치정보 역시 제공하고 있다. 또한, 단순히 무선 네트워크에서만 아니라 유선 네트워크에서도 IP 등을 이용한 위치기반 서비스가 이용되고 있다.
- <20> 그러나 이와 같은 위치기반 서비스는 단순한 위치정보만을 제공하는 것으로 사용자의 관심을 유발시키고, 부가적으로 위치기반 서비스를 이용한 부가적인 효과를 향상시켜 이러한 위치기반 서비스의 수익성을 증대시킬 수

있는 방법 및 시스템이 존재하지 않는 실정이다.

발명이 이루고자 하는 기술적 과제

- <21> 본 발명은 상기와 같은 종래기술의 문제점을 해결하기 위해, 위치정보를 제공하는 방법 및 시스템 그리고 위치 정보를 이용한 게임 제공 방법 및 시스템에 관한 새로운 기술을 제안한다.
- <22> 본 발명은 실제 사용자단말기의 위치에 해당하는 지역의 지도를 획득할 뿐만 아니라 상기 사용자단말기가 위치 하지 않는 지역의 지도를 다양한 미니게임을 이용하여 획득하도록 함으로써 사용자의 관심을 유발시키고, 이를 통해 위치기반 서비스의 수익성을 증대시키는 것을 목적으로 한다.
- <23> 본 발명의 다른 목적은, 상기 미니게임으로서 또는 상기 미니게임과는 별도의 게임으로서 캐릭터 육성 게임 또는 실제 지역의 정보를 이용한 게임을 제공함으로써 사용자의 관심을 유발시키고, 수익성을 증대시키는 것이다.

발명의 구성 및 작용

- <24> 상기의 목적을 달성하고, 상술한 종래기술의 문제점을 해결하기 위하여, 본 발명의 일실시예에 따른 위치정보를 제공하는 방법은, 사용자단말기에서 선택된 제1 지역과 상기 사용자단말기가 위치한 제2 지역을 비교하는 단계, 상기 제1 지역 및 상기 제2 지역이 서로 동일하지 않은 경우, 상기 제1 지역과 연관된 게임을 상기 사용자단말기로 전송하는 단계 및 상기 게임의 결과에 따라 상기 제1 지역의 지도데이터를 상기 사용자단말기로 전송하는 단계를 포함한다.
- <25> 본 발명의 일측에 따르면, 위치정보를 제공하는 상기 방법은 상기 제1 지역 및 상기 제2 지역이 서로 동일한 경우, 상기 사용자단말기로 상기 제2 지역의 지도데이터를 전송하는 단계를 더 포함할 수 있다.
- <26> 본 발명의 다른 측면에 따르면, 상기 사용자단말기의 지역이 변경되는 경우, 상기 사용자단말기의 변경된 위치에 대응하는 제3 지역의 지도데이터를 상기 사용자단말기로 전송하는 단계를 더 포함할 수 있다.
- <27> 본 발명의 다른 실시예에 있어서, 사용자단말기의 위치에 따른 게임 제공 방법은, 사용자로부터 지역별로 입력된 설정정보를 저장 및 유지하는 단계, 상기 사용자단말기의 현재위치를 이용하여 단말기 지역을 확인하는 단계 및 상기 설정정보를 이용하여 상기 단말기 지역과 연관된 게임을 제공하는 단계를 포함한다.
- <28> 본 발명의 또 다른 실시예에 따르면, 게임 제공 방법은 실제 지도를 이용한 게임 배경을 재생하는 제1 단계, 상기 게임 배경의 시작거점에 복수의 사용자 각각에 대응하는 복수의 캐릭터를 재생하는 제2 단계, 입의의 사용자에게 대응하는 캐릭터를 상기 실제 지도가 포함하는 복수의 거점간에 이동시키는 제3 단계 및 상기 캐릭터가 정지한 거점에 따라 기설정된 이벤트를 처리하는 제4 단계를 포함한다.
- <29> 이하 첨부된 도면을 참조하여 본 발명에 따른 다양한 실시예를 상세히 설명하기로 한다.
- <30> 도 1은 본 발명의 제1 실시예에 있어서, 위치정보를 제공하는 방법을 도시한 흐름도이다.
- <31> 단계(S101)에서 위치정보를 제공하는 위치정보 제공 시스템은 사용자단말기에서 선택된 제1 지역과 상기 사용자단말기가 위치한 제2 지역을 비교한다. 즉, 상기 위치정보 제공 시스템은 상기 사용자단말기의 위치를 통해 상기 제2 지역을 확인하고 상기 사용자단말기를 통해 선택된 상기 제1 지역과 비교한다. 이는 상기 사용자단말기를 통해 선택된 지역에 상기 사용자단말기가 존재하는지 여부를 확인하기 위한 것이다. 이러한 선택된 상기 제1 지역은 상기 사용자단말기를 통해 수신된 지역명 등을 이용하여 확인될 수 있다.
- <32> 이때, 상기 사용자단말기의 위치는 상기 사용자단말기가 이동통신단말기인 경우 기지국에 기반하여 측정되거나 또는 상기 이동통신단말기가 포함하는 GPS 등을 이용하여 측정될 수 있다. 또한, 상기 사용자단말기가 개인 PC와 같이 유선 네트워크로 연결된 경우 상기 사용자단말기에 할당된 IP 주소를 이용하여 상기 사용자단말기의 위치를 확인할 수 있다.
- <33> 단계(S102)에서 상기 위치정보 제공 시스템은 상기 제1 지역 및 상기 제2 지역이 서로 동일하지 않은 경우 단계(S103)를 수행하고, 상기 제1 지역 및 상기 제2 지역이 서로 동일한 경우 단계(S105)를 수행한다. 즉, 상기 위치정보 제공 시스템은 상기 사용자단말기가 존재하는 지역이 선택되는 경우 단계(S105)를 수행하고, 상기 사용자단말기가 존재하지 않는 지역이 선택되는 경우 단계(S103)를 수행한다.
- <34> 단계(S103)에서 상기 위치정보 제공 시스템은 상기 제1 지역과 연관된 게임을 상기 사용자단말기로 전송한다. 이와 같이, 단순히 지도정보만을 제공하는 것이 아니라 상기 게임을 상기 사용자단말기로 제공함으로써 사용자

의 관심을 유발하여 수익성을 증대시킬 수 있고 또는, 상기 제1 지역을 선택하기 위한 페이지 또는 상기 게임 등에 광고를 추가함으로써 광고 효과 및 광고비 등의 수익을 기대할 수 있다.

- <35> 단계(S104)에서 상기 위치정보 제공 시스템은 상기 게임의 결과에 따라 상기 제1 지역의 지도데이터를 상기 사용자단말기로 전송한다. 즉, 상기 사용자단말기가 위치하지 않은 지역에 대해서도 상기 게임을 통해 사용자의 흥미를 유발하여 위치기반 서비스의 사용율을 높이고, 궁극적으로 전국의 지도를 완성하도록 할 수 있다.
- <36> 단계(S105)에서 상기 위치정보 제공 시스템은 상기 제1 지역 및 상기 제2 지역이 서로 동일한 경우, 상기 사용자단말기로 상기 제2 지역의 지도데이터를 전송한다. 위에서 설명한 바와 같이 상기 사용자단말기가 위치한 지역에 대해서는 상기 지역의 지도데이터를 전송함으로써 상기 사용자단말기의 사용자가 자신이 위치한 곳의 지도를 획득하도록 할 수 있다.
- <37> 단계(S106)에서 상기 위치정보 제공 시스템은 상기 사용자단말기의 지역이 변경되는지 확인하여 변경되는 경우 단계(S107)을 수행하고, 변경되지 않는 경우 종료한다.
- <38> 단계(S107)에서 상기 위치정보 제공 시스템은 상기 사용자단말기의 변경된 위치에 대응하는 제3 지역의 지도데이터를 상기 사용자단말기로 전송한다. 다시 말해, 상기 사용자단말기의 사용자가 이동함으로써 상기 사용자단말기의 지역이 변경되는 경우 상기 사용자단말기의 위치를 다시 확인하고, 상기 위치에 해당하는 지역인 상기 제3 지역을 확인함으로써 상기 제3 지역의 지도데이터를 상기 사용자단말기로 전송할 수 있다.
- <39> 자신의 실제 이동 경로에 따라 즉, 실제 자신의 위치한 구역을 중심으로 지도를 획득하는 게임의 진행이 가능하고, 자신이 위치하지 않은 지역에 대해서는 별도의 게임을 통해 지도를 획득하도록 하여 사용자의 관심을 유발할 수 있다.
- <40> 도 2는 위치정보를 제공하는 방법을 설명하기 위한 일례이다.
- <41> 도면부호(200)는 복수의 지역에 대한 개괄적인 지도가 사용자단말기에 재생된 모습을 도시하고 있다. 이때, 상기 사용자단말기의 사용자는 현재 상기 사용자단말기의 위치에 해당하는 지역(201)에 대해서 바로 지도데이터를 획득하여 이용할 수 있고, 상기 사용자단말기가 위치하지 않은 지역(202)의 지도데이터는 다양한 게임을 통해 획득할 수 있다. 여기서, 상기 다양한 게임은 지역 또는 시간별로 기선택되거나 상기 사용자에게 의해 선택될 수 있다. 또한, 상기 사용자가 다른 지역(203)으로 이동하는 경우에도 상기 사용자는 다른 지역(203)의 지도데이터를 바로 획득하여 이용할 수 있다.
- <42> 도 3은 본 발명의 제2 실시예에 있어서, 위치정보 제공 시스템의 내부 구성을 설명하기 위한 블록도이다. 여기서, 위치정보 제공 시스템(300)은 도 3에 도시된 바와 같이 지역 비교부(301), 게임 전송부(302), 제1 지도데이터 전송부(303), 제2 지도데이터 전송부(304) 및 제3 지도데이터 전송부(305)를 포함한다.
- <43> 지역 비교부(301)는 사용자단말기에서 선택된 제1 지역과 상기 사용자단말기가 위치한 제2 지역을 비교한다. 즉, 지역 비교부(301)는 상기 사용자단말기의 위치를 통해 상기 제2 지역을 확인하고, 상기 제2 지역을 상기 사용자단말기를 통해 선택된 상기 제1 지역과 서로 비교한다. 이는 상기 사용자단말기를 통해 선택된 지역에 상기 사용자단말기가 존재하는지 여부를 확인하기 위한 것이다. 이러한 선택된 상기 제1 지역은 상기 사용자단말기를 통해 수신된 지역명을 이용하여 확인될 수 있다.
- <44> 게임 전송부(302)는 상기 제1 지역 및 상기 제2 지역이 서로 동일하지 않은 경우, 상기 제1 지역과 연관된 게임을 상기 사용자단말기로 전송한다. 즉, 상기 사용자단말기가 위치하지 않은 지역이 선택된 경우, 게임 전송부(302)는 상기 사용자단말기의 사용자가 상기 제1 지역과 연관된 게임을 통해 상기 지도데이터를 획득하도록 하기 위해 상기 게임을 전송한다. 이와 같이, 단순히 지도정보만을 제공하는 것이 아니라 상기 게임을 상기 사용자단말기로 제공함으로써 사용자의 관심을 유발하여 수익성을 증대시킬 수 있고 또는, 상기 제1 지역을 선택하기 위한 페이지 또는 상기 게임 등에 광고를 추가함으로써 광고 효과 및 광고비 등의 수익을 기대할 수 있다.
- <45> 제1 지도데이터 전송부(303)는 상기 게임의 결과에 따라 상기 제1 지역의 지도데이터를 상기 사용자단말기로 전송한다. 즉, 상기 사용자단말기가 위치하지 않은 지역에 대해서도 상기 게임을 통해 사용자의 흥미를 유발하여 위치기반 서비스의 사용율을 높이고, 궁극적으로 전국의 지도를 완성하도록 할 수 있다.
- <46> 제2 지도데이터 전송부(304)는 상기 제1 지역 및 상기 제2 지역이 서로 동일한 경우, 상기 사용자단말기로 상기 제2 지역의 지도데이터를 전송한다. 위에서 설명한 바와 같이 상기 사용자단말기가 위치한 지역에 대해서는 상기 지역의 지도데이터를 전송함으로써 상기 사용자단말기의 사용자가 자신이 위치한 곳의 지도를 획득하도록 할

수 있다.

- <47> 제3 지도데이터 전송부(305)는 상기 사용자단말기의 지역이 변경되는 경우, 상기 사용자단말기의 변경된 위치에 대응하는 제3 지역의 지도데이터를 상기 사용자단말기로 전송한다. 다시 말해, 상기 사용자단말기의 사용자가 이동함으로써 상기 사용자단말기의 지역이 변경되는 경우 상기 사용자단말기의 위치를 다시 확인하고, 상기 위치에 해당하는 지역인 상기 제3 지역을 확인함으로써 상기 제3 지역의 지도데이터를 상기 사용자단말기로 전송할 수 있다.
- <48> 이와 같이 본 발명에 따른 위치정보 제공 방법 및 시스템을 이용하면, 실제 사용자단말기의 위치에 해당하는 지역의 지도를 획득할 뿐만 아니라 상기 사용자단말기가 위치하지 않는 지역의 지도를 다양한 미니게임을 이용하여 획득하도록 함으로써 사용자의 관심을 유발시키고, 이를 통해 위치기반 서비스의 수익성을 증대시킬 수 있다.
- <49> 도 4는 본 발명의 제3 실시예에 있어서, 사용자단말기의 위치에 따른 게임 제공 방법을 도시한 흐름도이다.
- <50> 단계(S401)에서 사용자단말기의 위치에 따라 게임을 제공하는 게임 제공 시스템은 사용자로부터 지역별로 입력된 설정정보를 저장 및 유지한다. 이때, 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 사용자가 관심을 갖는 지역에 대해 상기 설정정보를 입력할 수 있는 페이지를 상기 사용자단말기를 통해 제공할 수 있고, 상기 페이지를 통해 입력된 설정정보를 저장하여 유지할 수 있다.
- <51> 단계(S402)에서 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 사용자단말기의 현재위치를 이용하여 단말기 지역을 확인한다. 이와 같은 상기 현재위치는 상기 사용자단말기가 이동통신단말기인 경우 기지국에 기반하여 측정되거나 또는 상기 이동통신단말기가 포함하는 GPS 등을 이용하여 측정될 수 있다. 상기 현재위치가 측정되면, 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 현재위치에 대응하는 상기 단말기 지역을 확인할 수 있다. 또한, 상기 사용자단말기가 개인 PC와 같이 유선 네트워크로 연결된 경우 상기 사용자단말기에 할당된 IP 주소를 이용하여 상기 현재위치를 확인할 수 있다.
- <52> 단계(S403)에서 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 설정정보를 이용하여 상기 단말기 지역과 연관된 게임을 제공한다. 이때, 상기 게임은 캐릭터 육성 게임을 포함할 수 있고, 상기 설정정보는 상기 캐릭터 육성 게임이 포함하는 복수의 캐릭터 중 임의의 캐릭터와 상기 지역을 서로 매핑하기 위한 정보를 포함할 수 있다. 또한, 상기 설정정보를 이용하여 상기 단말기 지역과 연관된 게임을 제공하기 위해 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 설정정보에서 상기 현재 지역과 연관된 캐릭터를 확인하여 상기 캐릭터에 대한 상기 캐릭터 육성 게임을 상기 사용자에게 제공할 수 있다.
- <53> 즉, 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 사용자가 설정한 복수의 지역마다 복수의 캐릭터를 설정하고, 상기 사용자단말기가 위치한 지역의 캐릭터를 육성하도록 게임을 제공할 수 있다. 이때, 지역별 상기 캐릭터는 상기 사용자단말기를 통해 입력한 상기 설정정보를 통해 확인될 수 있다.
- <54> 도 5는 사용자단말기의 위치에 따른 게임 제공 방법을 설명하기 위한 일례이다.
- <55> 도면부호(500)는 복수의 지역에 대한 개괄적인 지도가 사용자단말기에 재생된 모습을 도시하고 있다. 이때, 게임 제공 시스템은 사용자단말기를 통해 입력된 설정정보가 제1 지역(501)과 제1 캐릭터가 대응되고, 제2 지역(502)과 제2 캐릭터가 대응되는 정보를 포함하는 경우, 상기 사용자단말기가 제1 지역(501)에 존재하는 경우에는 상기 제1 캐릭터에 대한 캐릭터 육성 게임을 제공하고, 제2 지역(502)에 존재하는 경우에는 상기 제2 캐릭터에 대한 캐릭터 육성 게임을 제공할 수 있다.
- <56> 다시 말해, 사용자의 라이프 스타일에 맞는 캐릭터 육성 게임을 제공하는 것이 가능하고, 이를 통해 상기 사용자의 관심을 유발할 수 있다.
- <57> 도 6은 본 발명의 제4 실시예에 있어서, 게임 제공 시스템의 내부 구성을 설명하기 위한 블록도이다. 여기서, 게임 제공 시스템(600)은 도 6에 도시된 바와 같이 설정정보 유지부(601), 단말기 지역 확인부(602) 및 게임 제공부(603)를 포함한다.
- <58> 설정정보 유지부(601)는 사용자로부터 지역별로 입력된 설정정보를 저장 및 유지한다. 이때, 설정정보 유지부(601)는 상기 사용자가 관심을 갖는 지역에 대해 상기 설정정보를 입력할 수 있는 페이지를 상기 사용자단말기를 통해 제공할 수 있고, 상기 페이지를 통해 입력된 설정정보를 저장하여 유지할 수 있다.
- <59> 단말기 지역 확인부(602)는 상기 사용자단말기의 현재위치를 이용하여 단말기 지역을 확인한다. 이와 같은 상

기 현재위치는 상기 사용자단말기가 이동통신단말기인 경우 기지국에 기반하여 측정되거나 또는 상기 이동통신 단말기가 포함하는 GPS 등을 이용하여 측정될 수 있다. 상기 현재위치가 측정되면, 단말기 지역 확인부(602)는 상기 현재위치에 대응하는 상기 단말기 지역을 확인할 수 있다. 또한, 상기 사용자단말기가 개인 PC와 같이 유선 네트워크로 연결된 경우 상기 사용자단말기에 할당된 IP 주소를 이용하여 상기 현재위치를 확인할 수 있다.

<60> 게임 제공부(603)는 상기 설정정보를 이용하여 상기 단말기 지역과 연관된 게임을 제공한다. 이때, 상기 게임은 캐릭터 육성 게임을 포함할 수 있고, 상기 설정정보는 상기 캐릭터 육성 게임이 포함하는 복수의 캐릭터 중 임의의 캐릭터와 상기 지역을 서로 매핑하기 위한 정보를 포함할 수 있다. 또한, 상기 설정정보를 이용하여 상기 단말기 지역과 연관된 게임을 제공하기 위해 게임 제공부(603)는 상기 설정정보에서 상기 현재 지역과 연관된 캐릭터를 확인하여 상기 캐릭터에 대한 상기 캐릭터 육성 게임을 상기 사용자에게 제공할 수 있다.

<61> 도 7은 본 발명의 제5 실시예에 있어서, 게임 제공 방법을 도시한 흐름도이다.

<62> 단계(S701)에서 게임을 제공하는 게임 제공 시스템은 실제 지도를 이용한 게임 배경을 재생한다. 예를 들어, 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 대한민국의 지도를 보드게임의 판과 같이 이용하여 상기 게임 배경으로서 재생할 수 있다.

<63> 단계(S702)에서 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 게임 배경의 시작거점에 복수의 사용자 각각에 대응하는 복수의 캐릭터를 재생한다. 예를 들어, 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 복수의 캐릭터를 상기 복수의 사용자 각각에 대응하는 게임의 말로서 상기 시작거점에 재생한다.

<64> 단계(S703)에서 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 임의의 사용자에게 대응하는 캐릭터를 상기 실제 지도가 포함하는 복수의 거점간에 이동시킨다. 이때, 상기 캐릭터를 이동시키기 위해 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 기선정된 범위의 랜덤 수만큼 상기 캐릭터를 상기 복수의 거점간에 이동시킬 수 있다.

<65> 예를 들어, 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 캐릭터의 사용자의 턴에 상기 캐릭터를 이동시키기 위한 상기 랜덤 수를 확인하여 상기 캐릭터를 상기 랜덤 수만큼 이동시킬 수 있다. 또한, 상기 복수의 거점은 상기 실제 지도에 해당하는 실제 지역의 축제에 대한 정보를 포함할 수 있다. 다시 말해, 대한민국의 지도를 이용하는 경우 대한민국 각 지역의 실제 축제 지역을 주사위를 던진 결과와 같은 랜덤 수를 이용하여 이동할 수 있다.

<66> 단계(S704)에서 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 캐릭터가 정지한 거점에 따라 기선정된 이벤트를 진행한다. 이때, 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 거점에 해당하는 상기 축제가 상기 사용자 또는 다른 사용자의 캐릭터에게 귀속되었는지 확인하고, 상기 축제가 귀속되지 않은 것으로 확인된 경우, 상기 사용자에게 상기 캐릭터가 정지한 거점의 상기 축제에 대한 구매 여부 선택 필드를 제공하여 상기 구매 여부 선택 필드를 통해 상기 축제가 상기 사용자에게 구매된 경우, 상기 축제를 상기 캐릭터에 귀속시킬 수 있다. 즉, 최초로 축제 지역에 도착한 캐릭터의 사용자가 상기 축제를 구매하도록 할 수 있다.

<67> 이때, 상기 실제 지역이 실제 축제 기간인 경우, 상기 실제 지역의 축제와 연관된 상품 판매 페이지로의 연결링크를 상기 사용자에게 제공할 수도 있다. 즉, 실제 축제 기간에 판매되는 축제 별 특산물 등을 저렴하게 구매 가능하도록 연계함으로써 게임 속에 등장하는 구성물 등을 상기 사용자단말기를 통해 직접 구매 가능하도록 확장할 수 있다.

<68> 또한, 상기 축제가 상기 다른 사용자의 캐릭터에게 귀속된 경우, 상기 사용자의 제1 게임머니에서 상기 축제에 대응하는 제2 게임머니만큼을 재외하고, 상기 제2 게임머니를 상기 축제를 귀속한 캐릭터의 사용자에게 할당할 수 있다. 즉, 다른 사용자가 구매한 축제 지역에 도착한 캐릭터의 사용자는 상기 축제 지역별로 기선정된 관광비 또는 이용 요금을 상기 축제 지역을 구매한 사용자에게 제공함으로써 게임이 진행될 수 있다.

<69> 단계(S705)에서 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 복수의 사용자 모두에 대해 순서대로 단계(S703) 및 단계(S704)가 수행되었는지 확인하여 수행된 경우 단계(S706)을 수행하고, 수행되지 않은 경우 단계(S703)을 수행한다. 즉, 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 단계(S703) 및 단계(S704)가 상기 복수의 사용자 모두에 대해 순서대로 수행될 때까지 단계(S703) 및 단계(S704)를 순서대로 상기 복수의 사용자 각각에 대해 수행한다.

<70> 단계(S706)에서 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 복수의 사용자에게 할당된 게임머니가 존재하는지 확인하여 존재하는 경우 단계(S703)을 수행하고, 존재하지 않는 경우 종료한다. 이때, 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 복수의 사용자 중 기선정된 수의 사용자에게만 상기 게임머니가 존재하는 경우, 상기 게임을 종료할 수 있다. 예를 들어, 상기 복수의 사용자 중 1명의 사용자만이 할당된 상기 게임머니를 포함하는 경우 상기 사용자를 우승자로 하여 상기 게임을 종료할 수 있다.

- <71> 도 8은 게임 제공 방법을 설명하기 위한 일례이다.
- <72> 도면부호(800)는 복수의 지역에 대한 개괄적인 지도(801)가 사용자단말기에 재생된 모습을 도시하고 있다. 이때, 제1 캐릭터(802)가 제1 지역(803)에서 제2 지역(504)으로 이동하였을 때 제1 캐릭터(802)의 사용자는 제2 지역(504)이 다른 사용자에게 의해 구매된 경우, 제2 지역(504)에 대해 기선정된 관광비 또는 이용 요금을 상기 다른 사용자에게 제공해야 하고 제2 지역(504)이 다른 사용자에게 구매되지 않은 경우, 자신이 제2 지역(504)을 구매할 수 있다.
- <73> 이때, 제2 지역(504)이 실제 축제 기간인 경우, 제2 지역(504)의 축제와 연관된 상품 판매 페이지로의 연결링크를 상기 사용자에게 제공할 수도 있다. 즉, 실제 축제 기간에 판매되는 축제 별 특산물 등을 저렴하게 구매 가능하도록 연계함으로써 게임 속에 등장하는 구성물 등을 상기 사용자단말기를 통해 직접 구매 가능하도록 확장할 수 있다. 도 8에 도시된 제2 지역(504)에 해당하는 '부산 자갈치 축제'로 예를 들면, 자갈치 시장 특산물로의 링크를 상기 사용자에게 제공함으로써 광고 효과 및 실제 물품의 구매로 이어지도록 할 수 있다.
- <74> 도 9는 본 발명의 제6 실시예에 있어서, 게임 제공 시스템의 내부 구성을 설명하기 위한 블록도이다. 여기서, 게임 제공 시스템(900)은 게임 배경 재생부(901), 캐릭터 재생부(902), 캐릭터 이동부(903), 이벤트 처리부(904) 및 반복부(905)를 포함한다.
- <75> 게임 배경 재생부(901)는 실제 지도를 이용한 게임 배경을 재생한다. 예를 들어, 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 대한민국의 지도를 보드게임의 판과 같이 이용하여 상기 게임 배경으로서 재생할 수 있다.
- <76> 캐릭터 재생부(902)는 상기 게임 배경의 시작거점에 복수의 사용자 각각에 대응하는 복수의 캐릭터를 재생한다. 예를 들어, 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 복수의 캐릭터를 상기 복수의 사용자 각각에 대응하는 게임의 말로서 상기 시작거점에 재생한다.
- <77> 캐릭터 이동부(903)는 임의의 사용자에게 대응하는 캐릭터를 상기 실제 지도가 포함하는 복수의 거점간에 이동시킨다. 이때, 상기 캐릭터를 이동시키기 위해 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 기선정된 범위의 랜덤 수만큼 상기 캐릭터를 상기 복수의 거점간에 이동시킬 수 있다.
- <78> 예를 들어, 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 캐릭터의 사용자의 턴에 상기 캐릭터를 이동시키기 위한 상기 랜덤 수를 확인하여 상기 캐릭터를 상기 랜덤 수만큼 이동시킬 수 있다. 또한, 상기 복수의 거점은 상기 실제 지도에 해당하는 실제 지역의 축제에 대한 정보를 포함할 수 있다. 다시 말해, 대한민국의 지도를 이용하는 경우 대한민국 각 지역의 실제 축제 지역을 주사위를 던진 결과와 같은 랜덤 수를 이용하여 이동할 수 있다.
- <79> 이벤트 처리부(904)는 상기 캐릭터가 정지한 거점에 따라 기선정된 이벤트를 진행한다. 이때, 상기 게임 제공 시스템은 상기 거점에 해당하는 상기 축제가 상기 사용자 또는 다른 사용자의 캐릭터에게 귀속되었는지 확인하고, 상기 축제가 귀속되지 않은 것으로 확인된 경우, 상기 사용자에게 상기 캐릭터가 정지한 거점의 상기 축제에 대한 구매 여부 선택 필드를 제공하여 상기 구매 여부 선택 필드를 통해 상기 축제가 상기 사용자에게 구매된 경우, 상기 축제를 상기 캐릭터에 귀속시킬 수 있다.
- <80> 또한, 상기 축제가 상기 다른 사용자의 캐릭터에게 귀속된 경우, 상기 사용자의 제1 게임머니에서 상기 축제에 대응하는 제2 게임머니만큼을 제외하고, 상기 제2 게임머니를 상기 축제를 귀속한 캐릭터의 사용자에게 할당할 수 있다.
- <81> 반복부(905)는 상기 복수의 사용자 모두에 대해 순서대로 캐릭터 이동부(903) 및 이벤트 처리부(904)를 반복 수행시킨다. 즉, 반복부(905)는 캐릭터 이동부(903) 및 이벤트 처리부(904)가 상기 복수의 사용자 모두에 대해 순서대로 수행될 때까지 캐릭터 이동부(903) 및 이벤트 처리부(904)를 순서대로 상기 복수의 사용자 각각에 대해 수행시킨다.
- <82> 여기서, 게임 제공 시스템(900)은 상기 복수의 사용자 중 기선정된 수의 사용자에게만 상기 게임 머니가 존재하는 경우, 상기 게임을 종료할 수 있다. 예를 들어, 상기 복수의 사용자 중 1명의 사용자만이 할당된 상기 게임 머니를 포함하는 경우 상기 사용자를 우승자로 하여 상기 게임을 종료할 수 있다.
- <83> 이와 같이 본 발명에 따른 게임 제공 방법 및 시스템을 이용하면 위치정보 제공 방법 및 시스템에서 이용되는 미니게임으로서 또는 상기 미니게임과는 별도의 게임으로서 캐릭터 육성 게임 또는 실제 지역의 정보를 이용한 게임을 제공함으로써 사용자의 관심을 유발시키고, 수익성을 증대시킬 수 있다.
- <84> 본 발명에 따른 실시예들은 다양한 컴퓨터 수단을 통하여 수행될 수 있는 프로그램 명령 형태로 구현되어 컴퓨

터 판독 가능 매체에 기록될 수 있다. 상기 컴퓨터 판독 가능 매체는 프로그램 명령, 데이터 파일, 데이터 구조 등을 단독으로 또는 조합하여 포함할 수 있다. 상기 매체에 기록되는 프로그램 명령은 본 발명을 위하여 특별히 설계되고 구성된 것들이거나 컴퓨터 소프트웨어 당업자에게 공지되어 사용 가능한 것일 수도 있다. 컴퓨터 판독 가능 기록 매체의 예에는 하드 디스크, 플로피 디스크 및 자기 테이프와 같은 자기 매체(magnetic media), CD-ROM, DVD와 같은 광기록 매체(optical media), 플롭티컬 디스크(Floptical disk)와 같은 자기-광 매체(magneto-optical media), 및 롬(ROM), 램(RAM), 플래시 메모리 등과 같은 프로그램 명령을 저장하고 수행하도록 특별히 구성된 하드웨어 장치가 포함된다. 프로그램 명령의 예에는 컴파일러에 의해 만들어지는 것과 같은 기계어 코드뿐만 아니라 인터프리터 등을 사용해서 컴퓨터에 의해서 실행될 수 있는 고급 언어 코드를 포함한다. 상기된 하드웨어 장치는 본 발명의 동작을 수행하기 위해 하나 이상의 소프트웨어 모듈로서 작동하도록 구성될 수 있으며, 그 역도 마찬가지이다.

- <85> 이상과 같이 본 발명에서는 구체적인 구성 요소 등과 같은 특정 사항들과 한정된 실시예 및 도면에 의해 설명되었으나 이는 본 발명의 보다 전반적인 이해를 돕기 위해서 제공된 것일 뿐, 본 발명은 상기의 실시예에 한정되는 것은 아니며, 본 발명이 속하는 분야에서 통상적인 지식을 가진 자라면 이러한 기재로부터 다양한 수정 및 변형이 가능하다.
- <86> 따라서, 본 발명의 사상은 설명된 실시예에 국한되어 정해져서는 아니되며, 후술하는 특허청구범위뿐 아니라 이 특허청구범위와 균등하거나 등가적 변형이 있는 모든 것들은 본 발명 사상의 범주에 속한다고 할 것이다.

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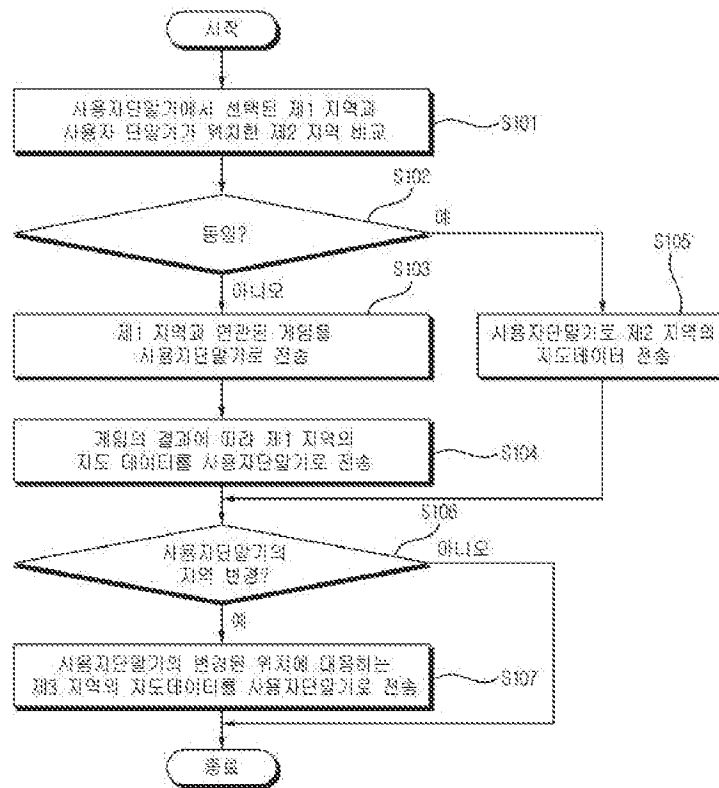
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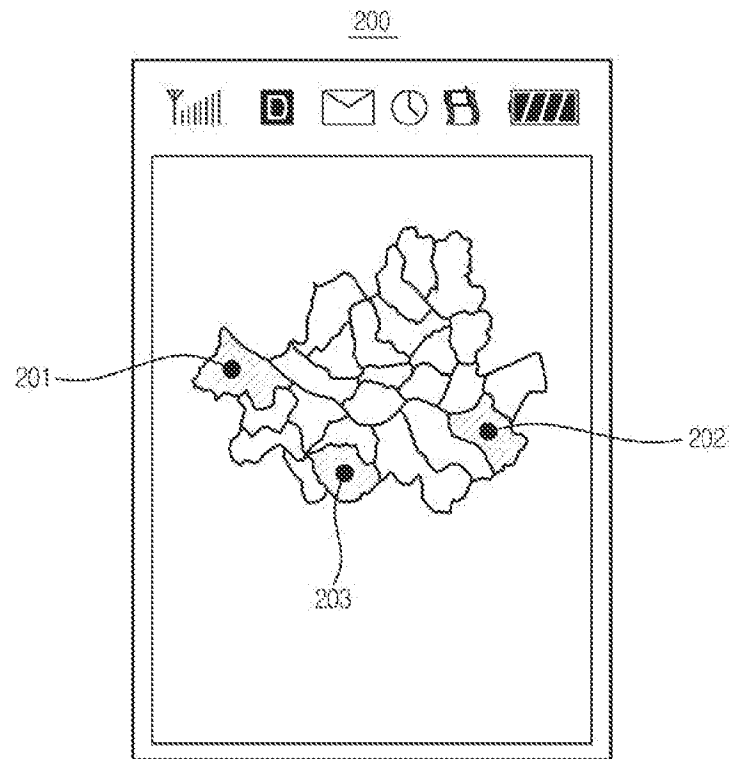
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- <2> 도 2는 위치정보를 제공하는 방법을 설명하기 위한 일례이다.
- <3> 도 3은 본 발명의 제2 실시예에 있어서, 위치정보 제공 시스템의 내부 구성을 설명하기 위한 블록도이다.
- <4> 도 4는 본 발명의 제3 실시예에 있어서, 사용자단말기의 위치에 따른 게임 제공 방법을 도시한 흐름도이다.
- <5> 도 5는 사용자단말기의 위치에 따른 게임 제공 방법을 설명하기 위한 일례이다.
- <6> 도 6은 본 발명의 제4 실시예에 있어서, 게임 제공 시스템의 내부 구성을 설명하기 위한 블록도이다.
- <7> 도 7은 본 발명의 제5 실시예에 있어서, 게임 제공 방법을 도시한 흐름도이다.
- <8> 도 8은 게임 제공 방법을 설명하기 위한 일례이다.
- <9> 도 9는 본 발명의 제6 실시예에 있어서, 게임 제공 시스템의 내부 구성을 설명하기 위한 블록도이다.
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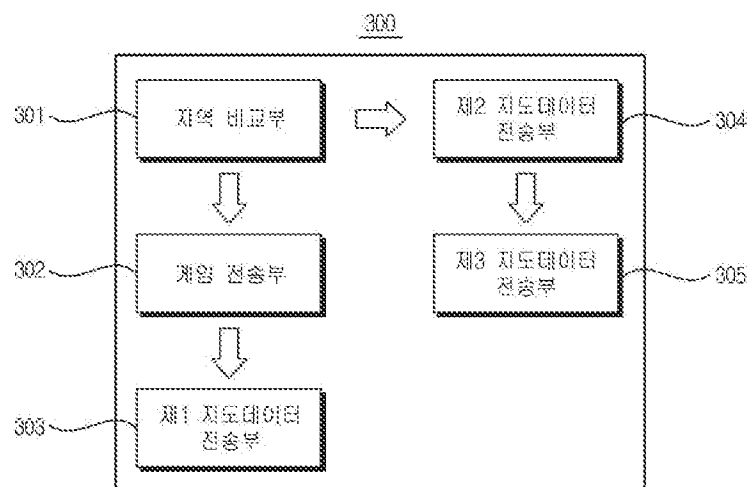
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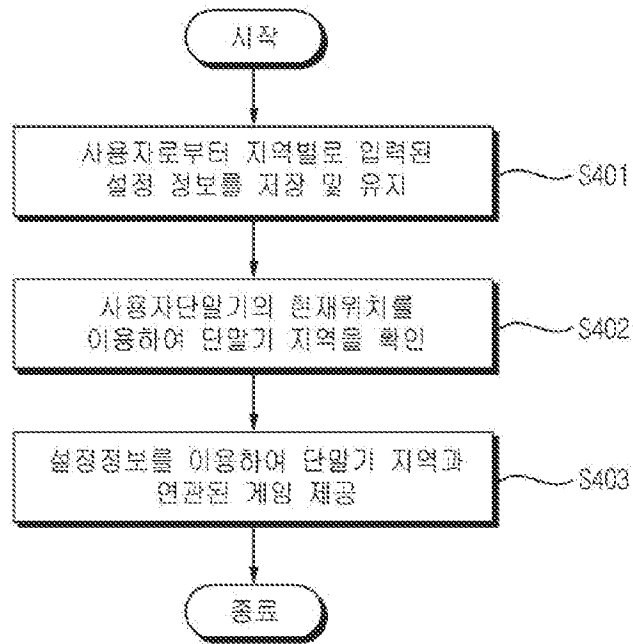
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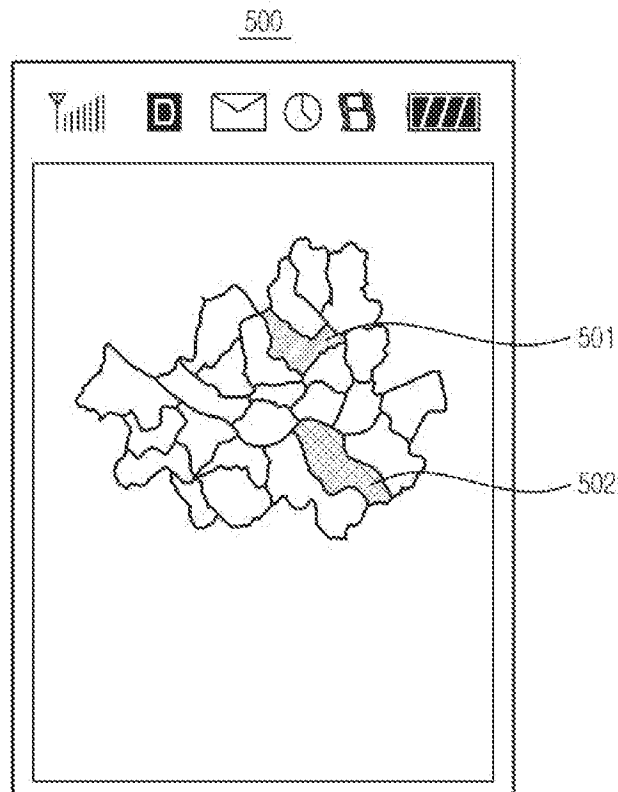
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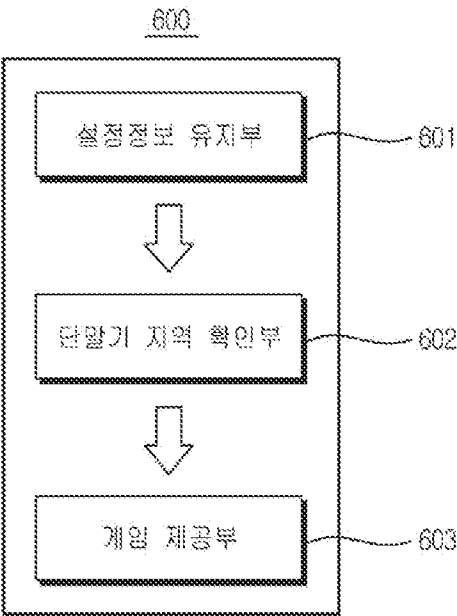
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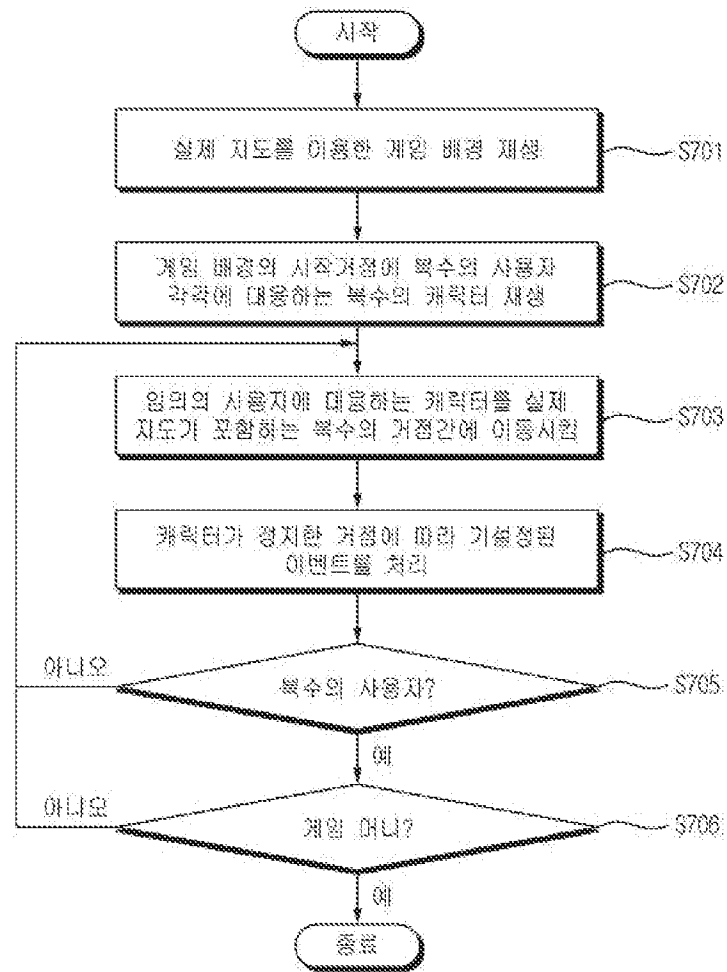
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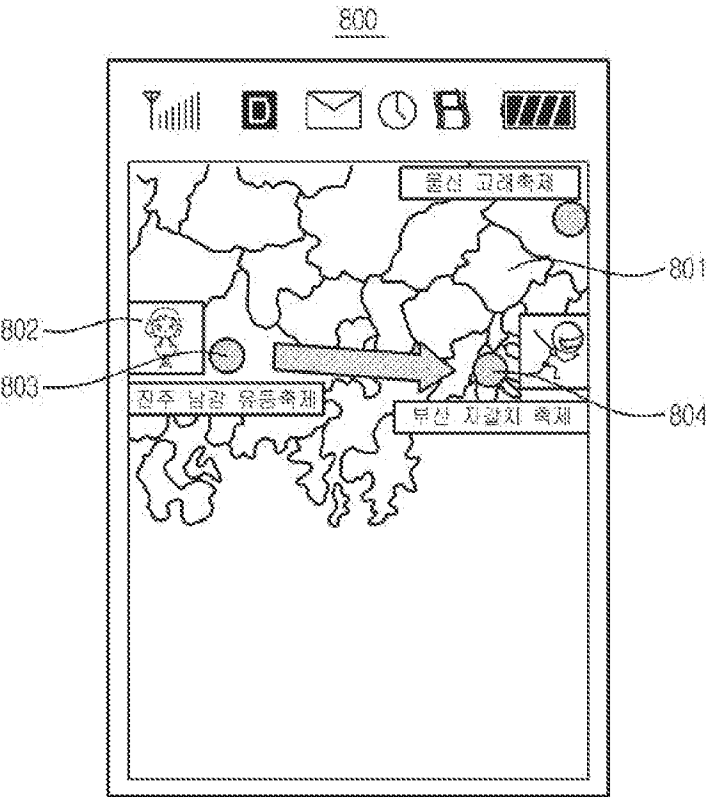
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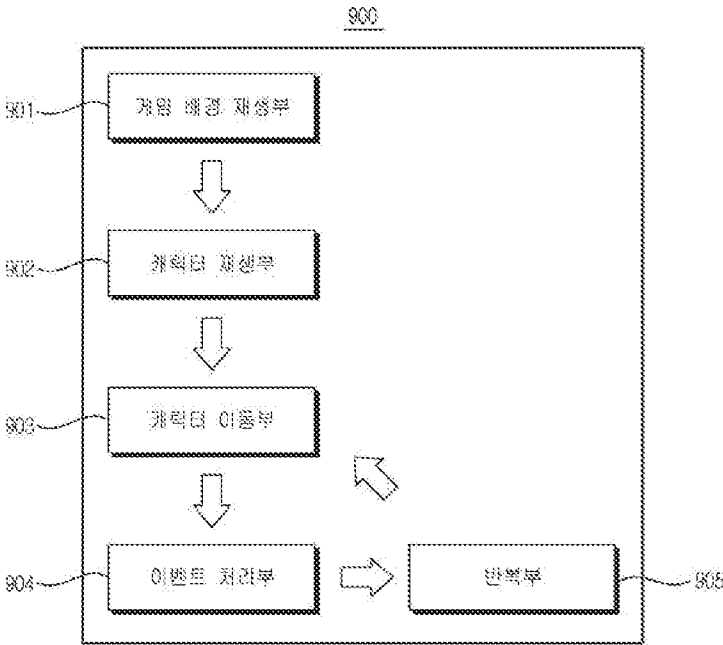
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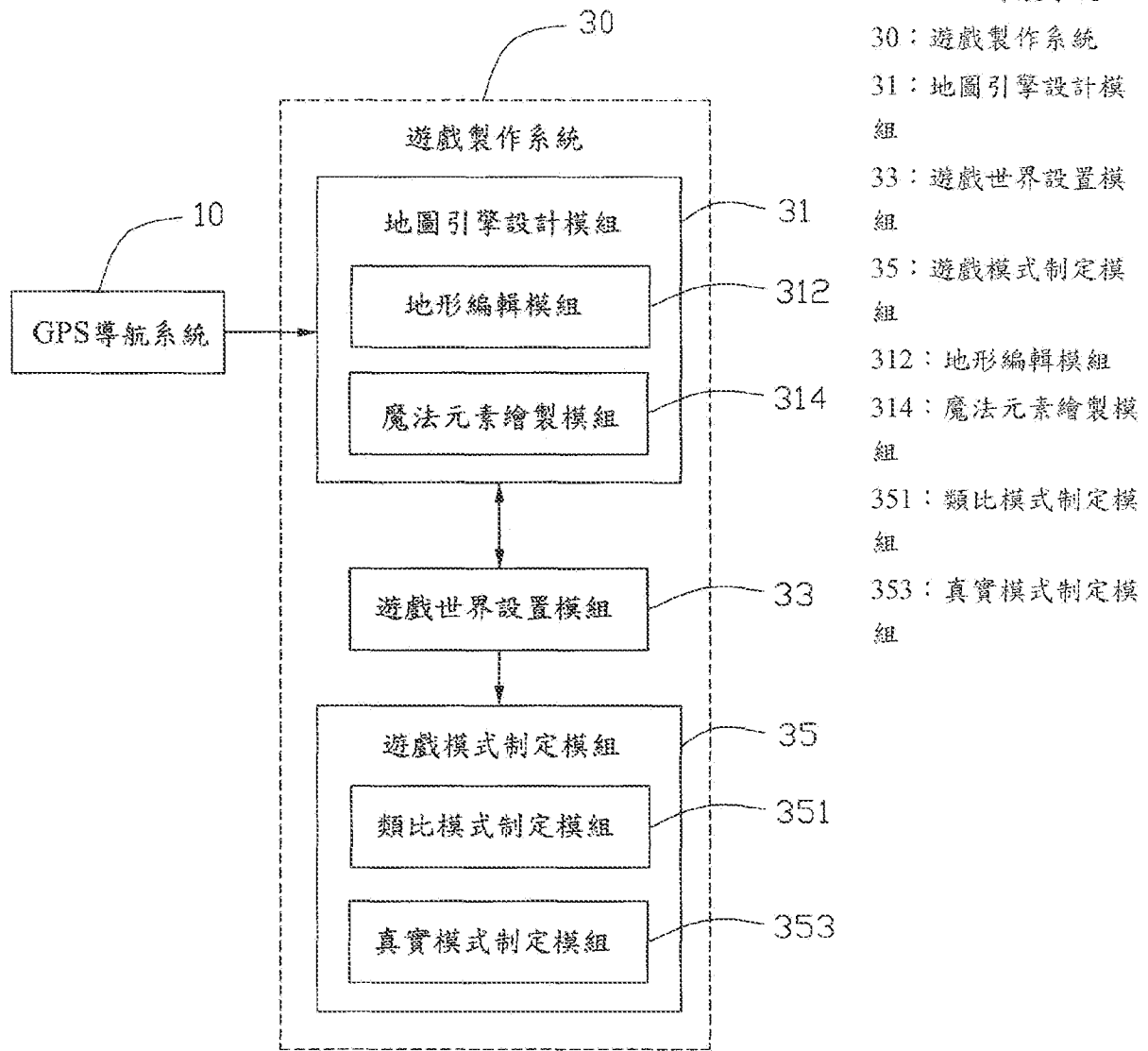
(54)名稱

遊戲製作系統

SYSTEM FOR MAKING GAME

(57)摘要

一種遊戲製作系統，包括有地圖引擎設計模組，所述遊戲製作系統可與 GPS 導航系統通訊連接，所述 GPS 導航系統具有真實之地圖，所述地圖引擎設計模組可根據所述 GPS 導航系統提供之真實地圖繪製遊戲地圖。



六、發明說明：

【發明所屬之技術領域】

本發明涉及一種遊戲製作系統，尤其涉及一種藉由 GPS 導航系統將真實地圖作為遊戲地圖之遊戲製作系統。

【先前技術】

隨著電子遊戲和電子競技種類之不斷豐富以及網際網路遊戲功能之日益強大，遊戲用戶群也以極快之速度增長，電子遊戲和藝術一樣源于生活又高於生活，它和現實密不可分。眾所周知，GPS 是一個導航系統，該系統擁有一個龐大、真實之地圖、真實之時間以及各種興趣點，而電子遊戲用到之元素也有地圖和事件點，這些都跟 GPS 之地圖和興趣點類似。

【發明內容】

鑒於以上內容，有必要提供一種藉由 GPS 導航系統將真實地圖作為遊戲元素之遊戲製作系統。

一種遊戲製作系統，包括有地圖引擎設計模組，所述遊戲製作系統可與 GPS 導航系統通訊連接，所述 GPS 導航系統具有真實之地圖，所述地圖引擎設計模組可根據所述 GPS 導航系統提供之真實地圖繪製遊戲地圖。

本發明提供之遊戲製作系統是藉由 GPS 導航系統之現有技術將遊戲與真實世界聯繫在一起，使遊戲有一個更真實之遊戲背景，讓遊戲玩家有一個更全新之體驗。

【實施方式】

請參閱圖 1，本發明遊戲製作系統 30 與一 GPS 導航系統 10 通訊連接。所述 GPS 導航系統 10 可提供真實之地圖及各種興趣點，所述興趣點包括加油站、廣場、長城、購物中心、美食中心、公園等。

所述遊戲製作系統 30 包括一地圖引擎設計模組 31、一遊戲世界設置模組 33 及一遊戲模式制定模組 35。所述地圖引擎設計模組 31、所述遊戲世界設置模組 33 及所述遊戲模式制定模組 35 之間可進行通訊。所述地圖引擎設計模組 31 包括一地形編輯模組 312 及一魔法元素繪製模組 314。所述地形編輯模組 312 可根據所述 GPS 導航系統 10 提供之真實的地圖資訊繪製出遊戲地圖，所述魔法元素繪製模組 314 可根據所述地形編輯模組 312 繪製之地圖增加魔法元素，所述魔法元素包括馬路、小草、樹木、彩雲、泛光效果等等。所述遊戲世界設置模組 33 可在所述地形編輯模組 312 繪製之遊戲地圖上確定是否需要增加魔法元素，並將資訊傳遞給所述地圖引擎設計模組 31。

所述遊戲模式制定模組 35 包括一類比模式制定模組 351 及一真實模式制定模組 353。所述類比模式制定模組 351 可根據所述地形編輯模組 312 繪製的遊戲地圖及各種興趣點制定類比遊戲模式，在所述類比遊戲模式之環境下，遊戲玩家可單人作戰。所述真實模式制定模組 353 可根據所述地形編輯模組 312 繪製的遊戲地圖及各種興趣點制定多個遊戲玩家共同參與遊戲之真實遊戲模式。所述真實遊戲模式可聯機作戰，且遊戲玩家之地理位置不可

更改。

請參閱圖 2，本發明遊戲製作系統 30 製作遊戲之實施流程，包括以下步驟：

S10：所述地圖引擎設計模組 31 之地形編輯模組 312 根據所述 GPS 導航系統 10 之供應商提供的地圖資訊繪製遊戲當中之地圖，比如：只用主要公路作為遊戲地圖路徑。若所述 GPS 導航系統 10 可獲取公路高度，則遊戲地圖之地形可直接生成，若所述 GPS 導航系統 10 不能獲取公路高度，則所述地圖引擎設計模組 31 可根據已有之地圖資訊繪製一個大概之遊戲地圖。

S20：所述遊戲世界設置模組 33 確定遊戲中之地圖是否需要增加魔法元素，“是”，進行步驟 S30；“否”，進行步驟 S40。

S30：若所述遊戲世界設置模組 33 確定需要增加魔法元素，則所述遊戲世界設置模組 33 將資訊傳遞給所述地圖引擎設計模組 31 之魔法元素繪製模組 314，所述魔法元素繪製模組 314 可在不改變地圖和各種興趣點名字之情況下設置不同種類之魔法元素，如：路邊設置護欄、小草或樹木，景區出現彩雲，水池出現魔法泛光效果等等。

S40：所述遊戲模式制定模組 35 確定是否制定真實之遊戲模式。

S50：若所述遊戲模式制定模組 35 確定“否”，則所述遊戲模式制定模組 35 之類比模式制定模組 351 制定類比的遊戲模式。

S60：若所述遊戲模式制定模組 35 確定“是”，則所述遊戲

模式制定模組 35 之真實模式制定模組 351 制定真實的遊戲模式。

綜上所述，本發明遊戲製作系統可應用於多種遊戲當中。如：
 賽車遊戲：在一個真實之城市裏賽車，根據遊戲玩家對城市路段之熟悉狀況取勝，並可在真實之遊戲模式下跟其他遊戲玩家一起比賽。又如：大家來找茬遊戲：伺服器根據不同版本之地圖之資訊變化，生成兩個對照地圖，遊戲玩家可在玩遊戲之同時瞭解城市路況之變化。再如：大富翁遊戲：只需一個環城公路就可作地圖了，根據所述 GPS 導航系統 10 內之不同之興趣點觸發不同之事件。這樣，不僅提高了遊戲玩家之遊戲興趣，也讓遊戲玩家在玩遊戲之同時熟悉了城市地圖。

【圖式簡單說明】

圖 1 是本發明遊戲製作系統與 GPS 導航系統之框圖。

圖 2 是本發明遊戲製作系統製作遊戲之流程圖。

【主要元件符號說明】

GPS 導航系統	10	遊戲製作系統	30
地圖引擎設計模組	31	地形編輯模組	312
魔法元素繪製模組	314	遊戲世界設置模組	33
遊戲模式制定模組	35	類比模式制定模組	351
真實模式制定模組	353		

發明專利說明書

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三、英文發明摘要：

A system for making a game includes a map engine designing module. The system is capable of connecting with a GPS. The GPS has a real map. The map engine designing module can plot a game map depending on the real map of the GPS.

七、申請專利範圍：

1. 一種遊戲製作系統，包括有地圖引擎設計模組，所述遊戲製作系統可與 GPS 導航系統通訊連接，所述 GPS 導航系統具有真實之地圖，所述地圖引擎設計模組可根據所述 GPS 導航系統提供之真實地圖繪製遊戲地圖。
2. 如申請專利範圍第 1 項所述之遊戲製作系統，其中所述地圖引擎設計模組包括一地形編輯模組及一魔法元素繪製模組，所述遊戲地圖由所述地形編輯模組繪製，所述魔法元素繪製模組可為所述地形編輯模組繪製之遊戲地圖增加魔法元素。
3. 如申請專利範圍第 1 項所述之遊戲製作系統，其中所述遊戲製作系統還包括一可確定是否需要給所述遊戲地圖增加魔法元素之遊戲世界設置模組。
4. 如申請專利範圍第 1 項所述之遊戲製作系統，其中所述遊戲製作系統還包括一可制定遊戲模式之遊戲模式制定模組。
5. 如申請專利範圍第 4 項所述之遊戲製作系統，其中所述遊戲模式制定模組包括一類比模式制定模組及一真實模式制定模組，所述類比模式制定模組可制定類比遊戲模式，所述真實模式制定模組可制定真實遊戲模式。
6. 如申請專利範圍第 5 項所述之遊戲製作系統，其中所述類比遊戲模式是單人作戰的遊戲模式。
7. 如申請專利範圍第 5 項所述之遊戲製作系統，其中所述真實遊戲模式是多人聯機作戰的遊戲模式。

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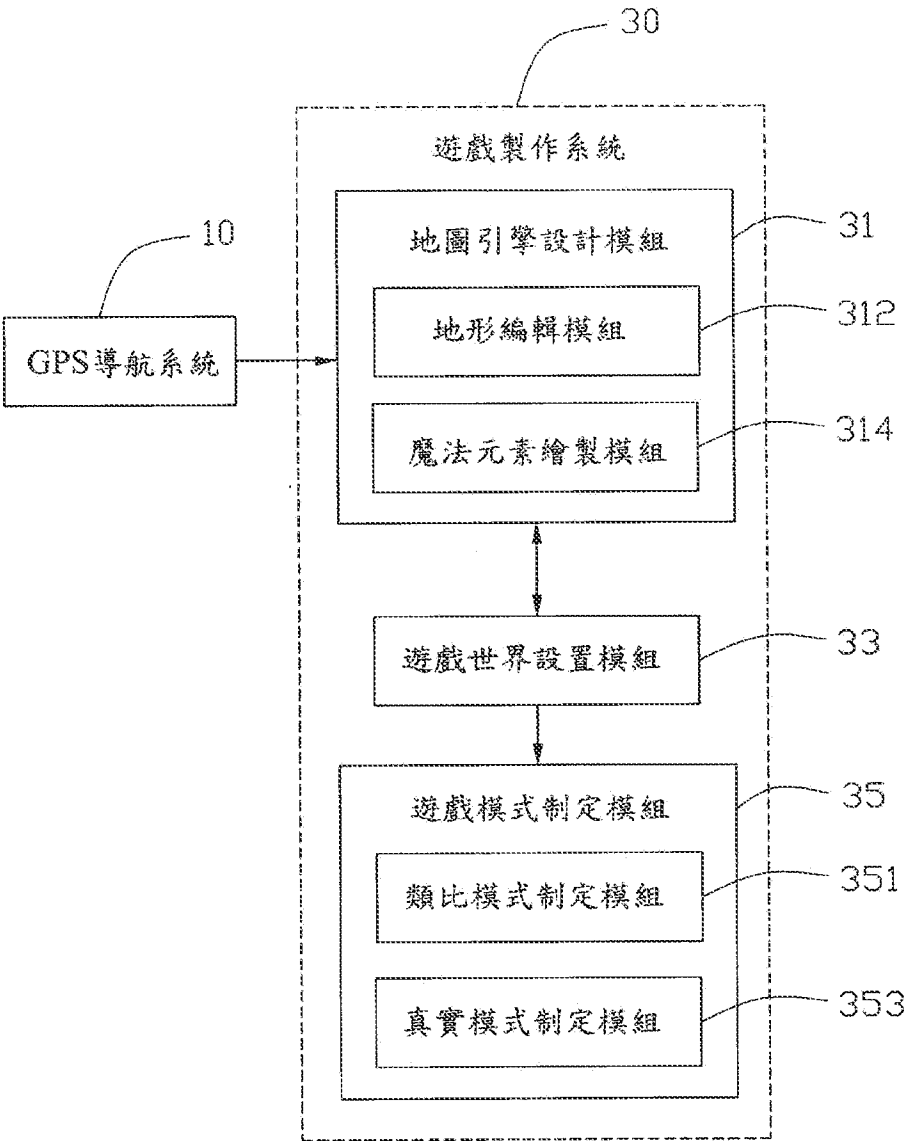


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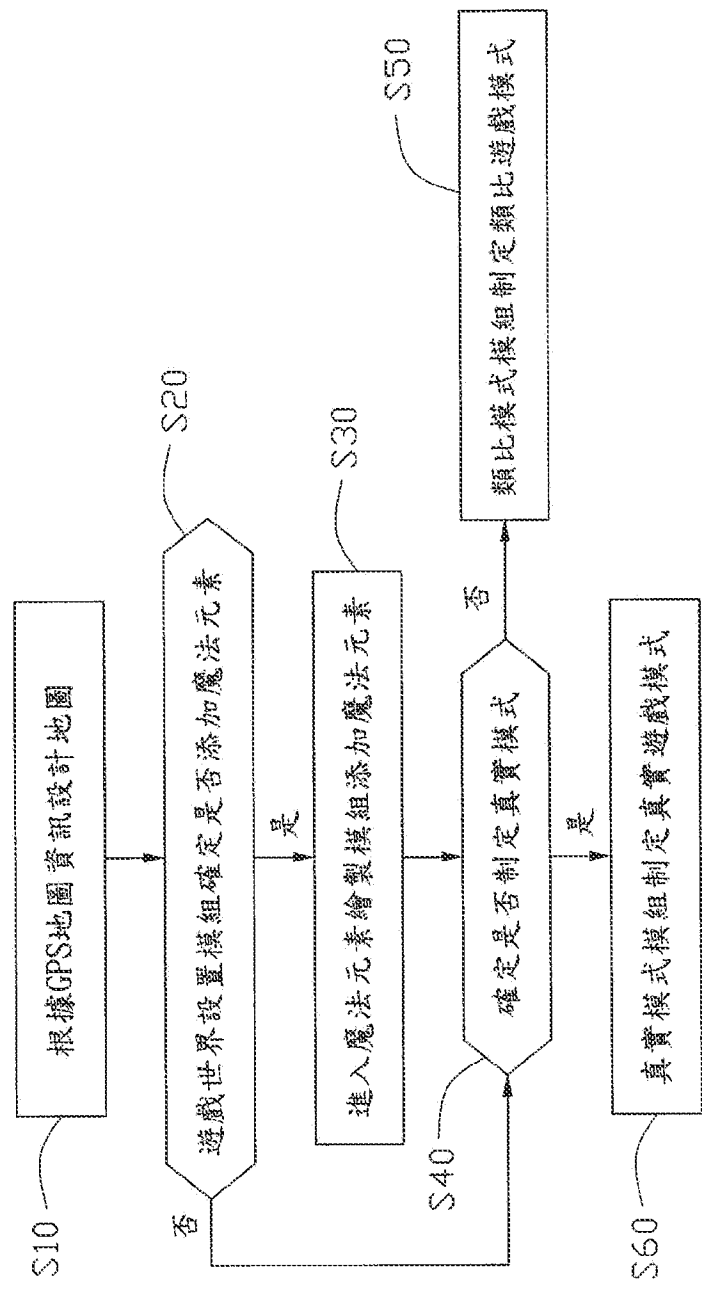


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四、指定代表圖：

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