Electronic Patent Application Fee Transmittal

Application Number:	
Filing Date:	
Title of Invention:	EFFICIENT AND SECURE COMMUNICATION USING WIRELESS SERVICE IDENTIFIERS
First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	James A. Proctor, Jr.
Filer:	David J. Thibodeau/Elisabeth Smith
Attorney Docket Number:	111054-0001U7

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Basic Filing:				
UTILITY FILING FEE (ELECTRONIC FILING)	4011	1	80	80
UTILITY SEARCH FEE	2111	1	350	350
UTILITY EXAMINATION FEE	2311	1	400	400
REQUEST FOR PRIORITIZED EXAMINATION	2817	1	2100	2100
Pages:				
Claims:				
CLAIMS IN EXCESS OF 20	2202	10	50	500
Miscellaneous-Filing:				

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PUBL. FEE- EARLY, VOLUNTARY, OR NORMAL	1504	1	0	0
PROCESSING FEE, EXCEPT PROV. APPLS.	2830	1	70	70

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Patent-Appeals-and-Interference:	
Post-Allowance-and-Post-Issuance:	
Extension-of-Time:	
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First Named Inventor	James A. Proctor, Jr.
Examiner Name	
Art Unit	
Practitioner Docket No.	111054-0001U7

☒ Applicant asserts small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Applicant certifies micro entity status. See 37 CFR 1.29. Form PTO/SB/15A or B or equivalent must either be enclosed or have been submitted previously.

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	FILING FEES			SEARCH FEES			EXAMINATION FEES			
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Utility	320	160*	80	700	350	175	800	400	200	830.00
Design	220	110	55	160	80	40	640	320	160	
Plant	220	110	55	440	220	110	660	330	165	
Reissue	320	160	80	700	350	175	2,320	1,160	580	
Provisional	300	150	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	**Undiscounted Fee ($)**	**Small Entity Fee ($)**	**Micro Entity Fee ($)**
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	100	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	480	240	120
Multiple dependent claims	860	430	215

Total Claims		**Extra Claims**	**Fee ($)**		**Fee Paid ($)**
30	-20 or HP =	10	x 50	=	500

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Indep. Claims		**Extra Claims**	**Fee ($)**		**Fee Paid ($)**
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Multiple Dependent Claims	**Fee ($)**	**Fee Paid ($)**

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SUBMITTED BY

Signature	/David J Thibodeau Jr Reg No 31671/	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 31671	Telephone 617-925-5520
Name (Print/Type)	David J. Thibodeau, Jr.		Date 2-July-2021

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Name	David J. Thibodeau, Jr.	Registration Number	31671
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The individual whose signature and title is supplied below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee

Signature	James A. Proctor	Date	4/17/2017
Name	James A. Proctor	Telephone	321.252.8411
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Application Type	Nonprovisional		
Subject Matter	Utility		
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Prior Application Status	Abandoned		Remove
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15271410	Continuation of	14861563	2015-09-22
Prior Application Status	Patented		Remove

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14861563	Continuation of	14472477	2014-08-29	9161164	2015-10-13
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14472477	Continuation of	13775435	2013-02-25	8849698	2014-09-30
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13775435	Continuation of	13212723	2011-08-18	8385896	2013-02-26
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13212723	Continuation of	12364828	2009-02-03	8090359	2011-01-03
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12364828	Claims benefit of provisional	61095359	2008-09-09

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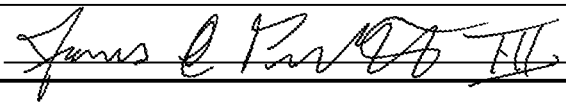
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Title of Invention:	EFFICIENT AND SECURE COMMUNICATION USING WIRELESS SERVICE IDENTIFIERS		

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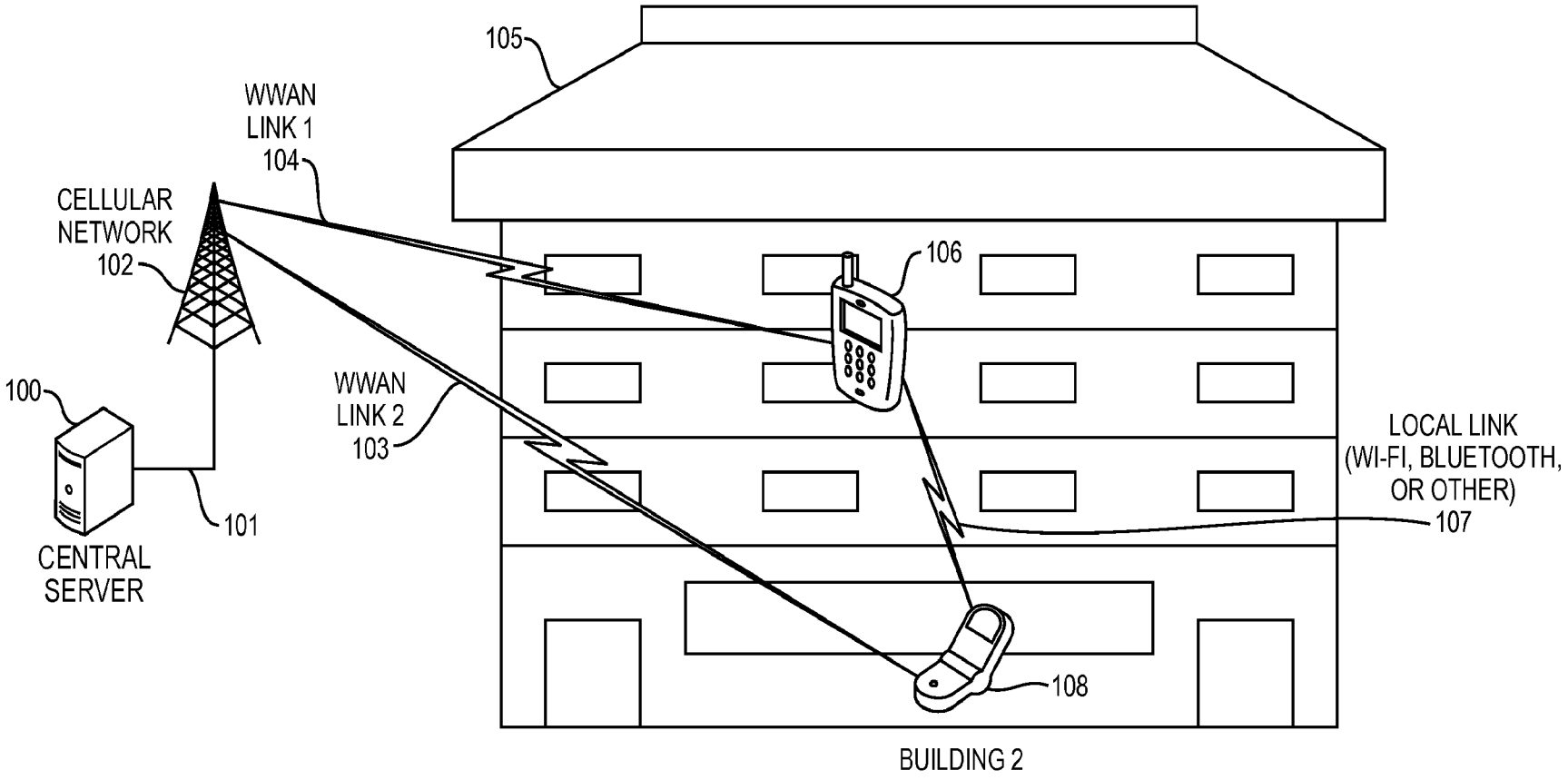

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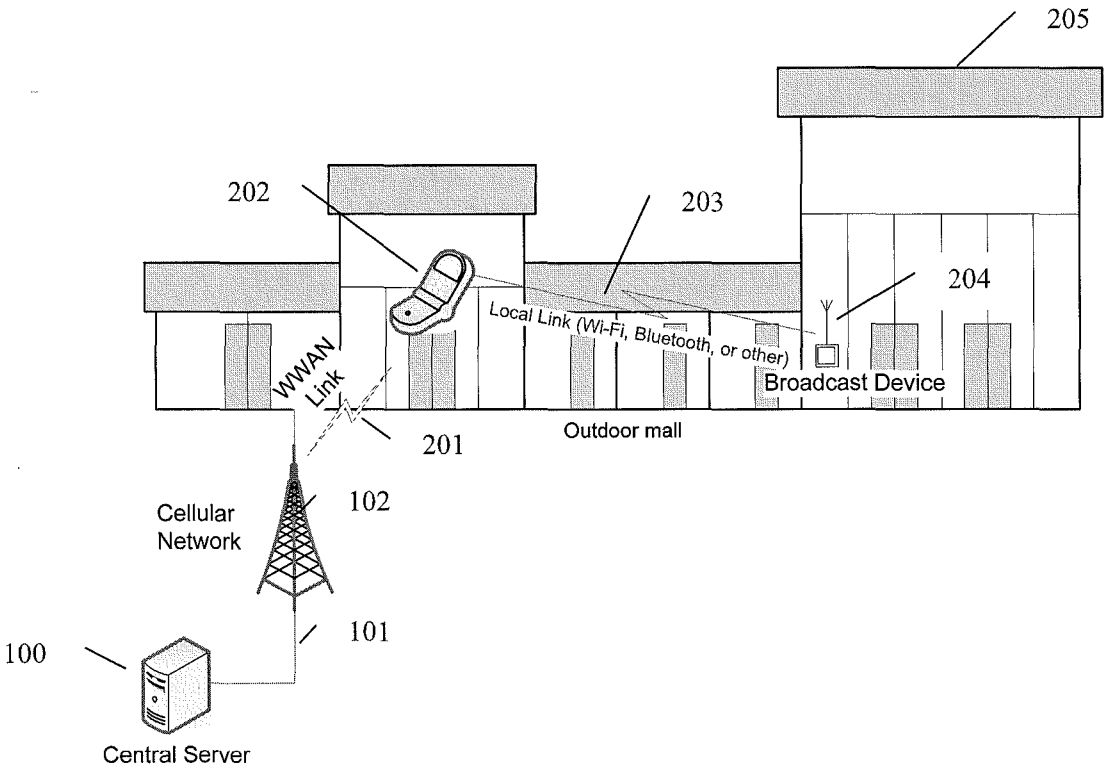
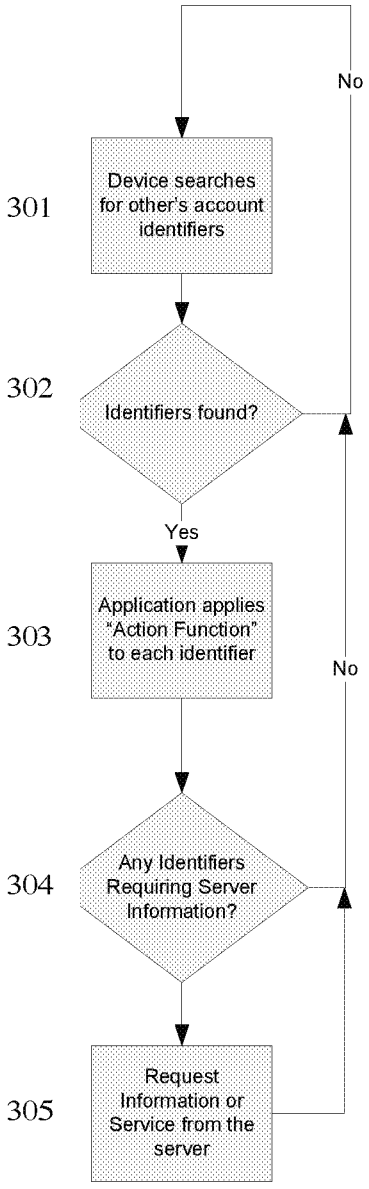

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Outdoor mall
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Central Server

Figure 3


No
301
Device searches for other's account identifiers
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Identifiers found?
Yes
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Application applies "Action Function" to each identifier
No
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Any Identifiers Requiring Server Information?
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Request Information or Service from the server

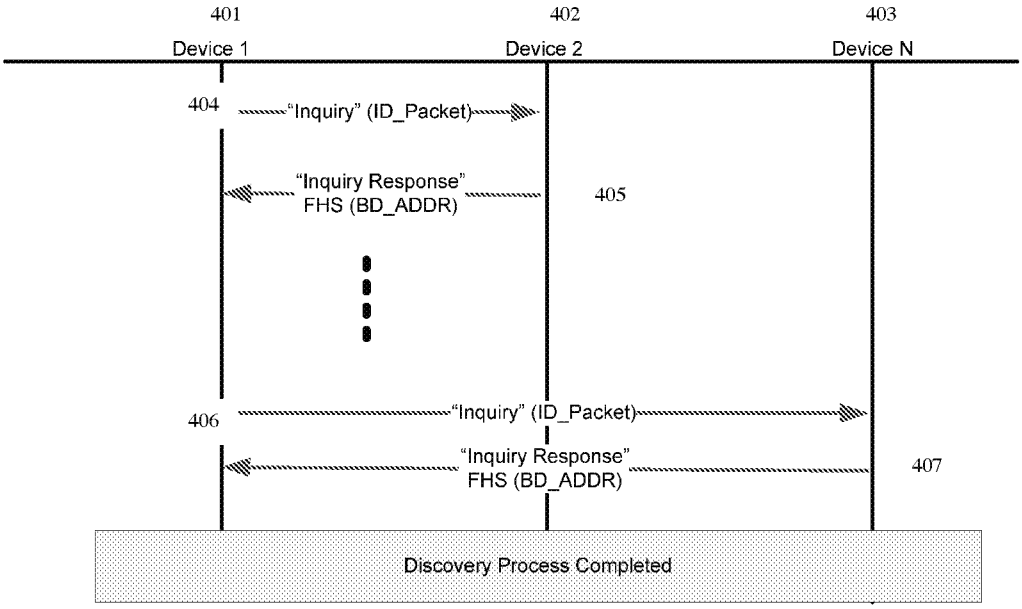


Figure 4 – 802.15.1-2002 (Bluetooth V1.2) Device Discovery

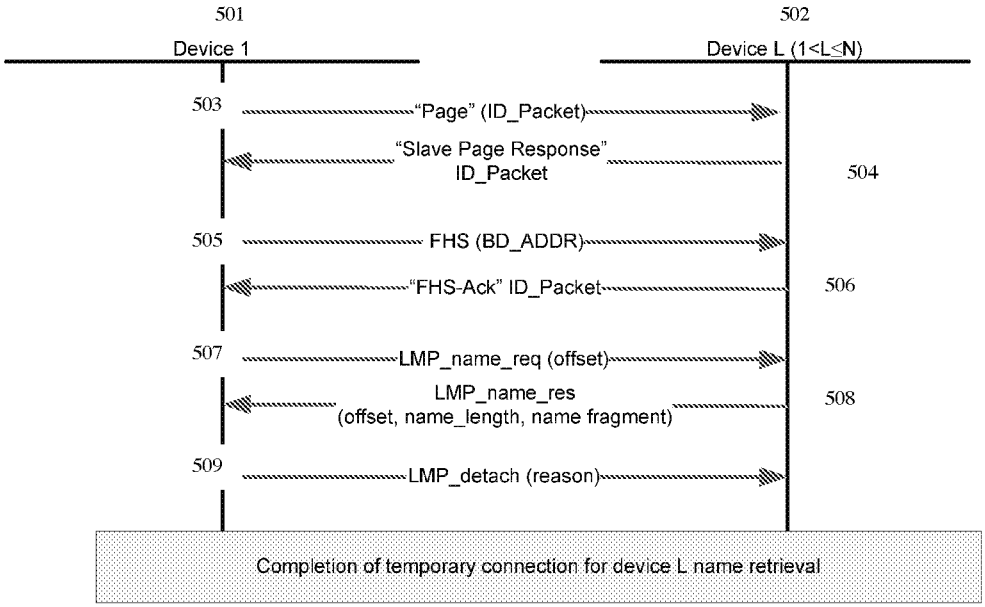


Figure 5 – 802.15.1-2002 (Bluetooth V1.2) Remote Name Request

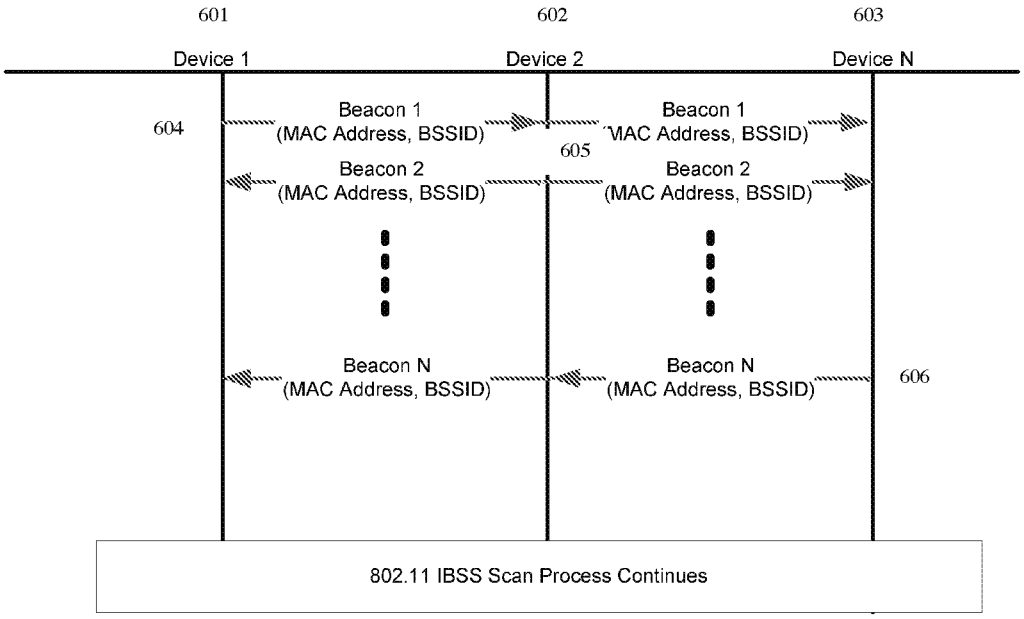


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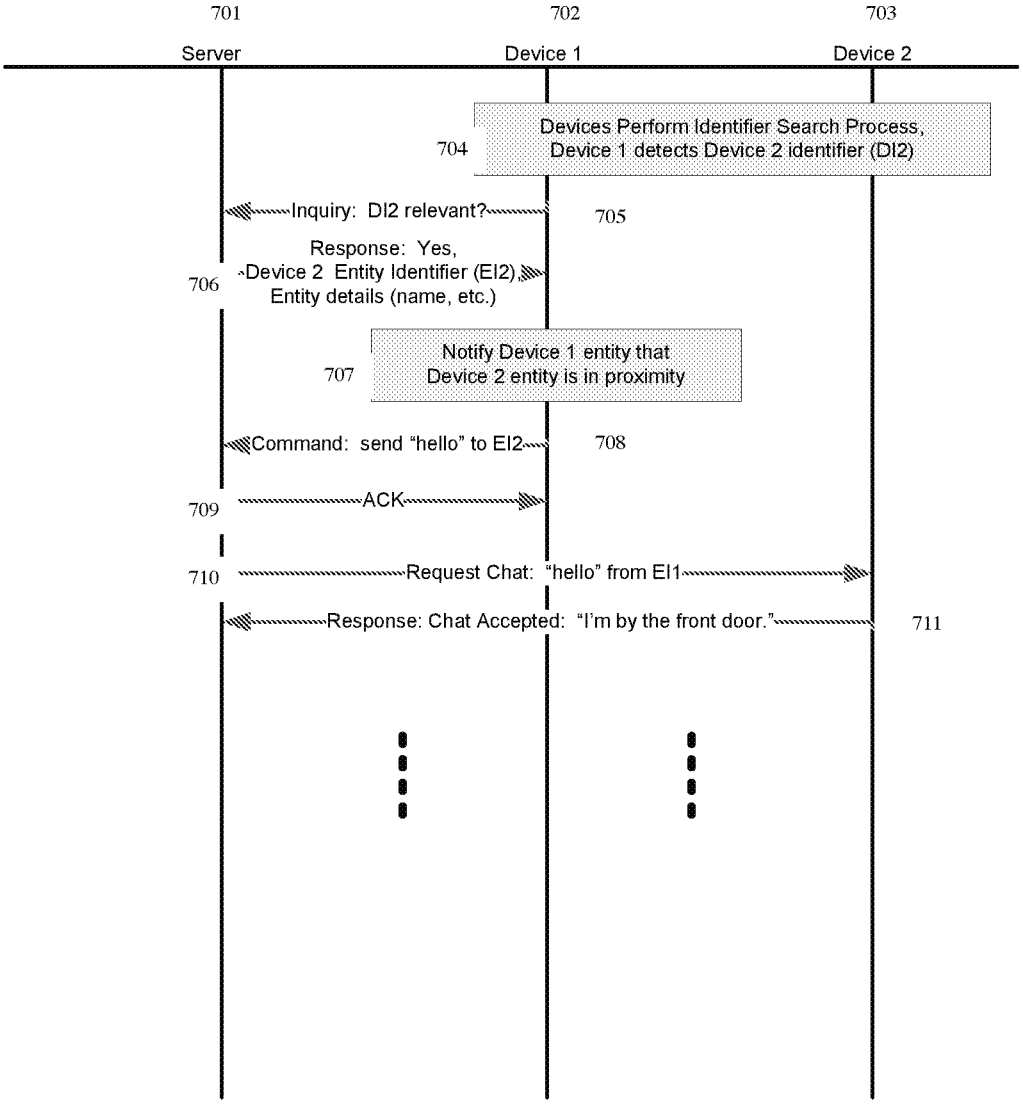


Figure 7 – Process of Detection and entering a Chat Session

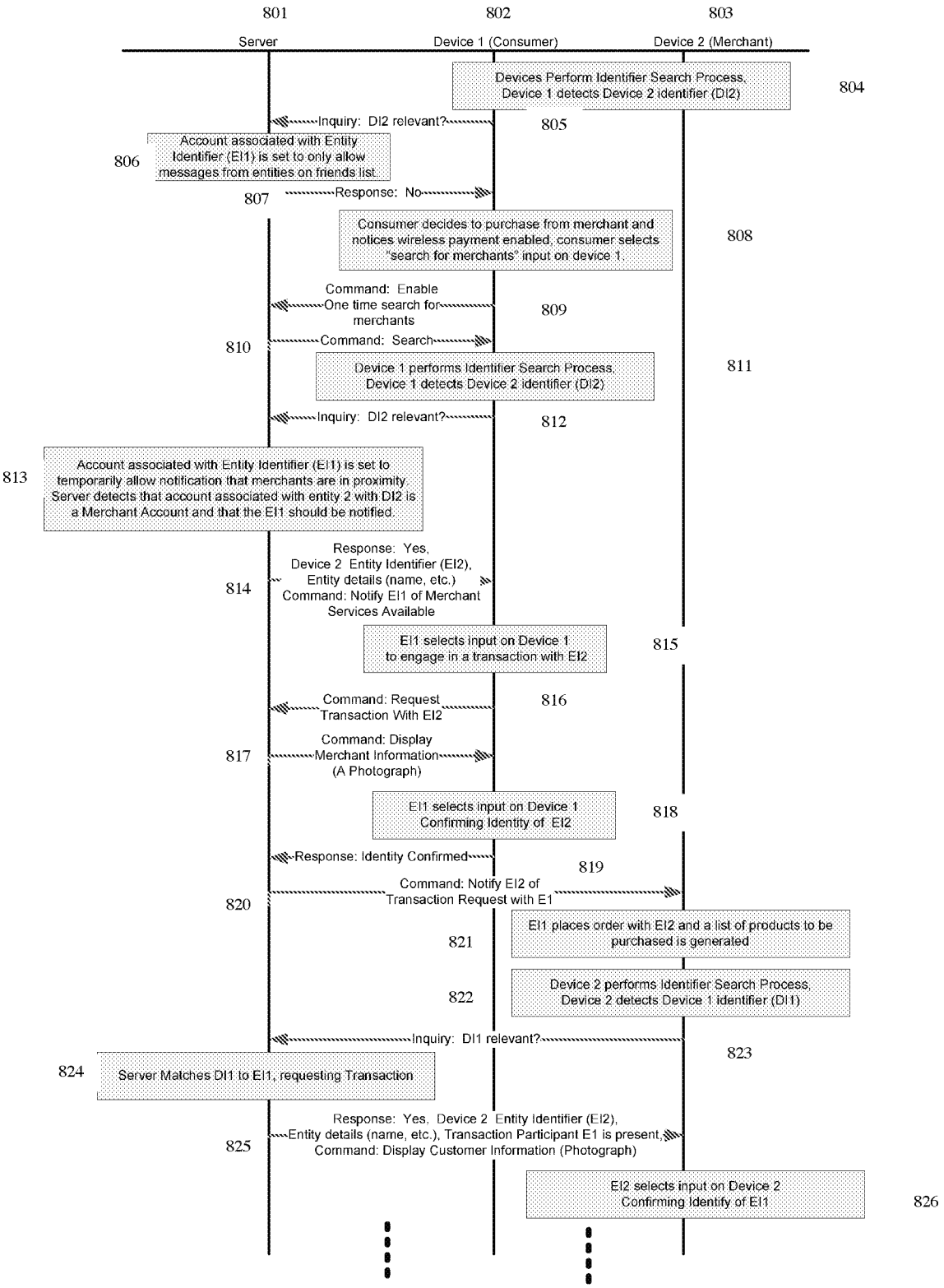
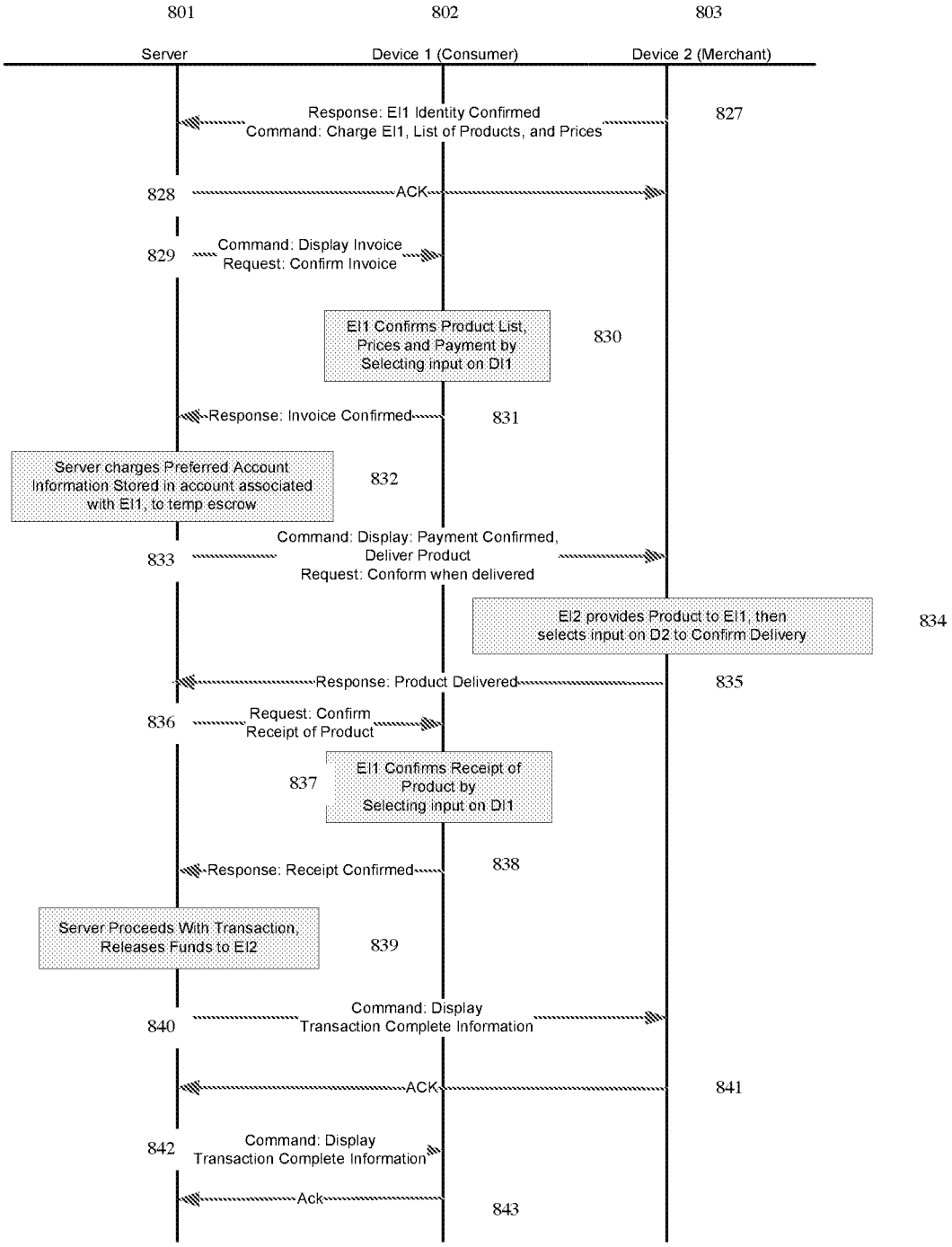


Figure 8A – E Commerce Process

Figure 8B – E Commerce Process Continued



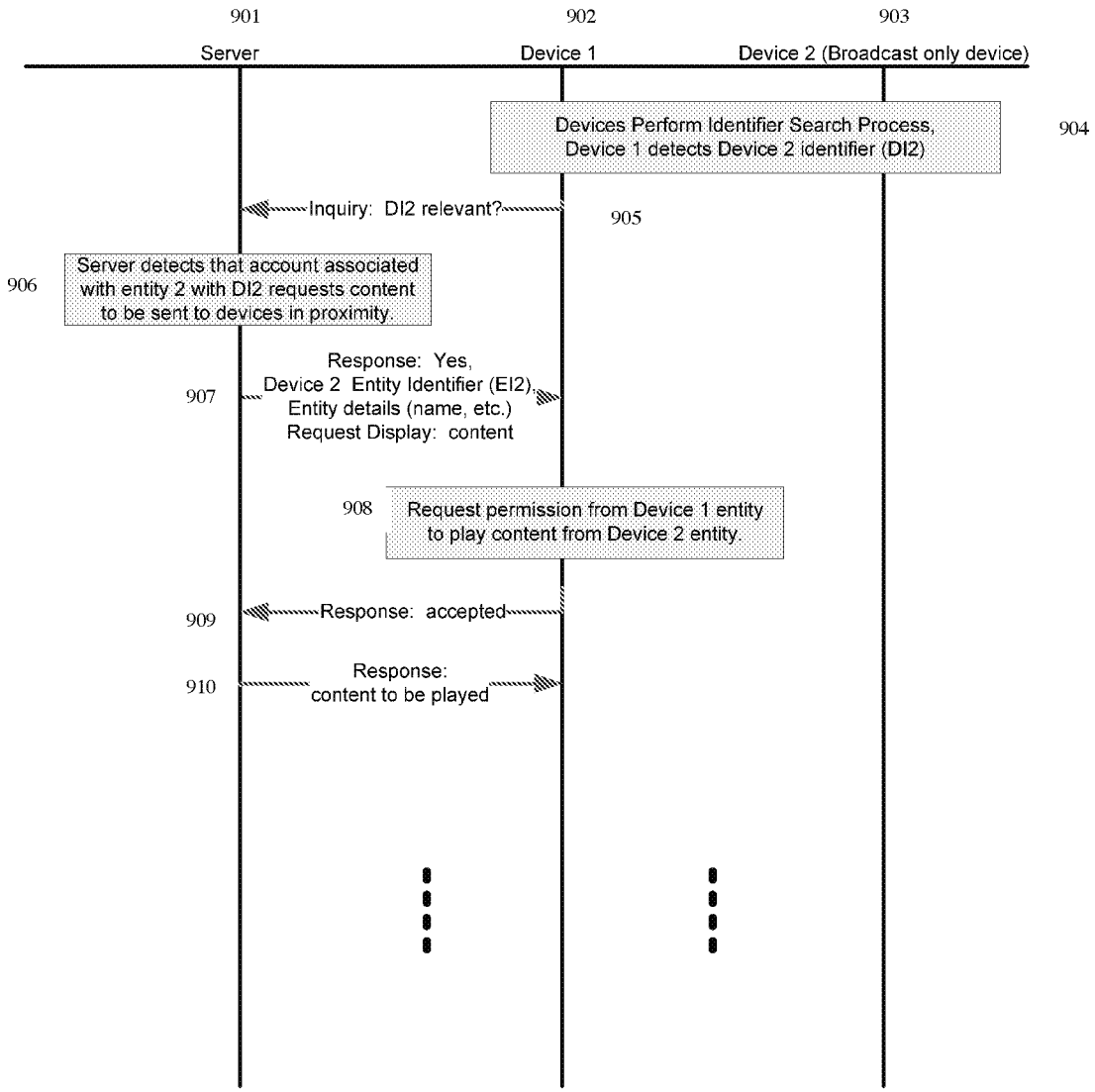


Figure 9 Broadcast and mobile device interaction

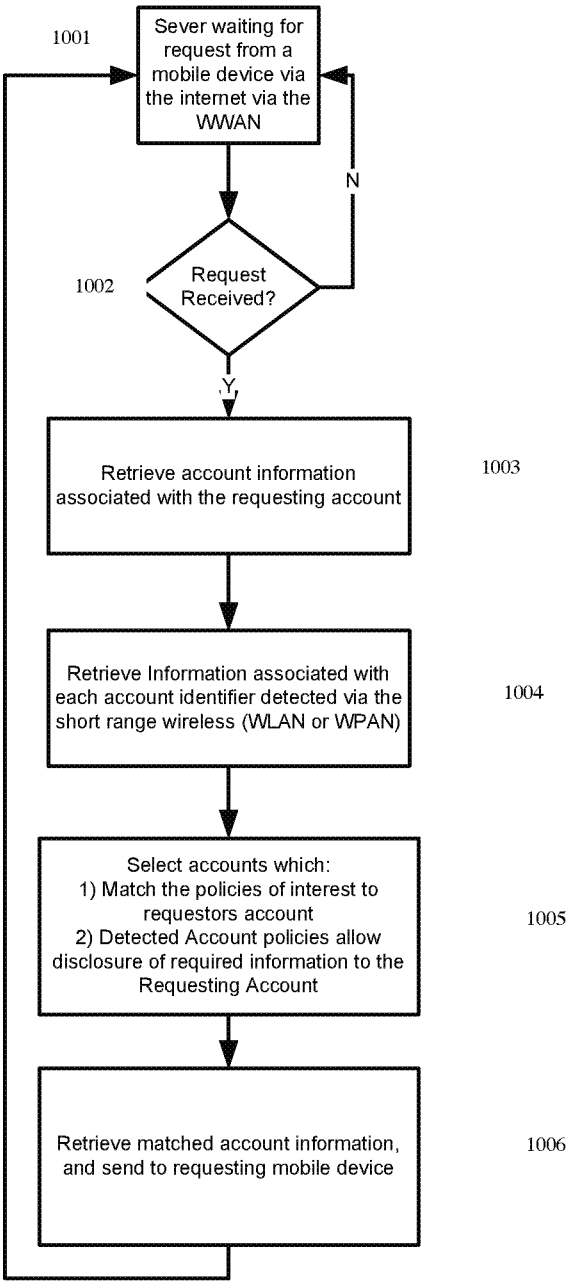


Figure 10 – Server Processing Example for Detected Device

Figure 11 – Example Individual Account Record associated with an Entity Stored in the Server

Record Index	Field	Field Information Group Disclosure Policy Assignments List
1	Account Number	[All, Explicit Approval, NONE, 1..N]
2	Identifier	
3	Identifier Type [Fixed MAC Address, Dynamic MAC Address, BSSID, Device Name]	
4	Number of Fields	
5	Field List	
6	Account User Name	NONE
7	Account Password	NONE
8	Entity Name	
9	Entity Address	
10	Entity Type [Individual, Merchant, Broadcast Entity]	
11	Billing Information	
12	Device Type	
13	Device IP Address	
14	Device SMS Phone Number	
15	Device Capabilities	
16	Entity AutoPlay Script 1	
17	Entity AutoPlay Script 2	
18	Detected AutoPlay Script 1	
19	Detected AutoPlay Script 2	
20	Entity Instant Message Address List	
21	Information Group Disclosure Policy 1 (IGDP#) [Characteristic 1 (C1), C2,.. CN, Friend List 1 (FL1), FL2, .. FLN, etc]	
22	Information Group Disclosure Policy 2	
23	Information Group Disclosure Policy 3	
24	Information Group Disclosure Policy 4	
25	Additional Personal Information Field 1 (APIF#) [Content Type/Content] (Picture, mp3, xml/AJAX, Text, Contact List, URL (MySpace, Facebook, Loopt), Login Credentials (MySpace, Facebook, Loopt, Itunes, etc.), Payment Information (Credit Card Information, PayPal Information, etc.), IM Credentials List (Username/Password))	
26	Additional Personal Information Field 2	
27	Additional Personal Information Field 3	
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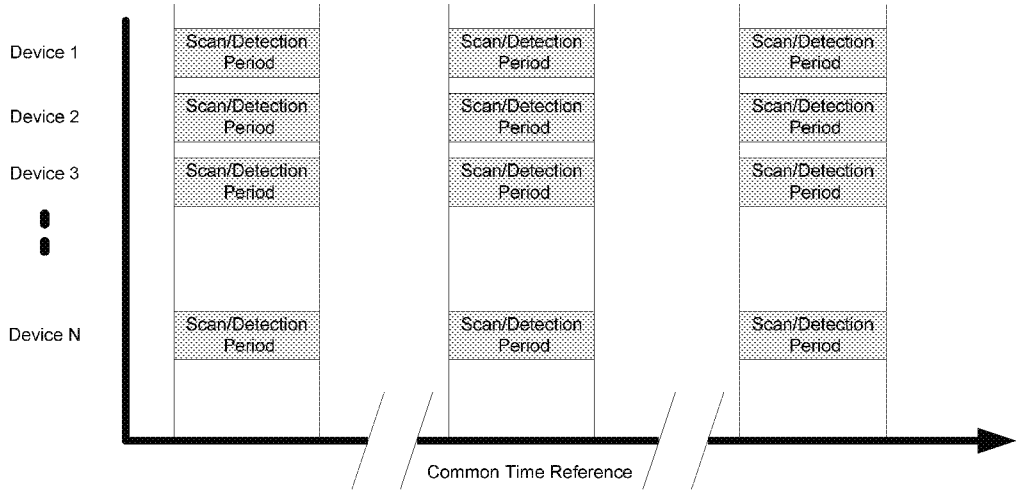


Figure 12 Use of common time reference for intermittent detection intervals

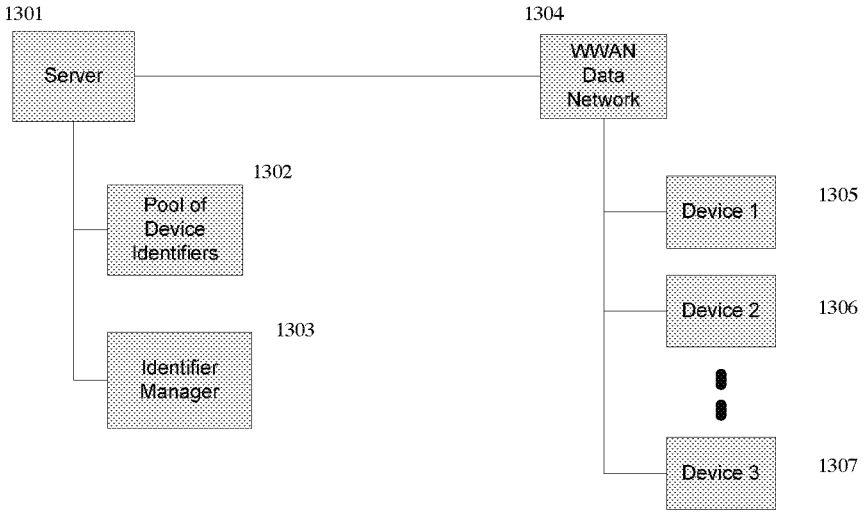


Figure 13 - Management of Device Identifiers by Identifier Manager in the Server

CLAIMS

1. A method comprising:

receiving, by a wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions associated with a wireless beacon service, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number;

receiving, by the wireless device using a second wireless protocol, stored information from one or more servers, relating to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier;

selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service; and

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the receiving, by the wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, of the first plurality of beacon transmissions occurs in a first time period, and

wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period:

receiving, by the wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number;

selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service

identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same wireless beacon service; and

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same beacon service identifier.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the function is related to
a current phone call,
music being played,
a video being played,
a multi-player game, or
a shared application.

6. The method of claim 2 wherein the first or the second further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifiers, or information derived from the first of second unique identifiers.

7. The method of claim 2 wherein the first further action includes retrieving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

8. The method of claim 2, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

9. The method of claim 2 wherein following the performance of the first or second further action, a server associated with the an account for the user of the wireless device performs a step of sending a message to an email address associated with the account for the user relating to the entity or object associated with the first or second unique identifiers.

10. The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to one or more servers.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

12. The method of claim 2 wherein the step of taking first further action further includes, by the wireless device,

sending of the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receiving the stored information in response.

13. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

wherein the stored information is received by the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the performing of the first further action.

14. The method of claim 2 further comprising:

wherein the stored information is received by the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the performing of the first further action.

15. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

wherein the stored information is used to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

16. The method of claim 2 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the wireless beacon service have the same beacon service identifier for identifying the beacon transmitters as being enabled with the wireless beacon service.

17. The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

18. The method of claim 2 wherein one or more of the steps performed by the wireless device are performed as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device utilizing a software interface.

19. The claim of 2 wherein the second further action is related to a product tied to a location.

20. The claim of 2 wherein the second further action is related to an advertisement tied to a location.

21. The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

22. The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

23. The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes steps to allow for a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

24. The method of claim 2 wherein the step of taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

25. The method of claim 3 further comprising:

receiving, by the wireless device, timing notification information for coordination of active times for beacon transmissions.

26. The method of claim 25 wherein the receiving, by the wireless device of the timing notification information is not directly from the beacon transmitter.

27. The method of claim 2 wherein the stored information is used to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the second selected one or more unique identifiers.

28. The method of claim 1 wherein the MAC address is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR.

29. The method of claim 3 wherein the short range protocol is derived from Bluetooth.

30. A mobile wireless device comprising:

one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol;

one or more processors; and

one or more non-transitory memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more non-transitory memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including:

receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the first unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier is a number indicating that each beacon transmission is associated with a wireless beacon service;

receiving from one or more servers, using the second wireless protocol, stored information related to an entity or object associated with the first unique;

selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service;

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; and

and the operations further including:

receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol wireless, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location

of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number;

selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same wireless beacon service;

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier; and

wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same beacon service identifier.

ABSTRACT

[0209] Systems and methods are provided for reducing communications between servers and a mobile device and providing enhanced security and privacy to wireless beacon services. This can involve a broadcast device transmitting a beacon transmission using a short range wireless radio, such a Bluetooth or WiFi, and including a MAC address, a first unique identifier, and a beacon service identifier. The mobile device then selects one or more unique identifiers from received beacon transmissions, by filtering (that is, selecting) those beacon transmissions which include the beacon service identifier. The wireless device then takes further action, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers, using stored information from the server. The stored information may be delivered to the wireless device in response to the wireless device sending the first unique identifier to a server, or the stored information may have been previously downloaded.

EFFICIENT AND SECURE COMMUNICATION USING WIRELESS SERVICE IDENTIFIERS

BACKGROUND

[0001] This patent application relates to wireless communication, and more particularly to efficient and secure communication using wireless service identifiers, such as Bluetooth or WiFi beacon service identifiers.

[0002] Most mobile phones on the market today support at least two wireless standards; one for the cellular wireless wide area network connection (WWAN) and one for a wireless personal or local area network (WPAN, WLAN). The cellular connection or WWAN is utilized for voice and data and can adhere to many different standards such as CDMA (IS-2000), GSM, W-CDMA, 1xEV-DO, HSDPA, EDGE, GPRS, WiMax, etc. The WPAN or WLAN connection is typically for short range communications and is often used for wireless hands free devices, such as headsets, peripherals, or higher speed internet connections. The typical standards used for the sort range wireless communications include Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, and in some cases Ultra-Wide-Band (UWB).

[0003] In another approach to mobile networking some services have attempted to utilize short range wireless capabilities often available on phones such as IEEE802.11 (Wi-Fi) or Bluetooth to facilitate peer to peer communications. These are also referred to a MANETs or Mobile Ad-hoc Networks. These services typically consist of a software application operating on a mobile phone using peer to peer networks to facilitate communication between wireless devices. Examples of such existing applications include Mobile-Cheddar, Peer-2-Me, and Flobbi. Published US Patent application US 2008/0182591 A1 filed December 13, 2007 describes one such peer to peer approach.

[0004] One issue with these approaches is that all information to be exchanged must be stored locally on each of the peer devices as the communication occurs directly between the two devices and any policy for the delivery of locally stored content is difficult to enforce without the potential for fraud such as spoofing identities between the peers. Such fraud may lead to concerns of personal safety or privacy allowing the identity of an individual to be determined when it is not desired.

SUMMARY

[0005] Preferred embodiments are generally concerned with facilitating the exchange of information between two entities associated with two wireless devices. In one embodiment, this can be accomplished by a first device using a first short range wireless capability to detect an identifier transmitted from a second device, ideally using existing short range radio communication standard capabilities such as Bluetooth (IEEE802.15.1-2002) or Wi-Fi (IEEE802.11). The detected identifier, being associated with the device, is also associated with an entity. Rather than directly exchanging application data flow between the two devices using the short range wireless capability, a second wireless capability then allows for one or more of the devices to communicate with a central server via the internet, and perform an exchange of application data flow. By using a central server to draw on stored information and content associated with the entity or entities, the server can manage the subsequent exchange of information between the entities and the devices. In a preferred embodiment, this exchange may be comprised of information stored on the server associated with a detected entity, and it may be comprised of information received from the detected device via the second wireless capability and facilitated by the server.

[0006] In addition, the server can also allow for a brokering service, ideally independent of the entities, to enable the application of policy based on the identity of the two entities for the disclosure of stored information associated with the entities, the flow in information between the devices and the entities, and the enablement of procedures such as security verification between the entities.

[0007] In one embodiment, a method is provided for reducing communications between one or more servers and a wireless device, as well as providing enhanced security and privacy to wireless beacon services.

[0008] The method involves transmitting, by at least one beacon transmitter using a short range wireless radio, a first beacon transmission in a first time period. The beacon, which may be a short range wireless protocol such a Bluetooth or WiFi service beacon, comprises a first MAC address, a first unique identifier, and a beacon service identifier.

[0009] Using a second radio, the one or more servers also transmit stored information relating to an entity or object associated with the first unique identifier.

[0010] A first plurality of beacon transmissions are received by the wireless device during the first time period.

[0011] The wireless device then selects one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering (that is, selecting) only those beacon transmissions which include the beacon service identifier.

[0012] The wireless device then takes further action, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers, using the stored information, which includes at least the identity of the entity or object associated with the first unique identifier.

[0013] Other embodiments may transmit, by the same beacon transmitter using the short range wireless radio, a second beacon transmission in a second time period. The second beacon transmission also includes a second MAC Address, a second unique identifier, and the same beacon service identifier. In this embodiment, the wireless device also receives, using the short range wireless radio, a second plurality of beacon transmissions during the second time period, as well as second stored information relating to the entity or object associated with the second unique identifier, from the one or more servers using a second radio.

[0014] In those embodiments, a second set of one or more unique identifiers are selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the second plurality of beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service identifier. Further action taken is taken related to the second stored information, if the second unique identifier is present among the selected second set of one or more unique identifiers.

[0015] In some embodiments, the further action may include preventing the sending of the first or second unique identifier by the first wireless device to the one or more servers.

[0016] In some embodiments, the MAC address is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR.

[0017] In some embodiments, the further action may include determining that at least one beacon transmitter is a broadcast device having a predetermined location.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0018] The foregoing will be apparent from the following more particular description of example embodiments, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters refer to the same parts throughout the different views. The drawings are not necessarily to scale, emphasis instead being placed upon illustrating the embodiments.

[0019] Figure 1 is a block diagram of two mobile devices utilizing a preferred embodiment.

[0020] Figure 2 is a block diagram of a fixed broadcast device and a mobile device.

[0021] Figure 3 is a flow diagram of the operation of an application on the mobile devices.

[0022] Figure 4 is a message sequence chart showing the Bluetooth discovery process using in one embodiment.

[0023] Figure 5 is a message sequence chart showing the Bluetooth Remote Name Request Process.

[0024] Figure 6 is a message sequence chart showing the IBSS beacon process.

[0025] Figure 7 is a message sequence chart showing the interaction between the server and two devices performing a detection and entering a chat application.

[0026] Figure 8A is a message sequence chart showing an E-commerce example.

[0027] Figure 8B is a continued example message sequence chart showing an E-commerce example.

[0028] Figure 9 is a message sequence chart showing an example of a mobile device and a fixed broadcast device interaction.

[0029] Figure 10 is a flow diagram for the server processing associated with the detection process.

[0030] Figure 11 is an example individual account record stored in the server associated with an Entity.

[0031] Figure 12 illustrates a timing reference for intermittent active and dormant times.

[0032] Figure 13 shows a diagram of functional blocks associated with management of dynamically assigned device identifiers.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0033] A description of example embodiments follows.

[0034] The teachings of all patents, published applications and references cited herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

[0035] Figure 1 is a block diagram of two mobile devices utilizing a preferred embodiment.

[0036] Referring to Figure 1, a central server 100 is connected to devices 106 and 108 by an internet protocol (IP) based network, carried over a series of connections, at least one of which is a wireless connection. For example, the server 100 has a connection allowing IP based communications to a cellular network 102 using connection 101. The cellular network is connected to devices 106 and 108 by wide area wireless links 104 and 103 respectively, allowing for IP based communications between the devices (106 and 108) and the server 100.

[0037] Devices 106, 108 can be considered "client(s)" of the server 100. The clients 106, 108 and server 100 provide processing, storage, and input/output devices for executing wireless system protocols, interfaces, and application level programs according to several embodiments. Client devices 106, 108 can also be linked through various communications networks to other computing devices, including other client devices/processes and other server computer(s). Communications network(s) providing the connection 101 can typically be part of a remote access network, a global network (e.g., the Internet), a worldwide collection of computers, Local area or Wide area networks, and gateways that currently use respective protocols (TCP/IP, 3G Wireless, Bluetooth, etc.). Other electronic device/computer network architectures are suitable.

[0038] The internal structure of devices 106, 108 or server 100 includes one or more data processors (not shown in detail) that are well known in the art to include a system bus for data transfer among the other internal components of a computer system (e.g., processor, disk storage, memory, input/output ports, network ports, etc.). Attached to the bus are other input/output devices (e.g., keyboard, mouse, displays, printers, speakers, network interfaces, etc.). Network

interfaces allow the computer to connect to various other devices attached to a network. Memory provides volatile storage for computer software instructions and data used to implement an embodiment (e.g., applications programs and the like). Disk storage can provide non-volatile storage for computer software instructions and data used to implement the embodiments.

[0039] One embodiment may include a computer program product including a computer readable medium (e.g., a removable storage medium such as one or more DVD-ROM's, CD-ROM's, diskettes, tapes, etc.) that provides at least a portion of the software instructions for the system. Computer program product can be installed by any suitable software installation procedure, as is well known in the art. In another embodiment, at least a portion of the software instructions may also be downloaded over a cable, communication and/or wireless connection. In other embodiments, the programs are a computer program propagated signal product 107 embodied on a propagated signal on a propagation medium (e.g., a radio wave, an infrared wave, a laser wave, a sound wave, or an electrical wave propagated over a global network such as the Internet, or other network(s)). Such carrier medium or signals provide at least a portion of the software instructions.

[0040] More particularly, a given device 106, 108 uses a short range wireless link 107 such as a Bluetooth (IEEE802.15.1) or Wi-Fi (IEEE802.11) link to detect the presence of other devices such as device 108, and uses the wide area wireless network connections 103, 104 such as IS-2000, WCDMA, GPRS, EDGE, LTE, Wi-Max (IEEE802.16), or the like to perform communications to central server 100, and to perform the actual substantive communications between the wireless devices 106 and 108. Device 108 typically uses the short range wireless link 107 and wide area wireless link 103 in a similar manner to locate and initiate communicate with device 106. One distinction relative to prior art is that the short range wireless 107 is only used for the detection process, or to advertise a device's presence. In this embodiment, specific information called "wireless identifier" or simply "identify" (described in more detail below) is passed between devices 106 and 108 over the short range link 107. By transmitting a wireless identifier using the short range Wi-Fi, Bluetooth or other short range wireless link 107 and receiving wireless identifiers from other devices, this short range wireless link 107 will allow for a proximity detection process.

[0041] The support for IP based networking is standard for WWAN or 3G connections such as 1xEV-DO or HSPA, and as a result, communication between one device to another using the WWAN is currently supported in many devices with no modification. The use of simple detection of one or more identifiers requires significantly less resources in a phone than performing a complete peer to peer based communication network protocol, which accommodates dynamic configuration of nodes being added and dropped continuously. It is noted that the IP address on the WWAN interface is not location dependent in the present embodiment, but is addressing approaches are location dependent when true Peer to Peer topologies are used. The present embodiment has the advantage that communication between two devices may continue after the devices have left proximity of each other, but in the same manner as they had been communicating previously. As a result, a user who detects a short range transmission of an identifier, then begins a conversation or some other interaction with that device via the wireless wide area network may continue that conversation even in the case where the two devices move out of the proximity of the each other, and are no longer within the reception range of the short range wireless communication protocol. Further, since it is contemplated that the wireless identifiers transmitted on the short range wireless link from the devices would occasionally change, for security reasons, the present embodiment has the advantage that ongoing communications between mobile devices will not be interrupted despite a change in one of the device's identifier. In the case where the identifier is a MAC address of the short range wireless network adapter for one of the devices, it is not otherwise possible to change this address and easily maintain on going communications in a true peer to peer topology.

[0042] Referring to Figure 2, central server 100 is connected to the cellular network 101, and is able to communicate information to and from wireless device 202 using a wide area wireless link such as IS-2000, WCDMA, GPRS, EDGE, LTE, Wi-Max (IEEE802.16), or the like within structure 205. Device 204 does not have a wide area wireless or cellular link, but transmits identifying information using short range wireless link 203. Device 202 is capable of receiving the indentifying information and requesting information related to that device from server 100.

[0043] An example of an application using this infrastructure follows. The device 204 will simply broadcast an identifier, with no WWAN connection but may facilitate advertising or local information. For instance, an account associated with one or more identifiers may belong to a

museum. As a museum patron walks to an exhibit, the patron's device 202 will receive an identifier sent from museum broadcast device 204 operated by the museum. The patron device 202 passes the identifier or museum device 204 to the central server 100, which in-turn recognizes it as being associated with that exhibit within that museum and passes relevant information back to the user's device 202. A distinguishing feature of this approach relative to prior art is that the patron device 202 in this example may move out of proximity of broadcast device 204, yet continue to view the content being provided by the server 100 related to the detected broadcast device 204. Content may include text, pictures, web pages, application software such as games, informative display applications, or other content such as audio or video to be offered to the user's device as well. Other examples might include electronic coupons (such as in a grocery store), menus or special offers in a restaurant.

[0044] Figure 3 is a block diagram with further detail of this operation. A device 106, 108, or 202 after performing a search (Fig 3, step 301) for identifiers on the WPAN or WLAN, will subsequently use the WWAN link to communicate with the central server 100. If the device does not find identifiers 302 it will either continue to search, or search at a later time 301. If identifiers are found in 302, the device may employ an action function 303, which would act as a filter that determines which of the detected identifiers should be passed to the server. This function may instead be omitted and all identifiers passed to the server 100. The idealized effect of the action function would be to reduce the number of requests to the server by not re-requesting recently requested identifiers which have already been passed to the server, for some period of time. In step 304, if no identifiers require server information, searching is continued in step 301.

[0045] Assuming there are identifiers which are new to the device, the device will pass along a list of currently detected identifiers and request 305 that the server return information related to any other local device. The server will return the information related to any identifier that meets certain policy requirements. For instance, information is returned which is 1) relevant to that device, and 2) that the device is authorized to receive.

[0046] As an example of the overall process, a detected identifier may be relevant to the receiving device if the user associated with the detected identifier is listed in a "friends list" for the owner of the receiving device. If the identifiers for the individuals within the friends list have

been passed to the device, the action function 303 may make this determination. In the preferred embodiment, the server would determine the identity and the relevance of the detected identifiers, and the action function 303 would work to reduce frequency of re-requests to the server. Figure 7 describes an example of how to use this for messaging associated with the device and server interaction during the detection and identifier inquiry process, with a more detailed explanation to follow.

[0047] To enable server 100 to associate an identifier with an entity, each device or entity (such as the museum) associated with an identifier has an account on server 100 or a related server as is common in information technology. The account is associated with the entity and the device and the current identifier.

[0048] As used herein, an "entity" may be a legal entity, such as an individual person or a business.

[0049] An "object" is intended to include a physical thing, such as a product that is being offered for sale, and may include a tangible article or intangible such as an electronic music or video file or photograph.

[0050] There is various information associated with each account. An example data record for an account is shown in Figure 11. When the account is associated with an individual or (other entity), there may be personal information such as the individual's name, contact information, information regarding allowed communication, such as chat or IM, links to their other social networking services, and the like. When the account is associated with a broadcast device 204 the account may contain content to be displayed to the detecting device 202. By utilizing the central server 100, broadcast devices may be tied to a location or product thereby providing relevant information about the location such as in the museum tour example previously discussed. In this situation, the content delivered to device 202 may be informative information about an exhibit including pictures, text, audio, or video and the like. In the case of a broadcast device being in a supermarket and near a specific product, advertisement or discounts with electronic coupons my be stored in the account and provided to device 202.

[0051] There can also be policy based permissions associated with each account and applied to any information associated with that account. The stored policy permissions can be used to

determine what information and under which situations information may be disclosed to another device or user associated with another account. For example, the entity (person in this case) associated with device 202 may have set a policy in their account to not receive any unsolicited information from a broadcast device so as to not be disturbed. However, the person associated with 202 may see the broadcast device and a sign stating a discount is available, and provide input to their device to request any broadcast information on a one time exception basis. The messaging associated with an example mobile and broadcast device process will be described in more detail to follow associated with Figure 9.

[0052] As already mentioned above, in step 301 of Figure 3, each device performs a search function looking for identifiers sent from other devices utilizing a short range wireless capability. The following describes the process of devices detecting identifiers from other devices in more detail.

[0053] The identifiers themselves may be a hardware address such as the MAC address of the wireless device, or they may be another label such as the SSID for a IEEE802.11 device, or the device name for a Bluetooth device. Referring to Figure 4, in the case where a Bluetooth wireless personal area network device is utilized, a first device 401 transmits an inquiry (ID_Packet) message 404, and any proximal Bluetooth devices 402, 403 respond with messages identifying the MAC address, called BD_ADDR in IEEE802.15.1 of each device using a message referred to as an "Inquiry Response" FHS message 405 containing the BD_ADDR or Bluetooth device address of the detected device. In the Bluetooth standard all devices 402, 403 are required to respond in this manner assuming they are enabled to be discoverable. To enable this, an application on the mobile device ensures the Bluetooth device is set to discoverable mode. Device 1 (401) will attempt to locate Devices on different channels by scanning the channels and transmitting multiple Inquiry (ID_Packet) messages. Such an example is shown with inquiry exchange 406 and 407 to discover Device N (403).

[0054] In one embodiment the BD_ADDR or MAC address of the Bluetooth device can be used as the Identifier and no further Bluetooth interaction is required until the next scan process is performed.

[0055] In another embodiment, the Bluetooth "Device Name" is used as the identifier. Figure 5 shows the process of a first device "Device 1" (501) determining another Bluetooth enabled device's (502) Bluetooth Device Name. Following the device discovery process completion from Figure 4, Device 1 501 sends a Page message 503 to another device (Device L 502). Message 504 is sent in response to create a temporary Asynchronous Connectionless Link (ACL) to be established between Device 1 501 and Device L 502, without an explicit connection request. Not having an explicit connection request indications the Entity associated with Device L would not have to provide explicit approval for a connection from their user input on the device, as would be the case if other services were requested from the device such as might be the case with a wireless headset or remotely connected GPS receiver to a phone. An ACL connection allows link management packets to be exchanged, and following interchanges of messages 505 and 506 to determine features of the devices, a temporary connection is established between the two devices. A name request message (507) is then sent by Device 1 to Device L, and Device L responds with at least one LMS_name_res message 508 containing the Bluetooth device name of Device L 502. If the name is longer than that allowed within the LMS_name_res message, additional messages follow to allow for the entire name to be delivered. Finally the connection is ended with message 509, LMP_detach.

[0056] The transmitted identifiers associated with any given device are only known to the central server and the device transmitting the identifiers. These identifiers may change from time to time, making a user's or a device's identity anonymous over time. The central server and any particular device must be coordinated such that the identifier and any device transmitting it, remains identifiable by the central server. This process is coordinated between the wireless device, and the central server utilizing the WWAN or cellular data link, carrying messaging between them and using an identifier manager 1303 to maintain a list of device identifiers 1302 in a central but secure location. This is shown in more detail in Figure 13.

[0057] Referring to Figure 6, an example of using on IEEE802.11 link as the short range wireless capability is discussed. Generally, Wi-Fi devices operation in a so-called infrastructure mode which utilizes a BSS or basic service set. One component of a infrastructure network based wireless LAN is the use of a central access point or AP. In a mobile network the use of a central AP is not practical, as only the AP transmits an identifier, which does not meet the requirements

of the preferred embodiment. The second topology for Wi-Fi networks is the so-called Ad-Hoc mode of operations, referred to as an independent basic service set or IBSS. In an IBSS all devices participating or advertising their interest in participating in an ad-hoc network transmit identifiers called beacons. These beacons contain the MAC address of the transmitting network adapter, the basic service set identifier (BSSID), and ad-hoc network name or service set identity (SSID). The BSSID in a typical ad-hoc network is generated by the first station to enter the BSSID and is locally administered, typically a randomly generated 48 bit number matching the format of a MAC address. In an ad-hoc network, each device 601, 602, 603 participating or desiring to participate transmits a beacon. There are several embodiments related using the IBSS beacons and the identifiers. First the identifier may be used as the MAC address of the station device or network adapter, and one or both the BSSID and the SSID may be used to indicate these particular beacons are associated with a service. In other embodiments, one or more of the BSSID and the SSID may be used as the identifier. In any of the embodiments for delivery of the identifier in an IBSS beacon, it is possible to coordinate the change of those identifiers with the server 100. As the MAC address is always broadcast in any operation of a Bluetooth or Wi-FI link, the use of a MAC address as an identifier provides for an additional level of security for the device 601, 602, 603, when identifier is changed from time to time as devices may be detected and identities tracked using a constant MAC address. In the preferred embodiment, where the MAC address is used for the identifier, all the devices participating would likely have the same network name and SSID to aid in the identification of the device as being enabled, although not necessarily required. Examples using an 802.11 network in ad-hoc mode transmitting beacons are showed as messages 604, 605, and 606.

[0058] Chat Example between two mobile devices

[0059] Figure 7 shows an example of a message flow diagram for an embodiment where an individual is in a library for example, and a friend arrives. The individual is notified by their device receiving an identifier that their friend is present and they enter a chat session. Each person has a device (Figure 1, 106 and 108 respectively) that implements the preferred embodiments described above. The first individual associated with Device 1 (702) referred to as Entity 1 (EI1) performs a detection process as described in Figure 4, 5, and 6 previously (step 704) . The device identifier associated with Device 2 (703), DI2 is thereby detected. Device 1 (702) then transmits an inquiry

message 705 using the WWAN (cellular data link such as GPRS, EDGE, 1xEV-DO, IS-2000, Wi-Max, LTE, or the like) to the server 701 inquiring if information related to the account and entity associated with DI2 is relevant, and available to the entity EI1 associated with Device 1 (702). The server 701 retrieves the account information related to EI1 and determines that EI2 is listed in a friends list in the account associated with EI1 and that EI1 should be notified when EI2 is detected. Next the server retrieves the account information associated with EI2 and determines that EI1 is on a list of entities which are allowed to be notified of EI2 being present and personal information such a the name of the individual, their phone number and the like. The server having determined that EI1 wants to be notified and is allowed to be notified responds in Step 706 to Device 1 (702) with a message indicating the DI2 is relevant to EI1 and including information such as Entity Identifier EI2 and associated details. A user application on Device 1 (702) notifies the user that the entity associated with Device 2 is in proximity in step 707. The user of Device 1 provides input to the device directing it to request a chat session with the entity associated with Device 2 (703), and a message 708 is sent the server 701 commanding "send 'Hello' to EI2". The server acknowledges reception of the message with a "ACK" message 709, in return. Next server 701 sends "Request Chat: 'Hello' from EI1" to Device 2 703. The user of Device 2 accepts the chat and returns a message "I'm by the front door" with message 711, sending it to the server to be relayed to device 1 (702).

[0060] E-commerce between two mobile devices

[0061] Figures 8A and 8B show a message flow diagram for an embodiment where two individuals are performing a financial transaction on the street (for example, a customer and a street vendor). Each has a device (Figure 1, 106 and 108 respectively) enabled with the preferred embodiments described above. In this example, an individual's device would see a vendor and the vendor's device (enabled with various embodiments) would notify them that the vendor was also enabled with a device supporting the identifier search and other protocols described above, as well as being capable of electronic payments. These steps are performed in the following way. In step 804 the customer's device 802 (Device 1) performs an identifier search process as previously described, and detects a device identifier 2 (DI2) sent from Device 2 (803) belonging to the merchant. Device 1 will send a message to the server 801 (also represented by 100 in Figure 1) using the WWAN (cellular data link such as GPRS, EDGE, 1xEV-DO, IS-2000, Wi-Max, LTE,

or the like) 104 requesting information related to DI2 and its relevance to the entity related to device 1 802. The server 801 then determines the relevance of DI2 based on the account properties stored in the account associated with the consumer Device 1. In this case, the account settings only allow messages from or notifications of entities on a friends list stored in the account record (represented in Figure 10) associated with the consumer. Server 801 responds to device 802 with "no" indicating that DI2 is not relevant to the Consumer.

[0062] The customer, having an account enabled with electronic payments, and wanting an item the vendor has, would press a button or make other input to his phone (or other device) which would indicate they would like to make a purchase and pay using their device (808). In this case the input selection would be "search for merchants." The customer's device would then send a message (809) to the central server directing the server to perform a one time search for merchants, despite the current account settings. In one embodiment, the server would then direct the consumer's device 802 to initiate another search (809). Other embodiments may not include the server commanding Device 1 (802) to perform the search, but rather the search may be performed automatically, or use results from a recent search. In Step 811, Device 1 (802) performs another search and detects the identifier from Device 2 (803), DI2. Device 1 then sends a message 812 to the server again requesting information for all relevant devices detected, which will include at least DI2. In Step 813 the server, having received the request and list including DI2, looks up account information associated with DI2 and determines that the associated entity is a merchant. As the settings of the account associated Device 1 now allow for the notification of the user when a merchant is detected in proximity, DI2 is determined to be relevant to Device 1 and the Entity 1 (EI1) should be notified. The server then sends a message 814 to Device 1 (802) stating merchant services are available in proximity with a list of available merchant's information including information related to the entity (EI2). The user of device 1, Entity 1 (EI1) then provides input in step 815, (pressing a soft key on a touch screen for instance), selecting the specific merchant EI2 to engage with in a transaction. Device 1 (802) will then send a message (816) to the server requesting a transaction with EI2 associated with Device 2 (803). The server (801) will then respond in this embodiment with a message 817 to Device 1 confirming receipt of the requested transaction and providing information to allow the EI1 associated with Device 1 to independently confirm the identity of EI2 associated with Device 2 (803). In this embodiment the identifying

information can include the name of the merchant, the merchant's logo, a picture of the vendor, or their mobile shopping cart. In other embodiments, the picture may be of a specific unattended vending machine in the location it is currently operating. It may also include other information such as the address of the merchant in cases where a fixed store location is provided. As this particular merchant in this example is a street vendor, an address may not be used. GPS information stored in the account associated with Device 2 may be used as further confirmation in some instances. However, in this example, GPS coordinates are not be available on Device 2 due to lack of capability, or Device 2 being indoors and without sufficient signal to determine a location. Further GPS information from Device 1 (802) may be used to provide further confirmation information. In this embodiment the photograph sent in message 817 shows a picture of the particular merchant and also his city issued business license in text and as a picture of where it is displayed on the cart. The consumer entity EI1 provides input to Device 1 in step 818 confirming the identity of EI2, the merchant entity associated with Device 2 (803). Device 1 then sends a message 819 to the server 801 confirming the identity of the merchant.

[0063] Server 801 then sends a message 820 to the merchant's device 803 notifying them of the request for a transaction with EI1. Device 2 (803) then indicates to the merchant that a customer with the capability and desire to pay electronically is in proximity. In step 821 the customer associated with Device 1 (802) places an order with the merchant associated with Device 2 (803) and a list of products to be purchased is generated and the merchant provides input to Device 2 (803) to proceed with a electronic transaction. In step 822 Device 2 performs a scan of identifiers and DI1 associated with device 1 (802) and the Consumer is detected. A request is sent to the server 801 with a list of identifiers which were detected to determine if any of them are relevant to the merchant. Note that while the merchant device 803, (and the merchant) have now been notified of the desire for EI1 to enter a transaction, they do not necessarily know the identifier for EI1 yet. In other embodiments, the identifier associated with EI1 and Device 1 (802) may be sent in message 819, and a confirmation that this identifier is detected during the scan process 821 may be performed at the device. In the preferred embodiment, further security may be provided by the having the server perform this function independently. The server performs this confirmation in step 824 may matching the device 1 identifier DI1 with the information stored in the account associated with Entity 1 (EI1) also referred to as the Consumer.

[0064] The server than generates a message 825 to Device 2 (803) indicating that EI1 is relevant, and the transaction participant is present. The message in the preferred embodiment can also include a picture of the Consumer. Additionally, the message could also include other pictures of other individuals allowed to use this device for purchases. If more than one identifier was detected in step 822 and matched in step 824 to entities having requested transactions previously which are pending for that merchant, a list of information for each entity involved with a pending transaction request can be provided in message 825. The merchant then selects the correct consumer using the picture of that consumer, confirming the identity of the part to the transaction in step 826. The consumer information provided in message 825 in another embodiment may simply be the name of the customer and the merchant may either ask their name, or request identification such as a driver's license. In the preferred embodiment, where a picture is passed in message 825, it is not necessary that the individual's name be passed to the merchant for the merchant to be able to provide confirmation of the identity of the Consumer thus providing a level of anonymity to the transaction such as may be present when cash is used.

[0065] Following the confirmation by the merchant of the identity of the Consumer participating in the current transaction in step 826, Device 2 sends a message 827 to the server confirming the identity of the Consumer as Entity 1 (E1), and with information required for the transaction including the list of products to be purchased, their prices, the total price, and a request to charge E1 this total amount. Server 801 then confirms receipt of this message in step 828. The server then sends a message 829 to Device 1 requesting the Consumer to confirm the list of goods to be purchased and the total price to be paid. In step 830, the Consumer (Entity 1) reviews the list and amount to be paid and provides input to device 1 confirming the accuracy of the information and they the authorizing the server to pay. In step 832 the server charges E1 utilizing stored preferred charge card information, stored credit, or other payment methiod such as a PalPalTM user name (PayPal is a trademark of Ebay, Inc.) and password stored in the account associated with E1, and charges the consumer. In the case where a stored credit is used, the Consumer's account can be debited, and the credits not applied to the merchants account until a later step. In the case of a credit card, or PalPalTM transaction, the server provides payment to E2 (the merchant) utilizing information stored in the account associated with Device 2. The server then indicates payment is made to the merchant, and instructing the merchant to deliver the goods

with message 833. E2 (the Merchant) then provides the goods and provides input to Device 2 that the goods have been delivered in step 834. Message 835 is generated by Device 2 (803) to the server confirming product delivery, and acknowledging the receipt of the payment confirmation message 833. The server can then send message 836 requesting the Consumer to confirm they received the goods. If a confirmation is not received in response to this request, this information may later be used to settle any dispute that might arise. In step 837 the consumer confirms receipt of the products, and message 838 is generated to the server confirming the receipt of goods by the consumer. In Step 839 the server concludes the transaction by completing any steps required to credit the Merchant with the payment amount from the Consumer, if required. The server then sends a message 840 to the Merchant indication the transaction is complete, which is acknowledges in message 841. The Consumer is notified of the completed transaction with message 842, which is acknowledged with message 843.

[0066] Finally, the transaction details may be stored by the server, or sent to a thirdly party server for tracking spending habits of that account holder, or customers of that merchant allowing the merchant to track that specific customer's behavior and cater to them in the future with various specials delivered via email, or during their next visit via their device in the form of an electronic coupon. This process can be performed with a goal to help the merchant expose the customer to other products or services the merchant believes the customer might find desirable.

[0067] The apparatus, systems and methods can be extended to facilitate other types of transactions as well. In one specific application, consider use of the invention to facilitate a transaction such as the rental of an automobile. A well known business called ZipCar TM, presently operating in several major urban areas in the United States, makes available a fleet of vehicles for shared use by their club members who pay a monthly fee plus a per use charge. Using the embodiments herein, the club member would have a wireless device that serves as the "Consumer device" (Device 1) and the ZipCar vehicle would be equipped with a wireless device serving as the "Merchant" device (Device 2). The consumer would walk up to an available ZipCar vehicle and, using their wireless device, start an initial exchange of identifiers with the desired Merchant device, for example, using the short range local wireless network. The Consumer device and/or Merchant device would send a message to an application running on the Server requesting that a person associated with an account for the Consumer be granted access to a specific vehicle

(e.g., an "object") that is in the vicinity of and associated with the Merchant device. A set of confirmatory messages (such as to exchange access codes, to confirm the location of the vehicle, the per-use fee due, and payment for the same, etc.), are then typically also exchanged between the Consumer and the Merchant device with the assistance of the Server and the long range wireless network. Upon confirmation of the necessary transaction information, the Server sends a message to the Merchant device to unlock the vehicle requested (which may be sent over the second long range wireless network or a yet another network, such as a satellite network).

[0068] Example of a Mobile Device and a Broadcast Device.

[0069] Figure 9 shows a message flow diagram for an embodiment where an individual is in the presence of a broadcast device, such as for the museum example of Figure 2. As with Figure 2, the individual device 202 and the broadcast device 204 are present and enabled. In this example, an individual 902 is in a grocery store and their device 902 (Device 1) performs a scan for identifiers in step 904, as described previously. DI2 is detected having been transmitted from device 2 (903). Device 1 (902) sends a message to server 901 inquiring if DI2 is relevant to the entity associated with Device 1 and if the information associated with that device identifier (DI2) is available to be returned. In step 906, the server retrieves the accounts associated with both DI2 and Device 1 (EI1). The server detects that the entity associated with DI2 is an advertisement company, and that this device is a broadcast device only, and that there is an electronic coupon available for download to Device 1, and multimedia content available to be played if desired. Additionally, the account settings associated with EI1 allow for the notification of broadcast devices in proximity.

[0070] Server 901 then transmits a Response message 907 indicated the presence of the detected device and the content available. The device 902 requests input from the entity associated with the device 901 for permission to download the coupon, and the availability to play content such as video about how to prepare a recipe using the vendors product. In this case the individual associated with Device 1 accepts the content, and a message 909 is sent to the server accepting the content. Response message 910 begins the delivery of the content.

[0071] As previously mentioned, several key distinctions of this embodiment include that the user of device 902 may walk away out of range form the broadcast device 903 and continue to

receive the content using their cellular link, or may choose to play the content at a later time having stored the detected like in a favorites list. Additionally, the content stored in the account associated with the broadcast device 2 (903) is relevant to the placement of the device and the products near it. Further, as the content is stored in the server 901 rather than in the broadcast device 903, the content may be updated, modified, or deleted at anytime. For example the server 901 knowing that the consumer has never been detected previously, may customize the electronic coupon to provide a deeper discount than a regularly detected consumer. In the case where the devices are used for electronic commerce as in Figure 8, knowledge of the user's past purchases may be used to induce the consumer to try a new product. Alternatively if the consumer is a regular purchaser a loyalty program may provide a coupon upon a particular number of repeated purchases.

[0072] Figure 10 is a processing flow chart performed by the server receiving a request from a device inquiring about the relevant and availability of information associated with detected device identifiers. In step 1001 the server is waiting for a request from a device. When a request is received in decision 1002, step 1003 is performed. In this step the account information associated with the requesting device is retrieved. In step 1004 the information associated with the accounts for each of the detected device identifiers is retrieved. In step 1005 the server performs a matching process between the policies of the requesting account and each of the policies for each account associated with each detected device identifier. In step 1006 the information related to the matched policies for the associated entities will be sent to the requesting mobile device.

[0073] Just as in the previous example of an identifier being deemed relevant to a user based on a friends list, permission for disclosing a device's presence may require being on a friends list as well. For example, when a server receives an inquiry from a device with a list of identifiers, it may only respond with information for users associated with the identifiers that are on that device's friends list, and on each of the individual's friend lists as well. These friends' lists and policies can be stored within a user account which allows for disclosure of a user's presence only to individuals on this list, such as described in Figure 11 (to be described below.)

[0074] It is contemplated that the permissions not be an "all or nothing" decision, but that different classes of information may be assigned different permissions and mechanisms. An

example of this might be a user's presence, identity, and cart services being made available to only one set of other accounts (or users), while the presence of an anonymous individual being made available to anyone, but with other classes services available such as multi-player games being treated differently. Additionally multiple contacts may be included in the account, each given customized permissions. An example can be that any user may be notified of an anonymous user or other information based on additional policies.

[0075] As only the server contains personal information, and performs the association of an account with a particular identifier, it can inherently enforce the security of the policies as a distinct advantage relative to true peer to peer services. In this way, the central server controls the process of passing information related to an account to a particular requesting device.

[0076] Figure 11 shows an example account record to be associated with an entity and at least one device. The columns of the account record can consist of a Record Index which will be used to described the account, a Field which is a descriptive name for the contents stored in the record, and a Field Information Group Disclosure Policy Assignment List (PAL). The PAL provides rules for the disclosure of the information in the associated row in the Field column. The following list are possible PAL entries:

[0077] ALL: may be disclosed to any requesting entity

[0078] EXPLICIT APPROVAL: the Entity associated with the account must provide input approving the disclosure of the information

[0079] NONE: Do not disclose this information to any other entity

[0080] M: where M is a integer from 1 to N indicating a Information Group Disclosure Policy which may consist of a list of contacts, friends, groups, characteristics, and the like.

[0081] Most of the fields in Figure 11 are self explanatory and typical in the industry such as the account number, however a few fields are worth a clarifying discussion. The Device identifier is in record index 2, with a Identifier type in record 4. The identifier type can define what type of identifier the device associated with this account would use. Record index 10 is the Entity Type Field. This describes is the entity is a Merchant, Individual, or if the device associated with this account is a broadcast only device.

[0082] Referring now to Figure 12 a timing map reference for scanning times and dormant times for devices is shown. In one embodiment, it is desired that the power consumption and scan timing for the devices in a cellular network be reduced. Since the server and the WWAN is involved with all mobile devices, coordination of the broadcasting periods and the searching periods for the short range radios is possible. This can be based on a common reference time such as that provided by most cellular systems, any the time of day clocks inherently within mobile devices. This allows for reduced power consumption and other resource consumption in the devices. If no coordination is achieved, then the short range receivers in each device must be scanning for transmitted identifiers much more often and for longer durations. Utilizing a common timing base, and the central server to notify the devices of a coordination approach for "active times" and "non-active times" and will allow for the devices to minimize the power consumption in the transmission of and scanning for identifiers. This approach also allows for synchronizing the update of each device's identifier (as described previously) to enhance anonymity and security, coordinated with the central server. The "non-active times" may be used as "boundaries" over which the changing identifiers may be updated. This update may be based on either direct communication with the server, or rule and algorithm based updates previously coordinated with the central server so as to minimize server messaging, but allowing the updates to remain synchronized to the server such that the device and the server are always associating the same identifier between them.

[0083] As will be recognized by an individual skilled in the area of information technology, the concept of a central server may well be implemented as a collection of servers to allow for load balancing, redundancy, and the like in a manor common to the information technology industry.

[0084] Figure 13 shows a diagram of functional blocks associated with the management of dynamically assigned device identifiers. The Server 1301 has an application agent called an Identifier Manager (1303) which has access to a pool of device identifiers (1302). The Identifier Manager monitors timing information and determines when it is time to update a particular device's identifier. This time may be a regular interval, or a random generated time period by an algorithm such as a pseudo-random sequence generator, or a combination of both. When it is time to update a device identifier, Manager 1303 retrieves a new identifier form the pool 1302. The pool of identifiers may be a list or range of identifiers, or generated algorithmically. The new

identifier is stored in the account associated with the entity determined to require updating and a message sent to the device 1305 associated with that account commanding it to update its device identifier with the new one. This messge is sent over the WWAN Data network 1304 such as IS-2000, HSPA, GPRS, IS-95, Edge, Wi-Max, and the like. All devices 1305 to 1307 will eventually all be updated in a similar manner. This update process does not disrupt ongoing communication and interaction between devices despite the update as the communications are preformed based on the identity of the entities following the detection of the device identifiers which are no longer utilized. This unique capability allows for the updating process to be implemented and not impact the applications being utilized concurrently.

[0085] Other example applications utilizing still other embodiments follow below.

[0086] Requiring the brokering of the communication via a central server can also allow a mobile device to receive information associated with a "broadcast only" device, such as in the museum example discussed previously. This is important, as such broadcast devices can enable a vast set of new applications built upon the infrastructure developed in this application, beyond the museum application. Some of these applications may involve an electronic commerce aspect, for example.

[0087] Electronic Commerce Applications

[0088] Ecommerce between a fixed broadcast device and a mobile device

[0089] Football stadium example

[0090] An embodiment of a transaction model, enabled by the infrastructure described above can be an event such as a concert, or sporting event (particularly when it is an indoor venue where no GPS is available). A number of the broadcast only devices are placed through out the seating areas. The devices are very short range, and only transmit intermittently and as a result may be battery powered and to remain active over a very long time period. Each device can be placed in a known location, in a predicable manner.

[0091] An attendee at the event has his or her device enabled with the identifier protocol and other embodiments described above. The device detects a broadcast device, and interacts over the internet with the server via the WWAN connection (as already described above). The server

receives an indication of the broadcast device's identifier and the identifier of the account associated with the device which detected the broadcast device. The server retrieves content associated with the service provider's account and provide that content to the application on the requesting mobile device. The content may indicate that the venue has a product delivery service. The user may then press an indication on their device that they would like to see a menu or list of items for sale from the merchant(s) in the venue. The application on the user's device would then allow them to see a menu, for instance, and select items to purchase. The user then would be asked to confirm the purchase. The server would then indicate to the merchant that a user located near a specific broadcast device has ordered something. In this case, it is expected that a delivery fee could also be charged for the enhanced service. The server would facilitate the purchasing of the goods or services from the merchant and payment from customer's account, and provide confirmation to each. Such confirmation can include an electronic receipt provided to the customer, for user upon arrival of the delivery person of the good or service. The customer can then select an indication on their device confirming receipt of the good or service via the mobile device, thereby completing the transfer of funds and the transition. Optionally, the delivery person of the good or service may have an enabled mobile device as well. In this case the identifiers may be detected by the customer's device and reported to the server to confirm that the provider's delivery person was present. Further, the delivery person's device can be able to detect the broadcast device's identifier and reported to the server confirming the delivery person was in the correct area independently. Even further proximity confirmation may be achieved by the customer's device's transmitted identifier being detected by the delivery person's device and reported to the central server further confirming the physical proximity of the parties involved in the transaction. Upon arrival of the delivery person, the customer may be notified that the delivery person is looking for them, and has arrived. These cross confirmations can allow for the central server evidence to justify payments both in completed transactions and in disputed or failed transactions. Further, the delivery person may receive a picture of the requesting customer assisting to identify the customer to whom the food is to be delivered. Once the customer is found, the delivery person can confirm the delivery of the good or service to the customer via the user input on their mobile device, and that confirmation being reported to the central server. The

customer can have the option to report confirmation or denial of the reception of the product or service as well, as in the last example.

[0092] In another embodiment, the merchant device may be fixed, but have an internet connection (wireless or otherwise). Further, in some embodiments, the merchant may be an automated device such as a vending machine. In such a model, a customer may use their enabled cell phone to purchase an item such as a beverage from the machine without the need to insert currency into the machine. This can be accomplished by the customer's cell phone detecting the vending machine transmission of the identifier or visa-versa. Following the detection of either the customer's identifier by the vending machine, or the customer detecting the vending machine identifier, the respective device notifies the server, which in turn provides notification (assuming the account settings allow for notification) to the potential customer via their device. Assuming the customer selects to purchase an item from the vending machine using their account associated with their device, the customer may be presented a menu as in the example above. The customer may further be presented information to ensure the identity of the vending machine, such as a description of the machine, a machine identification number, or a (most likely) a picture of the machine where it is located. The customer can then confirm this is the machine they are interfacing with, and select to pay via their account. The customer may in one model select the item to dispense by input to their phone, or they may simply select to provide payment to the machine allowing them to make the selection manually as is the typical mode of operation today. The vending machine can then interact with the server via its own internet connection, and participate in the transaction in a manner similar to the mode described above allowing for step by step confirmation as previously described.

[0093] Electronic opinion polling, tied to a known location.

[0094] In a much simpler example, such a capability might be used to tie a survey to a known location in such a way as to provide an e-coupon to the survey taker on their device in return for completion of the survey. Alternatively, this type of interaction can enable a very large crowd to interact with a Jumbo-Tron like display to provide input to polls or to participate in group activities. Users at different locations in a audience may form teams and interact with other teams for group activities.

[0095] Other Preferred Embodiments

[0096] Applications running on a device may also interact with the server to perform various functions, for example retrieving information associated with an entity or device, by utilizing a detected identifier. Such information may include stored content associated with the entity's account record such as music, pictures, links to social networking sites, instant messaging addresses, advertising content, and even executable scripts or application such as in AJAX. An example of such an application may include the detection of a device's identifier in a fixed location allowing for tour guide like information to be provided for that location.

[0097] As the server may be running applications which perform more function than just the retrieval of content, a pre-defined interaction process may also be applied by the server to the devices such as allowing the approval to share private content with the entity associated with the detected device. This process may eventually allow or disallow the sharing of information and to facilitate the interacting with another entity.

[0098] As a more complex example, in other embodiments, the devices may utilize the server as a third party to provide for new capabilities such as a secure three way e-commerce transaction between two entities. In this more complex process, the server may require confirmation of each party's identity with visual cross verification of the parties using pictures or other unique identifiers. The server may use this visual cross verification in conjunction with detecting that the individuals are in proximity with each other. The server may verify the proximity using GPS or using the peer to peer detection process in another embodiment. Further, the server may facilitate a process requiring each party to perform a step by step confirmation during the transaction including the stages of: the request for purchase, the payment, the receipt of goods and services, and the providing of payment receipt.

[0099] This differs from the approaches employed by prior art location aware mobile social networking techniques in that no GPS is needed to determine when one device is in proximity to another. Many wireless devices in use are not GPS-capable, and even when they are, GPS will often not operate indoors or where the GPS signal is weak. Using a peer to peer detection process to locate nearby devices allows for the operation of proximity detection indoors.

[0100] Preferred embodiments can also differ from known peer to peer based social networking in that the information flow between the devices running the applications are over the wide area network via a central server, rather than carried over the peer to peer network itself. An example of this is a service called Flobbi, as discussed previously, where community members can identify each other via Bluetooth transmissions, then interact with chat. The messaging in this case is carried over Bluetooth itself. A distinction from such peer to peer approaches is the use of a central server to "broker" the transactions between peers, enhancing the ability to manage security and information disclosure. Such use allows for the opportunity to customize delivered content to include elements such as advertising or other content customized to the recipient based on additional information such as known personal purchasing history, or interests.

[0101] A further distinction of the preferred embodiment is the use of a central server to determine identities of detected peer devices, which additionally allows for secure and fraud resistant application of policies for the disclosure of information and content. An issue with the existing pure peer to peer approaches is that they are not capable of enforcing policy associated with the disclosure of information to unknown entities in a secure and fraud resistant manor. One reason for this is that information related to a user's device must be disclosed in the process of detection in the form of a static identifier. By the nature of the identifier, it must be static or peers would not be able to directly determine the identity of a friend over time with the information stored on their device. By using a central server, the system may coordinate the change of the identifiers from time to time such that the disclosure of an identifier by one device to another does not compromise the identity of the device. In this case the identifier may be assigned from a central server and such server coordinate the identifier's change from time to time.

[0102] Reliance on a central server also allows the secure and fraud resistant application of disclosure policy. Such policy might include the verification of the identity of the party to which information (identity and presence for instance) or content (pictures of the account owner) is to be provided. Such verification is performed in an anonymous way such that in the process of verifying information associated with each party, no personal information is disclosed between the parties prior to satisfaction of some pre-set policy such as inclusion on a friend list or belonging to a specific group or organization. Another important policy required for such services would be the determination of any past negative feed back ratings by other past peers for behavior for the

particular user to which the information is to be provided. An individual with significant poor ratings having detected a peer, may be denied access to personal information or even notification of arrival of the detected peer based on the server policy setting by the detected peer or the server in general.

[0103] A further distinction is to enable electronic payments for individuals who are in close proximity to each other. The central server can act as a third trusted party to help facilitate the electronic transaction between the individuals. Secondly, the server allows for a convenient, electronically secure, personally secure and anonymous method for each of the individuals to specify the party with which they wish to engage in a transaction. Thirdly, participants in a transaction can cross validate the identities of the individuals engaged in the transaction. Finally, because this method is proximity based it will also work indoors or in other situations where GPS location information is not available.

[0104] Feature Summary of Preferred Embodiments

[0105] 1. In a first embodiment:

[0106] One device is transmitting a wireless identifier using a wireless protocol capable of peer to peer communication;

[0107] The wireless identifier being associated with a specific account on a server connected to the internet;

[0108] A second device receiving the wireless identifier

[0109] The second device capable of communicating with the server over an internet connection;

[0110] The second device requesting information from the service associated with the first identifier

[0111] The second device having a second identifier associated with a second account on the server; and/or

[0112] The server providing different amounts of information related to the first account based on the parameters associated with one or both of the first and second accounts

[0113] The identifiers associated with the accounts being updated such that the identifiers would no longer be recognized as being associated with specific accounts without past or current interaction with the server;

[0114] Using one or more of Cellular network timing information, and information form the central server to coordinate the broadcast and search times amongst the devices. (to reduce power and resource consumption); and/or

[0115] Data necessary to engage in an E-commerce transaction may be exchanged as well such as the identity verification such as via a picture and/or mutual identifier detection.

[0116] 2. In a second embodiment,

[0117] A device is capable of operating two wireless protocols simultaneously, utilizing a first wireless protocol in the device to detect the proximity of another wireless device and using the second wireless protocol to communicate with a remote server, where:

[0118] One or more of the devices are mobile devices;

[0119] Where the first wireless protocol is a local, or personal area network wireless protocol such as 802.11, Bluetooth, UWB or other local connectivity protocol;

[0120] Where the first wireless capability used for detecting the presence of another device, or advertising the presence or a device;

[0121] Utilizing a wireless wide area data link from one or more of the wireless devices to, optionally:

[0122] Connect to a central server;

[0123] Perform user authorization functions;

[0124] Perform download of information associated with account identifiers utilizing the short range wireless capability;

[0125] Request forwarding of messages / packets to the other active account;

[0126] Utilizing the messaging with a mobile proximity based social networking capability; and optionally,

[0127] The messaging being performed via the WWAN; and/or

[0128] The server providing a centrally assigned user identity, with relationship brokering or identification capability.

[0129] 3. In another embodiment,

[0130] A central serving capability is provided to mobile devices utilizing a wireless WAN connection to provide and exchange information between one or more application on one or more wireless devices and the central server where

[0131] the information passed to the central server is collected by one wireless device from another wireless device via a separate local wireless reception from the other wireless device;

[0132] the separate local wireless reception from the second wireless device contains information directly assigned by, derived from, or known to the central server associated with the identity of the second wireless device;

[0133] this identity is related to certain information and preferences of an account holder associated with an application operating on the second wireless device;

[0134] the application is operating on both wireless devices;

[0135] the application operating on the first device also provides its own identifying information to the central server as well as detected identifiers from devices with applications on them;

[0136] The central server contains account information registered to the applications running on each wireless device;

[0137] The preferences associated with the account information also contain policies related to the disclosure of one account's stored information to other accounts and hence to their application on their devices;

[0138] These policies including a classification of other accounts each classification having different policies some of these policies being one of:

[0139] no not allow notification of my presence

[0140] allow notification of my presence

[0141] disclose my name/ do not disclose my name

[0142] disclose age / do not disclose age

[0143] disclose personal details;

[0144] Where an application running on each device can optionally perform point of sale transitions coordinated via the central server, over the WWAN, utilizing user input on each device as confirmation of successive steps in the transition;

[0145] Further, where at least one of the confirmation steps additionally involves displaying an identifying picture related to one of the devices, on the other device;

[0146] Additionally the server performing an authorization for the transition to a third party;

[0147] Or, optionally, a device is interacting with a point of sale device to associate an itemized list of items with a detected second device;

[0148] The service performing a confirmation with the application on the second device requiring user input that the bill of goods list is correct; and/or

[0149] The server storing the information related to the second devices detected account identity and inventory in a database for later use

[0150] 4. In still other embodiments, a device has a wireless capability with no WWAN capability, but only with the ability to broadcast a unique identifier, and

[0151] A central server stores having the broadcast device's details;

[0152] And when the first device provides these detail to the server, authorized and current information about the broadcast device are provided to the first wireless device;

[0153] Where this information optionally includes advertising information or information related to "e-coupons" for special offers for products or services; and/or

[0154] Where the content of the e-coupons might be customized based on the identity of the requesting device or account holder;

[0155] Where the content is further customized based on other information known by the server related to the user's account ; or

[0156] Where the other information is related to the user's past purchasing practices or previous requests; and/or

[0157] A mobile device, upon detecting a broadcast device and if enabled to do so, will report that broadcast Id to the server over a WWAN, and retrieve the current content from the server associated with that device and:

[0158] Display it to the user on their device; or

[0159] Execute instructions associated with the information retrieved from the server.

[0160] 5. In still further embodiments, a good or service delivery model utilizing the above described broadcast device, is placed in a known location, and further

[0161] A mobile device is for detecting the fixed device's identifier via the WPAM/WLAN;

[0162] The mobile device reporting this identifier and passing an identifier associated with itself, or the account associated with the user utilizing the device;

[0163] The server determining that the detected broadcast device is associated with the broadcast device with a known location;

[0164] The server further determining that the identifier is associated with a service, and further associated with an account or that service;

[0165] The server retrieving content associated with the service provider's account and providing that content to the application on the requesting mobile device;

[0166] Where that content may be a list of items for sale, services for sale, a opinion pole, food menu, or other menu style content which allows for user selection of items, which can be implemented in java code, xml, simple text, or other for example optionally including active code elements;

[0167] The application on the mobile device displaying the content to the user display with the itemized list of goods, services, or other selection items;

[0168] A user providing selection of one or more of the items, and confirming they wish to purchase said items, and take delivery at or near the location of the fixed broadcast device;

[0169] The server facilitating the purchasing of the goods or services from the merchant's account and the customer's account, and providing confirmation to each. Such confirmation including an electronic receipt provided to the customer, for user upon arrival of the deliverer of the good to or service;

[0170] The customer confirming receipt of the good or service via the mobile device, thereby completing the transfer of funds and the transition; and/or

[0171] The deliverer of the good or service optionally having a mobile device and optionally:

[0172] such that identifiers from that device may be detected by the customers device and reported to the server to confirm that the provider's delivery person was present;

[0173] such that the broadcast devices identifier is detected by the delivery person's mobile device and reported to the server confirming the deliver person was in the correct area

[0174] such that the customer's device's transmitted identifier is detected by the delivery persons device and reported to the central server further confirming the physical proximity of the parties involved in the transaction; and/or

[0175] The delivery person confirming the delivery of the good or service to the customer via the user input on their mobile device, and that confirmation being reported to the central server.

[0176] 6. In another embodiment, a software program is arranged to operate at the application layer on a mobile device, which interfaces to a device driver interface:

[0177] Using wi-fi 802.11 to perform a WLAN local connection protocol; or

[0178] Using Bluetooth to perform the WLAN local connection;

[0179] Where the device driver interface is an NDIS driver or the like;

[0180] Using 1xEVDO, HSDPA, GPRS, EDGE or the like for a wide area WWAN interface;

[0181] The application then providing the reported identifiers to a server, which will make decisions regarding a users interest in these detected identifiers, and policy regard privacy other identifiers;

[0182] The decision process optionally based on priority of the identifier, the class an identifier belongs to, a list the identifier is, or is not included on;

[0183] Based on the result of the action function,

[0184] Sending at least one detected identifier to the network, potentially with additional information from the action function, and retrieving information back from the server related to that identifiers' account information stored on that server;

[0185] The server then receiving a request from a device's application, with a detected identifier

[0186] The server examining both the requesting and the requested identifier's identity and making a policy decision regarding the release of the requested identifiers information related to their account;

[0187] The server in some cases providing a continuously or periodically changing account or device identifier to a specific application on a device to enhance the privacy of the identity of that device;

[0188] The changing of the identifier may be effected by a rule based generation local to the application, or may be downloaded from the server directly; and/or

[0189] The update of the identifier being synchronized to such that it is coordinated with predetermined scanning and broadcasting periods allowing for a known update boundary;

[0190] 7. In still another embodiment, a method uses the mobile device's time of day derived from the network or other reference for

[0191] synchronizing a PAN/WLAN discovery and advertisement times to save battery life;

[0192] doing the same in a synchronized way among multiple devices;

[0193] while coordinating the timing information utilizing the WWAN and a central server available commonly to the devices, such as by

[0194] Synchronizing identifier transmission timing to save power from WWAN network parameters obtained for the server;

[0195] Coordinating any identifier updates to this same timing source; and/or

[0196] Using a pool of identifiers available to the central server to assign identifiers to devices changing the identifiers at some time interval derived for the common time reference

[0197] 8. In another embodiment,

[0198] A central server uses an identity manager to assign identifiers to devices using a WWAN cellular data link, and wherein

[0199] identifiers are occasionally changed

[0200] identifiers are assigned from a pool of identifiers available to the servers;

[0201] identifiers are used as 48 bit media access control (MAC) addresses of the short range wireless network adapter

[0202] identifiers are optionally used as

[0203] an SSID in a IBSS in IEEE-802.11 network beacons

[0204] a BSSID of the IEEE802.11 network adapter;

[0205] in a IEEE802.15.1 Inquiry Response Message as the BD_ADDR

[0206] a device name in a Bluetooth name response packet ; or

[0207] listed in a services list as provided in a LMP_features_req message or LMP_features_req_ext message for a Bluetooth device

[0208] While this invention has been particularly shown and described with references to example embodiments thereof, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes in form and details may be made therein without departing from the scope of the invention encompassed by the appended claims.

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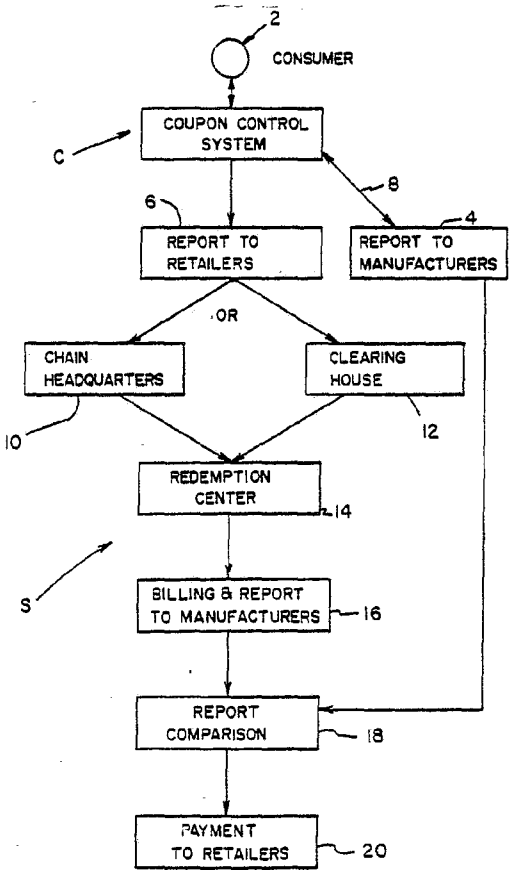
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE DISTRIBUTION OF COUPONS

Specification

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of Invention:

The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for distributing coupons or other redemption certificates for retail sales of merchandise, such as groceries and dry goods and to a method and apparatus for monitoring and controlling the number of such coupons issued and/or redeemed.

2. Description of the Prior Art

In the past, it was a common marketing scheme for manufacturers to distribute large numbers of coupons or similar redemption certificates in local newspapers or other productions distributed to the general public. These coupons typically included an advertisement for the particular product and provided a discount off the regular price if presented at a participating grocery store at the time of purchase. Coupons redeemed at the various retail outlets were sent to a national clearing house which calculated the amount due to the retailers and billed the manufacturers for the portion due on account of sales of their respective products. While the distribution of coupons was generally regarded as a good advertising and

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marketing technique, the prior art methods of coupon distribution and redemption had serious drawbacks for the manufacturers. For example, the only way redemption has been at all measured is by prior studies, which shows an average redemption to be about 3%. Actual redemption could not be controlled. It was possible that a particular manufacturer's coupon could have an unexpectedly high redemption and cost much more than anticipated.

Furthermore, the prior art method of distribution lent itself to fraudulent practices both by the individual redeeming coupons at a retail store and by the retail outlet itself. For example, an individual purchasing a large amount of groceries during peak business hours at a particular store could have easily been credited for coupons or products they had not actually purchased because of the inconvenience to the store employee of checking each item versus the coupons. The retail stores would, in such circumstances, routinely present all coupons, including those erroneously redeemed, to the national clearing house for payment. It was also possible for store employees to obtain cash for coupons without purchasing the products. In all of these circumstances, the manufacturer was held responsible for the value of the coupon without having made a sale of the product.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In contrast to the prior art methods and apparatus, the method and apparatus of the present invention provides a unique, controlled coupon advertisement and distribution system which enables the manufacturer to control its liability for coupons and to deter fraudulent redemption. In the method and apparatus of the present invention, the manufacturer may prescribe a particular number of coupons to be redeemed collectively and at each particular retail store. The present invention also greatly reduces the possibility of fraud by enabling coupons to be encoded

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with store identification numbers, expiration dates, uniform product codes, and other information at the point of distribution. By providing point of sale distribution and same day expiration dates the system of the present invention also provides substantial inprovement in the manufacturer's coupon redemption rate as compared to the three per cent rate experienced in the past.

A stand alone coupon dispensing terminal is provided at each retail store. Each stand alone terminal communicates with a host central processing unit located remote from the stores. Coupons are displayed for customer selection at each dispensing terminal on a video menu via a cathode ray tube and touch screen combination in a fashion which enhances customer acceptance by reducing the time necessary to select and obtain coupons. Each terminal may be monitored and controlled via the host computer to obtain data such as the number of coupons issued and the identification of customers using the terminal. The system enables the manufacturer to limit the number of a particular coupon issued from a terminal as well as the number issued in response to activation by a particular credit card. Each terminal includes a self-contained high speed coupon printer which prints the product information, date, time of day, uniform product code, expiration date, a store identification number or any other information desired for particular applications on each coupon issued. The features of the method and apparatus of this invention are too many to mention in this summary. The specification to follow and the claims will particularly point out this invention.

In summary, the present invention provides great benefits to the product manufacturers by enabling the manufacturer to control its maximum liability and reducing the potential for fraud, and benefits the consuming public by providing a convenient means for obtaining coupons at the point of purchase only for those items they desire to

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buy at the time, thereby eliminating the need to clip and save coupons from the newspapers or other advertisements.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a schematic diagram of a system and its role in the over-all coupon reporting and redemption process.

Fig. 2 is a schematic diagram of the system for controlling the distribution and redemption of coupons according to the present invention of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3a is a perspective view of a coupon dispensing terminal which forms part of the system of Fig. 2.

Fig. 3b is a typical coupon printed by the system of this invention.

Fig. 4 is a schematic block diagram of a portion of the coupon dispensing terminal of Fig. 2 and its interface with the host central processing unit.

Figs. 5-9 are schematic flow chart diagrams for the general operation of the remote dispensing terminal computers of Fig. 2 to achieve the desired results of the present invention.

Figs. 10-28 are schematic flow chart diagrams for achieving the particular tasks in the general operations illustrated in Figs. 5-9.

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I. System Overview

Referring now to Fig. 1, the coupon distribution system of the present invention is illustrated in schematic form in its role in the over-all coupon reporting and redemption process, and designated generally by the letter S. The system S includes a coupon control system C of the present invention which interacts with the consumer 2 to selectively dispense coupons as requested. System C also generates reports 4 and 6 regarding coupon distribution for the manufacturers and retailers, respectively.

In the system of the present invention, the manufacturer is able to prescribe limits for distribution of particular coupons on a collective and per store basis. This feature is illustrated schematically in Fig. 1 by the bi-directional arrow 8. The report 4 is provided to the manufacturer on a periodic basis, such as a weekly basis and includes coupon distribution information for each retail outlet. Report 4 may include the number of coupons dispensed, the store identification information, the dates

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and times of distribution, and customer identification data. This information is valuable to the manufacturer both as an aid in analyzing its marketing techniques and in detecting possible fraudulent coupon distribution or redemption. The report 6 provided to retailers is essentially like report 4 but includes information only as to the particular retail store(s) involved.

Typically, retailers forward the report 6 to a retail chain headquarters 10 or a clearing house 12 to provide a collective accounting for the retail chain or region. In either event, the coupon distribution information is presented to a redemption center 14 which receives such information from retailers throughout the country and prepares a billing statement and report 16 for each participating manufacturer.

The reports 16 and 4 are compared at step 18 to detect errors or fraudulent claims. For example, if the number of coupons presented for redemption exceed the number of coupons dispensed as noted in report 4, the manufacturer may refuse to make payment to the retailers for the excess. Once the system of the present invention is utilized, such discrepancy will be minimized since the manufacturer will be able to pin point and investigate error sources. The manufacturer will make payment to the particular retailers at step 20 thereby concluding the periodic , quarterly, monthly or weekly transaction.

In this fashion, the manufacturer is able to precisely control the number of coupons dispensed on a collective and per store basis and to monitor coupon redemption to prevent fraud. The details of the system S are included in the remaining figures of the drawings and the accompanying description.

II. Description of the Distribution System

Referring now to Fig. 2, the coupon control system C is generally illustrated in schematic block diagram form. System C includes a host central processing unit H which communicates with a number of coupon dispensing terminals

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T, designated T-1 through T-N, via a conventional telecommunications modem M. Each terminal T includes a corresponding customer interface I, designated I-1 through I-N.

Host computer H may be any programmable central processing unit having suitable data storage and processing capabilities to perform the functions described in detail hereinafter. Selection of a particular central processing unit depends upon the needs of the particular distribution system and, given the description contained herein, is a matter within the ordinary skill in the art. In one application, a Digital Equipment Corporation 11T23 System has been used to perform the function of the host computer H and has performed satisfactorily. Other suitably programmed computers having similar architecture could likewise be employed.

Host computer H monitors the operation of the individual terminals T and provides terminals T with the information necessary to dispense the coupons requested by customers. Host computer H stores the data which constitutes the array of coupons available for selection which will be displayed on each terminal T. Thus, the operator is able to control the display of coupons at each and every remote terminal T via host computer H. Host computer H also retains other information such as the date and time of day which is used by the terminals T to achieve the desired results of the present invention. This information is provided to the terminals T in the manner described hereinafter. Host computer H also is programmed to interact with terminals T to allow the operator to prescribe per store and collective limits for each coupon thereby controlling the manufacturers liability.

Most importantly, host computer H is programmed to receive from the terminals T coupon transaction information including the number and type of coupons dispensed, store identification numbers, and customer

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account numbers. Host computer H is programmed to use the information to generate the weekly reports 4 and 6 (Fig. 1) for the manufacturer and retailer, respectively. Programming of the host computer H, given the operational specifications for the host contained herein, and the detailed specification of programming for terminals T described herein, is a matter of ordinary skill in the art of computer programming and hence need not be described herein in detail.

Each of terminals T (Fig. 3) is a stand-alone unit to be placed at a remote location such as in a retail grocery store. Terminals T include a customer interface display I, a coupon dispensing apparatus D, and an activator A (Fig. 3). Terminals T also include a central processing unit such as a microcomputer 22 and the associated peripheral circuitry illustrated schematically in Fig. 4. A terminal housing 24 is provided to enclose the terminal hardware and also to provide storage space in lower cabinet 26 for conveniently storing extra paper for coupons or other materials.

Customer interface display I includes a conventional cathode ray tube 28 for displaying the video menu of coupons available for selection as well as other video graphics, such as advertisements, in response to signals received from microcomputer 22. Overlaying cathode ray tube 28 is a transparent, touch sensitive screen 30 which includes an array of touch activated switches arranged in a regular array to overlay particular coupons displayed on cathode ray tube 28. In the preferred embodiment, a screen having an array of thirty-two (32) switches such as the Model Number TK120S manufactured by Interaction Systems, Inc. is used. Other commonly available and suitable touch sensitive screens may also be employed. In the preferred embodiment, the coupons and switches are arranged so that two switches overlay each coupon to make selection by the customer less troublesome. Other switches incorporated in the touch screen array do not

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correspond to particular coupons but to functions which permit the customer to: (1) hold the page presently being displayed for an additional time period, ie., ten seconds; (2) cause the terminal T to display the next page of the video menu immediately, and (3) quit the selection process prior to reviewing the entire menu.

As will be described in detail below, microcomputer 22 will cause terminal T to sequentially display in page format an entire menu of coupons available for selection. If after a prescribed period of time no selection has been made, microcomputer 22 will cause terminal T to display the next page of coupons and so on until the entire menu has been completed. If no selection has been made throughout the the display process after a prescribed time period, microcomputer 22 causes terminal T to deactivate from the coupon dispensing mode, and begin displaying full page advertisements in a free-standing mode until such time as a customer reactivates terminal T via activator A.

Activator A is a conventional magnetic card reading apparatus adapted to read the data encoded on magnetic tape used in common consumer credit cards. Activator A provides a signal to activate terminal T to the coupon dispensing mode whenever a credit card having an encoded magnetic tape strip is inserted therein. Any of the common bank, gasoline or retail credit cards will activate the terminal T. While this does not prevent a single customer having more than one credit card from repeatedly using the terminal T, use of a credit card activator provides the informational capability as described below to somewhat limit the number of unauthorized transactions and further prevents children from activating the machine.

As will be described hereinafter, terminal T displays only those coupons currently available to the particular customer. Upon activation, terminal T determines whether the same credit card account number has been used within the last week or other predesignated period by comparing

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the present credit card number with those stored in memory in microcomputer 22. If so, microcomputer 22 permits only those coupons still available for selection by that particular customer account number to be displayed. If, for example, the manufacturer has prescribed a one per customer limit for a coupon, and that coupon has been previously issued to the customer under the same credit account number, the coupon will not be displayed. Furthermore, even if the particular credit account number has no selection history, if the maximum number of a particular coupon either collectively or on a store by store basis have been issued, that coupon will no longer be displayed. In this fashion, a manufacturer is provided with much more control over the maximum redemption liability than the prior art method of newspaper distribution.

Coupon dispenser D includes a high speed printer 32 (Fig. 4) of the type suitable for printing on heat sensitive paper to print the coupons selected by the customer. As will be described in detail below, once a particular coupon or group of coupons has been selected, microcomputer 22 causes the data which makes up the particular coupon(s) to be transmitted to coupon printer 32 whereupon the selected coupon(s) are automatically printed and dispensed. Furthermore, if dispenser D fails to provide a signal to indicate that the particular coupon(s) have been printed within a prescribed time period, microcomputer 22 causes an error message to be forwarded to host computer H which places terminal T in the free-standing advertising mode until the problem is rectified.

In the preferred embodiment, coupons are printed on a continuous length of heat-sensitive paper and cut at the appropriate point by a combined printer and cutting machine mounted within terminal T. The coupons printed by dispenser D generally contain the product information and the discount to be applied to the regular price. The

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system of the present invention allows additional information to be printed on the coupon to deter fraud and to encourage prompt use of the coupon. Since dispenser D prints the coupons from data provided from host computer H via terminal T, daily updated expiration dates may be included on the coupon to set, for example, a same day expiration date to encourage immediate use of the coupon. Furthermore, electronically readable uniform product codes may be included on the coupon in the same fashion as the expiration dates or other data specified herein so that an appropriately programmed check out register can read the product code on the coupon and apply the coupon discount only if a product bearing the identical product code has been purchased. This feature prevents customers from overwhelming the store's employees with a large number of coupons and groceries at peak business hours to obtain the benefit of the coupon discount without purchasing the corresponding product.

Coupons are conveniently dispensed to the customer via a slot 34 in the terminal housing 24 as they are printed and cut. It is a feature of the present invention that a customer may select any or all of the displayed coupons and go on to the next page of the menu without having to wait for the selected coupons to be printed. This is accomplished by providing programming and memory associated with microcomputer 22 which stores the customer's selections and prints them sequentially as soon as possible.

The video display presented on terminal T is either in a free-standing advertising mode wherein full screen advertisements for particular products are sequentially displayed or, in the coupon dispensing mode wherein a page formatted, video menu of coupons is displayed for selection by the customer. Terminal T automatically deactivates to the free-standing mode once the entire menu of coupons has been displayed and the appropriate time has elapsed. Interface I also includes a "quit" switch, not

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associated with a particular coupon which permits the customer to abort the normal terminal display sequence before all the coupons have been displayed. This feature frees the terminal T quickly for use by another customer without requiring the display sequence to be completed in each customer transaction, and thereby also prevents subsequent customers from selecting coupons on the previous customer's account number when the previous customer completes his selection before the entire array of coupons is presented. As will be described below, upon activation of the quit switch, microprocessor 22 causes terminal T to return to its free-standing mode prior to the completion of the normal display cycle.

It is a feature of the present invention that the terminal T automatically rotates the order in which the individual coupons are displayed on the cathode ray tube viewing screen 28 each time the terminal is activated. Thus, each particular manufacturer's coupon will appear on the first page of the menu in rotation with the remaining pages and no manufacturer is given preferential marketing treatment.

Each of the terminals T communicates with host computer H to receive updated coupon information and to transmit coupon transaction data. Microcomputer 22 in terminal T automatically establishes communication with host computer H and transfers coupon transaction data at the completion of every seventh transaction. Each transaction is defined by an activation of terminal T via activator A. The information thus provided to host computer H is utilized to compile coupon distribution reports 4 and 6 (Fig. 1) and to monitor the distribution of coupons on a continuous basis.

III. Terminal Components

Further details of terminal T are shown schematically in Fig. 4. As noted above, terminal T includes an activator A, a dispenser D, a customer interface display I

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and a microcomputer 22 with associated peripheral circuitry. Activator A having a conventional magnetic card reading apparatus 36 for reading information from one or more of the magnetic strip tracks on standardized consumer credit cards, and a conventional card reader interface 38 for converting the digitally encoded data from reader 36 into a telecommunication conventional serial format such as ASCII for transmission to microcomputer 22.

Activator A also includes a conventional universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter (UART) 40 which enables data to be transmitted and received between microcomputer 22 and card reader interface 38 in the conventional manner. In the preferred embodiment, UART 40 as and the other UARTS described hereinafter provide a vectored interrupt signal for microcomputer 22 via addressable data bus 42 thereby identifying the source of the interrupt. An interrupt from UART 40 signals the receipt of customer credit account information for transmission to microcomputer 22.

Data bus 42 may be any suitable, addressable data communications bus, such as the Digital Equipment Corporation Q-bus.

Dispenser D includes coupon printer 32 described above, and printer interface 44 which functions similarly to card reader interface 38 to transmit signals to and from printer 32 to microcomputer 22 in digital ASCII format via UART 46.

Customer interface display I includes touch screen 30 described above and associated interface 48 and UART 50 which provide digital, ASCII communications between touch screen 30 and microcomputer 22 in the conventional manner. For example, the analog signals generated by touch screen 30 in response to customer touch selection are converted to digital, ASCII format signals by interface 48 and transmitted to microcomputer 22 via UART 50. UART 50 transmits the data which comprises the coupons or

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advertising information from microcomputer 22 via bus 42 to conventional cathode ray tube interface 52 which converts the digitally formatted graphics data which comprises the coupons or advertising to a format suitable for use by display cathode ray tube 28.

Full duplex communication between microcomputer 22 and host computer H is conducted via modem M and UART 54 functioning in the conventional manner.

In the illustrated embodiment (Fig. 4) microcomputer 22 is an interrupt driven central processing unit such as the Digital Equipment P.D.P. 11/2 which performs data processing functions but has no internal random access memory. Other suitable large scale integrated circuit data processing units with or without internal random access memory could be utilized as well. Associated with microcomputer 22 via bus 42 are a conventional non-volatile read only memory 56, and random access memories 58 and 60. Non-volatile memory 56 may be any suitable non-volatile memory circuit such as the QSB-11 Bubbl-Tec Corporation bubble memory having a one-hundred twenty-eight kilobyte capacity. In the system of the present invention, memory 56 is utilized to store the operating system and background programs for microcomputer 22, the graphic display data, i.e., coupon and advertisements to be displayed on the terminal screen, and current customer credit account numbers and coupon transaction history. Much of this information is duplicated in memories 58, 60 but stored in non-volatile, bubble memory 56 to ensure against loss of the information in the event of power failure.

Memories 58, 60 are conventional thirty-two kilobyte random access memory circuits having serial R.S. 232 data ports and adaptable parity and baud rates so as to be compatible with microcomputer 22 and associated peripheral devices. Memories 58, 60 are utilized by microcomputer 22 for input/output addressing functions, storing operating programming, customer account numbers,

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coupon and advertising data and other functions as described hereinafter in the detailed description of the microcomputer operating program.

Power supply 62 is a conventional direct current power supply suitable for providing terminal T with D.C. power at the specified levels from alternating current line voltage at the remote terminal location. Power supply 62 may also include a keyed switch 64 to allow the terminal T to be energized or de-energized only by persons having a key, such as the store manager, for example.

IV. Description of the Operation of the Dispensing Terminals

A general description of the command sequences for microcomputer 22 will be provided with references to the schematic flow charts in Figs. 5-9. Fig. 5 illustrates the system hierarchy and relative program module priority and identifies the various sub-sequences which microcomputer 22 utilizes to achieve the functional steps set forth in Figs. 5-9. Where necessary or appropriate, these sub-sequences will be described in detail, those not described in detail are matters within the ordinary skill in the programming art. The command sequences for microcomputer 22 are implemented under a foreground/background concept, in which foreground (realtime, interrupt-driven) programs receive on demand immediate, short term control of microcomputer 22, and background (scheduled or requested) programs run over longer periods during non-interrupt time. All interrupt, foreground command sequences are executed on demand, while sequence EXEC, the principal background sequence, and the other background sequences which are utlized by EXEC are run on available, i.e., non-interrupt time. These command sequences will be referred to hereinfter by the designations appearing in Fig. 5.

A. Operational Modes: General Logic

In general, terminals T operate in four basic modes, which are:

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(1) Start up (Fig. 6), with an automatic transition to one of the following on-line modes when all start up parameters are satisfied;

(2) Normal customer (Fig. 7) , with the customer recognition, coupon request and coupon print operations proceeding normally;

(3) Hide and Watch (Fig. 8), with the terminal T available for operating and advertising functions, but commanded by host computer H not to issue coupons; and

(4) Modem Operations (Fig. 9), which are concurrent with the on-line modes, in which full duplex transfer with the host computer H are supported without affecting the customer interface.

The programming of microcomputer 22 can be best understood with reference to these general flow charts with the understanding that routine sub-sequences may be necessary to carry out the functions specified therein. Where the details of such subsequences are matters within the ordinary skill in the programming art, details will not be included herein.

Start up mode 70 is entered either upon command from the host computer H to re-initialize the terminal T or upon power failure at the terminal. In either event, control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to a bootstrap loading sequence 72 stored in memory 56, which causes microcomputer 22 to load the operating system command sequences from memory 56 to the first available address in combined memories 58 and 60. Hereinafter, various sequences will be described as controlling microcomputer 22. It should be understood that such sequences are actually part of the programmed software of microcomputer 22. Control of microcomputer 22 is then transferred to the sequence 74 thus stored in random access memory 58, 60 which causes microcomputer 22 to initialize cathode ray tube 28, printer 32 and modem M. Control of microcomputer 22 is then transferred to host auto-call sequence 76 which

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initiates a call via modem M to host H unless the start up sequence has been entered at the command of the host computer H (step 78), in which case communication has already been initiated. If the call is unsuccessful, a re-dial sequence 80 will cause microcomputer 22 to repeat the attempt every forty-five seconds. Irrespective of whether the call is successful, control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to command sequence 82 which includes command steps 84, 86 and 88 which cause the terminal T to display the first screen of advertising in the free-standing mode and to rotate to the next screen of advertisements every ten seconds. Although not illustrated in Fig. 6, it should be noted that should a customer attempt to activate the terminal T via card reader A while terminal T is operating in this start up mode, thereby causing a card reader interrupt (Fig. 5) to be provided to microcomputer 22, microcomputer 22 causes a "temporarily out of service" message to be displayed for the customer on cathode ray tube 28.

Once communication with host computer H is established (step 80), microcomputer 22 obtains date/time of day data and mode instruction (step 90) from host H. Control is then transferred to command sequences in the Ready mode (Fig. 7) or the Hide and Watch mode (Fig. 8) depending upon instruction from host computer H (step 92).

From the start up mode (Fig. 6), control of microcomputer 22 will normally be transferred to the normal customer or ready mode 100 (Fig. 7). In this mode, command sequence 102 which includes steps 104, 106 and 108, causes microcomputer 22 to display free-standing advertising screens sequentially, changing screens every ten seconds, until the terminal is activated via activator card reader A. Upon receipt of a card reader interrupt (step 110), control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to command sub-sequence 112 (BPSTSK (Fig 5.)) which causes microcomputer 22 to search memory 58, 60 to locate the coupon transaction history, if any, corresponding to the

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customer credit account number presently provided via card reader 36. If no corresponding history is located, command step 114 causes microcomputer 22 to create a new file corresponding to the new customer account number. If, on the other hand, a previous coupon transaction history is located, this data is utilized at step 116 to mask out previously selected coupons from the display if the limit of coupons per period has already been reached under this customer's account number so that requests for coupons utilizing a single account number are limited to the prescribed number of each coupon. Control is then transferred to step 118. As the customer makes selections from the displayed coupons causing a touch screen interrupt (step 120), control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to a background coupon printing command sequence 122 (BPOTSK (Fig. 5)) which causes printer 32 to print and dispense the coupons. If no touch screen interrupt has been received at step 120, control is transferred to an interrogatory command sequence 122 to determine whether the prescribed time for making a selection has elapsed. If so, control is transferred to interrogatory step 124 which causes microcomputer 22 to determine whether the last page of the menu has been displayed. If the time has elapsed and the last page has been displayed, control is transferred to step 126, which causes the transaction to be recorded and return control to the ready sequence. If the last page has not been displayed, but the customer has requested to "quit" selection, (step 128 causes control to be transferred to step 126) where the transaction is recorded and control reverts to the ready sequence awaiting the next transaction.

If at step 122, the prescribed time for making a selection has not elapsed, control is transferred to interrogatory step 130 which causes microcomputer 22 to determine whether the customer has requested the "next page" of coupons. If so, control is transferred to step

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132 which causes microcomputer 22 to retrieve the next page data and returns control to step 118 thereby causing the next page to be displayed. On the other hand, if at step 122, the time has not elapsed, and no "next page" request has been made at step 130, control returns to step 120 continuously until a selection is made or the time for selecting expires. When the customer has completed the transaction, and the coupon is dispensed, the transaction is recorded in coupon history addressed by the account number and control is transferred (step 132) back to the beginning of the ready mode where the sequence is repeated, i.e., advertising is displayed until the next customer activates the terminal and initiates the selection/dispensing sequence. While not explicitly illustrated in Fig. 7, it should be noted that the ready mode may be exited at any time response to command from the host computer H to go to the hide and watch mode, or to the start up mode or as a result of a terminal power failure or local restart.

The host computer will be programmed with over-all limits for the entire terminal so that upon such terminal reporting to the host the attainment of such limits, the host will signal command to terminal T and control of microcomputer 22 is transferred from the ready mode control sequence 100 to the hide and watch mode sequence 140 (Fig. 8). In this mode, command sequence 142 causes microcomputer 22 to display the initial page of free-standing advertising (step 144) until a prescribed time, i.e., ten seconds, has elapsed. At the expiration of the prescribed time, step 146 causes control to be transferred to step 148 to retrieve the next page of advertising and return control to display step 148. This cycle is repeated unless a card reader interrupt is received (step 148) indicating a customer attempt to activate the terminal T. If an interrupt is received, step 148 transfers control to step 150 which causes a "temporarily out of service" message to be displayed to

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the customer on cathode ray tube 28. This message is maintained for a fixed period, i.e., ten seconds, via step 152, after which control is transferred to step 154 to receive mode instructions from host computer H. If the mode has not changed, control is returned (step 156) to the beginning of the hide and watch sequence to continue displaying advertisments until another card reader interrupt is detected. If, however, an updated mode instruction has been received from host computer H via modem M, control is transferred at step 158 to the indicated mode sequence, which will either be the ready mode (Fig. 7) or the start up mode (Fig. 6).

Thus, Hide and Watch sequence 140 may be utilized by host computer H to temporarily disable an individual terminal T to prevent it from issuing coupons, either because of a detected malfunction or because the prescribed coupon limit for the terminal T has been attained.

Referring now to Fig. 9, the terminal modem operations 160 are illustrated in schematic flow chart form. In the preferred embodiment, the input (received data) interrupt of modem M (step 162) is always enabled to receive data from host computer H. Received data is automatically stored by microcomputer 22 at step 164 by the microcomputer interrupt handler. Valid input data will automatically cause control of microcomputer 22 to be transferred (step 166) to the appropriate command sequences such as 168, 170 or 172 to take any action required such as updating customer-oriented data (step 168), change mode of operation (step 170) or take other specified action (step 170) concurrently with on-going terminal operation and modem output, if any.

Microcomputer 22 will cause terminal T to initiate a call to the host computer H (step 172) under any one of three conditions:

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a) On power failure or restart, a call to a host trouble number to obtain date/time of day data is initiated (step 174);

b) On printer failure or other detectable failure, a call to a host trouble number to report an out of service condition (step 176); or,

c) At regularly scheduled intervals, or when a predesignated number of terminal transactions are recorded, to transfer coupon history and coupon counts to the host's data number (step 178).

These modem operations take place automatically and concurrently with terminal operations.

B. Detailed Description of Command Sub-Sequences

In order for microcomputer 22 to operate terminal T to achieve the desired terminal control and monitoring functions illustrated in the general flow charts of Figs. 5-9, control of microcomputer 22 is, as appropriate, transferred to one or more of the sub-sequences listed in Fig. 5 and shown in detail in Figs. 10-28.

1. The Executive Sequence

According to the operating system used in the present invention, control of microcomputer 22 generally resides in the executive command sequence E illustrated in Fig. 18. Control is automatically transferred to this executive sequence E upon completion of the power up sequence P illustrated in Fig. 19.

Sequence P is an initialization sequence which is entered when terminal T is energized. Control is transferred to step P1 which causes microcomputer 22 to transfer or boot the operating system from non-volatile memory 56 to memories 58, 60. Step P2 then transfers control of microcomputer to the operating system, and step P3 causes the microcomputer 22 and the associated peripherals (Fig. 4) to be initialized to begin the operating sequence. Control is then transferred to step P4 which causes a background task flag (BIDLE) to be set

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or posted and transfers control of microcomputer 22 to the executive sequence E (Fig. 18).

The executive sequence E runs at all times that there is no active interrupt as from one of the foreground sequences listed in Fig. 5 and described hereinafter. The executive sequence may be requested to execute any of the background service sequences shown in the program list (Fig. 18) by any other sequence which causes the particular background task flag to be posted or set. The selected background task sequence will then be executed to completion except for servicing interrupt (foreground) requests. As described above, the executive sequence is entered upon power up, with the BIDLE background task flag posted (step P4). The BIDLE task is a background idling task which is executed in the absence of other requests.

Turning now to Fig. 18, executive sequence E is entered at step E1 which causes microcomputer 22 to read the operational mode variable (initialized at step P3 to 1, and subject to control by host H) and to enable card reader 36 (Fig. 4) so that customers may activate terminal T to begin dispensing coupons.

Control is then transferred to step sequence E2 which causes microcomputer 22 to repeatedly determine whether any background task sequence flags have been posted, and to transfer control to the first posted background task. The background task sequences will be described in detail below, but each will return control of microcomputer 22 back to the executive sequence E upon completion. We now turn to a description of the priority, foreground interrupt sequences to which control is transferred upon demand.

2. The Foreground Sub-sequences

The foreground command sub-sequences illustrated generally in Fig. 5 are real-time, interrupt activated and, by definition, asynchronous. Since these sub-sequences interrupt other sequences, and may

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themselves be interrupted, any registers used by a sub-sequence must be saved on entry and restored on exit. Each of the various components of terminal T may be allowed to interrupt microcomputer 22 if enabled (see Fig. 5).

a. Card Reader Interrupt

The card read interrupt (FCRINT) sub-sequence is illustrated in Fig. 10. Control of microcomputer 22 is automatically transferred to this sub-sequence each time an interrupt from card reader 36 is received. At entry, step 180 causes microcomputer 22 to read the interrupt character to determine whether an error condition exists such as will be the case when a customer has improperly used activator A or attempted activation by improper means, or when activator A has malfunctioned.

If an error is detected, control is transferred to step sequence 182 which causes microcomputer 22 to send a "try again" message to the cathode ray tube 28 to prompt the customer to attempt another activation. Sequence 182 also includes steps 184, 186 and 188 which cause microcomputer 22 to post an alarm bit or flag upon the twelfth consecutive card reading error before returning (step 190) control to the last executed step prior to the interrupt.

Typically, no error character will be detected at step 180 and control will be transferred to step 192 which causes microcomputer 22 to determine whether the character from card reader is a start sentinel signaling the beginning of the transmission of customer primary account number data. The term primary account number is used herein to designate the number or code encoded upon the customer's credit card to identify the customer. If the character from the reader is a start sentinel, control is transferred to step 194 which initializes a pointer in the buffer register where the complete account information will be temporarily stored and returns (step 196) control to the point of departure prior to the interrupt. Since

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the card interrupt has not been disabled, the card reader interrupt will cause the next character, i.e., the first character of the account number to be read and so on until a field separator (step 198) or the twentieth character (step 200) is read, either of which marks the end of an account number, whereupon control is transferred to step 202 to disable the card reader interrupt. Thereafter, control is transferred to step 204 which causes a primary account number search flag to be posted which will in the manner described herein ultimately cause microcomputer 22 to begin searching previously entered account numbers to determine whether the present account number has been recently utilized. Step 204 also sets the terminal mode flag to indicate an account number search is in progress, then returns (step 196) control to the point of departure prior to the interrupt. In this manner, as each character prior to the field separator or the twentieth character is read, control is transferred from step 200 to step 206 which causes microprocessor 22 to store the character in the buffer initialized at step 194 until the entire account number is read and stored.

b. Interrupt from the Output to the Cathode Ray Tube (FSINT) (Fig. 11)

Referring now to Fig. 11, on each occasion when an output is provided by microcomputer 22 to UART 50 for transmitting to cathode ray tube 28, such as to display coupons, advertising or messages, control of microcomputer 22 will be transferred to sub-sequence 210. Step 212 of this sub-sequence causes UART 50 to send the next character of output data each time the sequence is entered until the last character is sent. When the last character has been sent, step 214 transfers control of microcomputer 22 to steps 216 and 218 which cause the output buffer pointer to be reset and signal that the output has been completed by setting the FPDFLG flag. Control is then returned (step 220) to the point of departure prior to the interrupt.

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c. Interrupt from Clock (FCLINT) (Fig. 12)

The clock interrupt sub-sequence 222 shown in Fig. 12 is provided to enable microcomputer 22 to maintain time of day and date and to monitor elapsed time from the occurrence of various events as set forth in the drawings. This sub-sequence is entered in response to an internally generated 60HZ clock interrupt. Sub-sequence 222 causes microcomputer 22 to increment an interrupt count (step 224) upon each entry and return (step 226) to the point of departure until sixty (60) entries have been made, i.e., one second has elapsed, whereupon control is transferred from step 228 to step 230. Step 230 causes the clock count register to be cleared and transfers control to step 232 where the seconds, minutes and hours registers of the microcomputer's internal clock are incremented as is appropriate. Control is then transferred to step 234 where the BTMTSK flag is posted to indicate that elapsed time has been incremented so that control of microcomputer 22 may be transferred to that background sub-sequence when appropriate to test for the expiration of any prescribed time limits. Where the time increment made at step 232 was the last of a full day, step 236 transfers control to step 238 to post an end of day (BEDTSK) flag prior to returning (step 226) control to the point of departure prior to interrupt. The end of day (BEDTSK) flag will cause control of microcomputer 22 to be transferred to that background sub-sequence (Fig. 28) to cause microcomputer 22 to perform specified end of day housekeeping chores.

d. Touch Screen Interrupt (FTSINT) (Fig. 13)

Once the touch screen 30 has been enabled, which in the normal course of events occurs after the terminal has been correctly activated by a customer and the first page of the menu of available coupons is displayed, any selection or other input from touch screen 30 will cause an appropriate interrupt to be generated and control of

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microcomputer 22 will be transferred to the interrupt sub-sequence 240 FTSINT illustrated in Fig. 13.

Sub-sequence 240 FTSINT is entered at step 242 which causes microcomputer 22 to store the data character transmitted via UART 50 (Fig. 4) in the touch screen buffer register then transfers control to step 244. Step 244 causes microcomputer 22 to test the touch screen buffer to determine if it is full, and if so forces internal processing by transferring control to steps 246, 248 and 250 in sequence. These steps cause microcomputer 22 to disable the touch screen interrupts (246) reset the touch screen buffer pointer (248) and set the touch screen background task flag (BTSTSK), respectively, then return (252) control of microcomputer 22 to the point of departure prior to interrupt. Setting the BTSTSK flag and disabling the touch screen interrupts causes microcomputer 22 to take up background touch screen task sequence in the manner described hereinafter to process the customer requests. If at step 244 control is transferred to step 254, step 254 causes microcomputer 22 to test the input character to determine if it is one requiring processing such as a "quit", "next page" or "hold" request. If so, control is transferred to steps 246 through 250 to force internal processing as described above. If the character does not require processing, control is returned to the point of departure prior to interrupt.

e. Printer Output Interrupt (FPOINT) (Fig. 14)

Whenever data is provided by microcomputer 22 to UART 46 for transmission to printer 32, such as when selected coupons are to be printed and dispensed to a customer, a printer output interrupt will be provided which will cause control of microcomputer 22 to be transferred to the sub-sequence 260 (FPOINT) illustrated in Fig. 14. This sub-sequence simply causes each character to be sent to printer 32 until a print command (which causes printer 32 to begin printing the coupon) is transmitted. Until a print command is transmitted, control will be transferred

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from step 262 to step 264 thereby causing the next character to be transmitted and the printer output register pointer to be incremented prior to returning (step 266) control to the point of departure prior to interrupt. If, on the other hand, a print command was the last character sent, control is transferred from step 262 to steps 268 and 270 in sequence which reset the printer output buffer pointers (268) and set a task complete (FPOFLG) flag prior to returning (266) control to the point of departure prior to the last interrupt.

f. Printer Input Interrupt (FPIINT) Fig.15)

Printer input interrupts occur when a printing transaction has been completed or a print error is signaled such as for low paper, or a time out error, i.e., where the coupon has not been printed within a prescribed maximum time limit, has occurred. Each time a printer input interrupt is provided to microcomputer 22, control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to background sub-sequence 280 (FPIINT) (Fig. 15).

Sequence FPIINT is entered at step 282 which causes microcomputer 22 to read the input character (from UART 46, Fig. 4) to determine if the printing task has been completed. In the usual case the input character will equal a prescribed value, i.e., "XON", indicating the transaction was completed routinely and control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to step 284. Step 284 causes a microcomputer 22 to set the printing task complete flag and then returns (286) control to the point of departure prior to the last interrupt. If, on the other hand, the input character is not equal to "XON", an error or alarm condition is indicated and control is transferred to step 288.

Step 288 and 290 cause microcomputer 22 to test the printer input character to determine if a time out error (XOF at 288), i.e., the printing was not completed within the specified time, or a low paper (LOP at 290) signal is being provided. In either case, control is transferred to

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the error recording steps 292, and 294 respectively which cause microcomputer 22 to set an error flag indicative of the type of error which has been reported. Control of microcomputer 22 is then transferred to step 296 which causes microcomputer 22 to post a background alarm task flag (BALTSK) and then return (298) control to the point of departure prior to the interrupt. Setting or posting the background alarm task flag will cause microcomputer 22 to take up an appropriate background task to deal with the reported printer error.

g. Modem Output Interrupt (FCOINT) (Fig. 16)

Each time microcomputer 22 provides a section of data for transmission from terminal T to host H via UART 50 and modem M, a modem output interrupt is provided by UART 50 which causes control of microcomputer 22 to be transferred to the foreground sub-sequence 300 (FCOINT) illustrated in Fig. 16. In the preferred embodiment, communications between the host H and terminal T are full duplex in blocks of 140 bytes, with ten (10) leading bytes of overhead, one hundred twenty-eight (128) bytes of data, and two (2) trailing bytes of a transmission error check. The error check variable is designated in the drawings as variable LRC. The LRC bytes represent the sum of the previous one hundred thirty-eight (138) bytes. The LRC counter will be initialized at zero when control is transferred to sub-sequence 300.

Referring now to Fig. 16, control is in the first instance transferred through steps 302, 304, 306 to step 308 since the transmission error check variable LRC is initially zero. Control will likewise be transferred through step 308 to step 310 since the hang up timer will typically not have expired. The hang up timer sequence beginning with step 308 is described more fully below.

Step sequence 310 causes the terminal T to send the next character to the host H, add the value of the character to the transmission error check variable LRC and increment the character count. Control of microcomputer

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22 is then transferred to step 312 which tests the character count to determine if the complete block of data (ten (10) leading, plus one hundred twenty-eight (128) characters) has been sent, and if not returns (314) control to the point of departure so that the above described sequence will be iterated to complete the transmission. If the complete block has been transmitted, the character count will equal one hundred thirty-eight (138), and control will be transferred from step 312 to step 316 which causes microcomputer 22 to reset the character count to zero in preparation for the next transmission and transfer control to step 318.

Step 318 causes microcomputer 22 to increment the LRC counter, i.e., from zero to one in the first instance, and then returns (320) control to the point of departure prior to interrupt. In this fashion, control of microcomputer 22 will again be transferred to sub-sequence 300 to step 302 so the LRC variable can be transmitted to complete the data transmission.

On re-entry, control will be transferred through steps 302 and 304 to step 306. Step 306 control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to step 322 which causes microcomputer 22 to increment the LRC counter, i.e., from 1 to 2, and transfers control to step 324. Step 324 causes the first byte of the LRC variable to be transmitted and then returns (326) control of microcomputer 22 to the point of departure prior to interrupt, whereupon sub-sequence 300 will normally be re-entered at step 302.

On the third entry at step 302, control will pass from step 302 to step 304 (LRC now equals 2) and to step 328. Step 328 causes microcomputer 22 to increment the LRC counter, i.e., from 2 to 3, and transfers control to step 330 to cause the second and last byte of the LRC variable to be transmitted to the host H and then returns (326) to the point of departure prior to interrupt. When control is transferred to step 302 for the fourth time in

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this sequence, LRC will equal 3, and control will be transferred from step 302 to steps 332, 334 and 336 sequentially to clear the LRC counter and the LRC variable (332), reset the modem output buffer pointer (334), and post or set a background task flag (335) in preparation for the next transmission and to signify completion of the present block. Control is then returned (338) to the point of departure prior to interrupt where, if transmission is completed, control of microcomputer 22 will be transferred to another posted background or interrupt task.

Sub-sequence 300 includes a "hang up" test sequence including steps 308, 340, 342, 344 and 346 which causes microcomputer 22 to send a "hang up" message to modem M to cause modem M to disconnect from host H. Upon initialization of an output communication to host H via modem M, microcomputer 22 causes a three second timer to be set to allow host H to respond, if necessary, to the data transmission from terminal T. If this timer has expired, indicating no return message has been received, step 308 causes control of microcomputer 22 to be transferred to steps 340-344. Step 340 causes microcomputer 22 to send a five character "hang up" command to modem M by iterating and testing the character count at step 340, and upon completion, transfer control to steps 342-346. Steps 342-346 cause microcomputer 22 to reset the character count (step 342), reset LRC variable and the three second hang up timer (step 344) and return (step 346) control to the executive sequence.

h. Modem Input Interrupt (FCIINT) (Fig. 17)

Referring now to Fig. 17, control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to the modem input interrupt sub-sequence 350 (FCIINT) in response to an interrupt from UART 54 indicating receipt of input data from host H. In this sub-sequence, control of microcomputer 22 is initially transferred to step 352 which causes a transaction timer to be set equal to two seconds then transfers control to

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step 354. Upon initial entry in this sub-sequence, reception error check variable ILRC and the character counter are equal to zero. As in the modem output interrupt sequence, in this sequence data is received in one hundred thirty-eight (138) character groups followed by the 2 byte ILRC.

Thus, upon initial entry control of microcomputer 22 is transferred from step 352 through steps 354 and 356 to step 358 which causes microcomputer 22 to store the incoming characters in sequence and add the character value to reception error detection variable LRC. Control of microcomputer 22 is then transferred to step 360. Step 360 causes microcomputer 22 to increment the incoming character counter and transfers control to step 362 which will return (364) control to the point of departure prior to interrupt the block of one hundred thirty-eight (138) characters have been received. When the entire block has been received control will be transferred from step 362 to steps 366 and 368 in sequence which cause microcomputer 22 to reset the character counter (366) and increment the ILRC counter (368) to prepare for the next data reception and cause the ILRC error detection counter to be received. From step 368 control is returned (364) to the point of departure prior to interrupt.

Upon re-entry to this interrupt sub-sequence control is transferred through steps 352 and 354 to step 356, whereupon ILRC being equal to one, control is transferred to step 370. Steps 370 and 372 sequentially cause microcomputer 22 to get the first character of the ILRC counter (372) before returning (374) control to the point of interrupt. Upon re-entry, control is transferred through step 352 to step 354 whereupon, ILRC being equal to two, control is transferred to step 376 which causes microcomputer 22 to get the second character of the ILRC variable then transfers control to the error detection sequence 378.

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Sequence 378 begins with interrogatory step 380 which causes microcomputer 22 to compare the received ILRC to the computed ILRC (step 358) to determine if they are equal. If not, control is transferred to step 382 which causes an input error flag to be set so that microcomputer 22 will be prompted to the appropriate action. If no error is detected, control is transferred from step 380 to steps 384, 386 and 388 sequentially which cause microcomputer 22 to reset the ILRC counter and timer to zero (384), reset the input buffer register pointer (386), and post or set a background sequence task flag (BCITSK) (388) before returning (390) control to the point of departure prior to interrupt.

3. The Background Task Sub-sequence

The sub-sequences described in this section are all entered from the executive command sequence E (Fig. 19) as a result of having been requested during some other functional sequence. The request is made by setting or posting the appropriate task flag. The subscript TSK for "task" is used in designating the various background sub-sequences except for BIDLE sub-sequence which is the background idle loop. The tasks that each sub-sequence performs are generally as follows:

a) BIDLE causes the microcomputer 22 to provide free-standing advertising video to cathode ray tube 28 and to rotate ads every ten seconds;

b) BPSTSK causes the microcomputer to put existing or new coupon history files in buffer BPSBFR (Fig. 13, step 242);

c) BTSTSK interprets inputs from touch screen 30, (Fig. 13, step 250), updates coupon history and count files, or the touch screen error file, queues coupon print requests, gets the next coupon screen when required, sets mode flag to 1 and updates non-volatile memory 56 when the task is completed;

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d) BTMTSK is automatically entered each second from foreground clock interrupt sequence FCLINT (Fig. 12) to service any expired timer;

e) BPOTSK causes microcomputer 22 to get the next entry from the printer queue and initiates transfer to the printer (Fig. 15, step 284);

f) BALTSK is executed in the event of printer error conditions to terminate the current printing transaction in an orderly fashion, sets operation mode to five to indicate printer failure, and posts the BCOTSK flag to cause microcomputer 22 to call the host H to report the failure; BALTSK also initiates a call to host H in the event of repeated card reader errors (Fig. 10, step 188) but without setting the operational mode to five;

g) BCOTSK causes the terminal T to initiate a call to host H, and, if a connection is already established, initiate transfer of the next data block (Fig. 16, step 336);

h) BCITSK causes microcomputer 22 to check incoming data from host H and initiates corrective action if necessary; if the input data is acceptable, BCITSK causes microcomputer 22 to perform the indicated action from host H, and also controls the data input timer and recognizes and discards the disconnect data sequence at the end of host communications.

A detailed description of the background task sub-sequences with reference to corresponding flow chart diagram follows.

a. Background Idle Loop Sequence (BIDLE) (Fig. 20)

This sub-sequence is posted upon execution of terminal power up (Fig. 19, step P4) by sequence BTSTSK entering the normal, ready condition, designated mode 1 (Fig. 22a, step 522), by sequence BCITSK entering the Hide and Watch mode designated mode 5 (Fig. 27a, steps 740, 750), by BTMTSK (Fig. 23, step 576) and reposted by BIDLE.

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This sequence causes terminal T to display successive free-standing ads on ten second boundaries.

Referring now to Fig. 20, the details of subsequence BIDLE are illustrated. Upon entry, control is transferred to step 400 which causes microcomputer 22 to determine whether terminal T is in operational modes two (coupon display or transaction) or four (commanded reboot from host H) and if so returns control to executive command sequence E. If terminal T is not in operational modes two or four, control is transferred to step 402 which causes microcomputer 22 to proceed to display the next ad in sequence only if the ten second timer has elapsed which is indicated if the value of CRT end flag is equal to one. If not, control on microcomputer 22 is transferred to step 404 to repost the BIDLE task flag and return (406) control to command sequence E.

If the ten second time for displaying the current ad has expired, control of microcomputer 22 will be transferred to step 408. Step 408 causes microcomputer 22 to get the data which comprises the next ad from memory and transfer control to step 410 to initiate transmittal of this next ad to cathode ray tube 28. Control is then transferred to step sequence 412 which causes the microcomputer to increment the next ad counter until the counter attains the prescribed maximum number designated "max ad" corresponding to the number of distinct ads stored in memory. When the next ad counter reaches "max ad", step sequence 412 causes microcomputer 22 to reset the increment counter to zero to begin the display sequence anew. Thereafter control is transferred to step 414 to reset the ten second timer for the currently displayed ad and control is returned (416) to command sequence E.

b. Customer Account Number Search Task (BPSTSK) (Fig. 21)

This sub-sequence is posted in response to customer activation of terminal T with a credit card having a primary account number (PAN) encoded upon magnetic tape

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which has been read by card reader 36 and stored in a buffer register in random access memory 58, 60 (Fig. 10, steps 204, 206). This sub-sequence essentially searches previously used account numbers to determine if the present account number has been used to activate the terminal to dispense coupons within a prescribed time period, i.e., the last week, and if so, limits the coupons dispensed to that account number to a prescribed maximum by preventing previously selected coupons from being displayed on cathode ray tube 28 for selection. It should be understood that the prescribed maximum number of a particular coupon to be dispensed could be set equal to one, two or more, but most typically will be one. If the account number presented to microcomputer 22 via card reader 36 is new, i.e., not having been previously used within the specified period, it is stored in a random access memory 58,60 file, designated temporary PANFIL, and in non-volatile memory 56 and a full menu of coupons is displayed for the customer.

Referring now to Fig. 21, the details of sub-sequence BPSTSK are illustrated. Upon entry, steps 420 and 422 cause microcomputer 22 to convert the ASCII format account number read from the present customer card to binary coded digital (BCD) for the purpose of comparing it to previously used account numbers stored in memory. Control is then transferred to step 424 which causes microcomputer 22 to initialize a counter corresponding to the number of search attempts (# of tries) and the "next account" pointer to zero. Control is then transferred to step 426 to begin a sequential search of the primary account number file (PANFIL) for previously used primary account numbers.

Step 426 causes microcomputer 22 to stop searching for a matching account number when all previously used and stored account numbers have been compared, by comparing the # of tries counter to the primary account number counter (PAN CNT) which equals the total number of primary account numbers stored in memory. Typically this test

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will fail and control will be transferred to step 428 which causes microcomputer 22 to compare the present primary account number to the one stored at the address identified by the "next" pointer, and if unequal, transfers control to step 430 to increment the "next" pointer and "# of tries" counter and returns control to step 426. This search is repeated until all previous primary account numbers are compared (exit at step 426) or the present account number is located in memory (exit step 428).

If the principal number is new, the "# of tries" counted will eventually be incremented to equal the account counter "PAN CNT", and control of microcomputer 22 will be transferred from step 426 to step 432. Step 432 causes microcomputer 22 to set a "new" account flag and transfers control to step 434. The current account numbers are maintained in a primary account number file (PANFIL) stored in random access memory 58, 60 to facilitate searches for account numbers in a random access memory file without having to search coupon history data as well. Step 434 transfers control of microcomputer 22 to steps 436 and 438 to cause the new primary account number to be stored in this primary account number file in random access memory 58, 60 (step 436) and the primary account number counter to be incremented (step 438) if the file is not full (step 434). If, on the other hand, the primary account number file is full, control is transferred from step 434 to step 440 to increment the primary account number overflow flag. Once the primary account number counter PAN CNT is incremented to four thousand ninety-six, step 442 transfers control of microcomputer 22 to step 440 to increment the file overflow flag. When an overflow condition arises, terminal T will continue to dispense coupons in the normal manner, but the new account numbers and histories will be written over the oldest account numbers and histories in memory. Step 440 causes microcomputer 22 to increment the

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overflow counter in order to maintain a count of the number of overflow transactions. In any event, the count of the number of coupons dispensed is maintained in memory despite the overflow condition.

Whether an overflow condition exists or not, control of microcomputer 22 will be transferred from either step 440 or 442 to step 444 which causes microcomputer 22 to read the address (Logical Bit Number) corresponding to the data sector in memory which contains the most recently entered coupon history data into the primary account buffer. This address will be used by microcomputer 22 to retrieve the coupon history from memory to use as a mask to prevent display of previously selected coupons in subsequent transactions. The new account number is read into the primary account buffer later, at step 458.

Control of microcomputer 22 is then transferred to step 446 which calculates the current increment of the data sector where the new account number is to be stored, and sets the value of variable PAN INC equal to the current increment. Control is then transferred to steps 450, 452 and 454 which cause microcomputer 22 to test the current increment value (step 450) and if equal to eight, reset the current increment to zero (step 452). In the illustrated embodiment, data sectors comprised of eight increments are used and therefore sub-sequence steps 450-454 cause microcomputer 22 to maintain a count of the current increment up to eight and then reset to begin counting again. Each time the count reaches eight, the sector in use has been filled and accordingly the logical bit number is incremented to correspond to the next sector to be used (step 454). Thereafter, control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to steps 456 and 458 which cause microcomputer 22 to set variable "allowed coupon" to the initial count since this is the initial use of the

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current primary account number and store the primary account number in the appropriate buffer (step 458). Control is then transferred to step 460 which causes microcomputer 22 to enable the touch screen interrupt so that coupon selections may be made by the customer. Control is then transferred to step 462 to post background touch screen task (BTSTSK) and returned (464) to the point of departure prior to interrupt.

Returning now to step 428, and assuming the customer's primary account number is found in the primary account number file in random access memory 58, 60, control of microcomputer 22 will be transferred from step 428 to step 466. Step 466 causes microcomputer 22 to read the coupon history corresponding to this account number into pan buffer for use as a mask in the manner described hereafter to prevent the display of previously selected coupons. Control is then transferred to step 468 which causes microcomputer 22 to determine the increment into the pan buffer where the present account number and coupon history are located and retain the location by setting the value of variable PAN INC. The search task then being completed, control of microcomputer 22 is then transferred to steps 460 which causes microcomputer 22 to disable the card reader interrupt and to enable the touch screen interrupt, then transfers control to step 462 which causes microcomputer to post background touch screen task flag (BTSTSK) before returning (464) control to the point of departure prior to interrupt.

This sequence BPSTSK has caused the microcomputer to record the primary account number in the primary account number buffer with "zeros" for an account history thereby allowing full coupon selection if the number was a "new" account, and recalled the coupon history into the principal account buffer to be used as a mask to prevent full selection in the case of previously used account numbers.

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c. Touch Screen Task (BTSTSK) (Fig. 22a-c)

This background task sequence has three entry points and for ease of reference is illustrated in separate Figs. 22a, 22b and 22c, respectively. The first entry from task BTMTSK (Fig. 23), is used to mask previously dispensed coupons from the touch screen and cathode ray tube display and to send the modified display to cathode ray tube 28. The record entry from background task FTSINT (Fig. 13, step 250) is used for causing microcomputer 22 to accept touch screen entries, and the third entry, from background task BPSTSK, is used for initializing sequence pointers to rotate the order of appearance of the screens to the customer.

When control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to this sequence from sequence BTMTSK, entry is at step 470 (Fig. 22). Step 470 causes microcomputer 22 to display a background of blank coupons on cathode ray tube 28 which will be completed with alpha numerics at step 488 and transfers control to step 472. Step 472 causes microcomputer 22 to increment a "screens presented" counter so that only the correct number of screens will be presented to the customer on any given transaction. On the first execution the increment will be from zero to one, and so on until the maximum number has been reached. Control is then transferred to step 474 which causes microcomputer 22 to test the screens presented counter versus the prescribed maximum, and if the maximum number has been exceeded treats the transaction as a "quit" request, as described below. If the maximum number of screens have been presented, control of microcomputer 22 is transferred from step 474 to sub-sequence Q (Fig. 22a) which will be described below. If all the screens have not been presented to the customer, control is transferred from step 474 to step 476 to continue the display sequence. Control is transferred sequentially from step 476 through step 484 to cause microcomputer 22 to determine which screen is to be displayed next (476) and

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to filter the displayed video for the cathode ray tube and the touch screen to eliminate any coupons no longer available for selection.

Step 476 causes the microcomputer 22 to determine which screen of coupons is to be displayed next by reading the "NXTSCN" counter, then transfers control to step 478 which causes the microcomputer to retrieve from memory the coupon history for this customer and this screen of coupons then transfers control to step 480. Step 480 causes microcomputer 22 to compare the coupon usage to the prescribed coupon per customer limit and filter or remove any coupons which are not available by disabling the corresponding touch pads. Control is then transferred to step 482 and 484 which similarly cause microcomputer 22 to eliminate any coupons which are invalid (step 482) by disabling or filtering the corresponding touch pad(s) and to similarly eliminate any coupons which are not available because weekly or other periodic maximum limits (as distinguished from per customer limits) have been attained (step 484).

Control of microcomputer 22 is then transferred to step 486 which causes microcomputer 22 to filter the video screen of coupons to match the modified touch pad array or touch screen so that unavailable coupons will not be displayed. Control is then transferred to step 488 to initiate display of the alpha numeric characters on the background of blank coupons (step 470) for each valid, available coupon on cathode ray tube 28. Control is transferred to steps 490 and 492 which cause microcomputer 22 to start the ten second timer for displaying the screen of coupons (490) and to increment the next screen counter. Control then transfers to loop 494 which causes microcomputer 22 to reset the next screen counter to zero once the total available screens have been displayed prior to returning (496) control to executive sequence E.

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When BTSTSK is entered from the touch screen interrupt sequence FTSINT, control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to step 500 (Fig. 22b). Steps 500 through 508 cause the microcomputer to determine the nature of the touch screen input and transfer control appropriately.

If the touch screen input is a next screen request (step 500) control is transferred to BTMTSK entry A (Fig. 22a) to cause the next screen of coupons to be displayed immediately. If the touch screen input is a hold request (step 502) control is transferred to step 503 to cause the microcomputer 22 to reset the coupon display timer (step 490, Fig. 22a) to permit the present coupon screen to be displayed another ten seconds. If the touch screen input is determined to be a pad error, i.e., a malfunctioning touch screen pad (step 504) control is transferred to step 505 to cause microcomputer 22 to record the malfunction in an appropriate register and return to the executive sequence E.

If the customer has touched an invalid pad, i.e., one underlying a blank space on the display (step 506) control is returned to the executive sequence E since further action is unnecessary. Finally, if the touch screen input is a quit request, (step 508) control is transferred to sub-sequence Q (Fig. 22a).

Upon entry to sub-sequence Q, either from step 508 at the customer request or from step 474 when all screens have been displayed and selection completed, sequence Q causes microcomputer to perform the following end of transaction functions:

i. Write the primary account number data from random access memory file to non-volatile bubble memory 56 if this transaction was initiated with a new account number (steps 510, 512);

ii. Update the coupon counter in non-volatile memory 56 (step 514);

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iii. Update the not sent sector, i.e., the transaction data not yet sent to host H, in non-volatile memory 56 (step 516);

iv. Update the coupon history increments or pointers in non-volatile memory 56 (step 518);

v. Update the coupon history sector in non-volatile memory 56 (step 520);

vi. Reset the buffer pointers, disable the touch screen interrupt, and enable the card reader interrupt to place the terminal in mode 1 condition, i.e., ready to be activated (step 522);

vii. Post the background idle task BIDLE and return to executive sequence E (step 524) unless the not sent sector of non-volatile memory is full (step 526) in which case background task sequence BCOTSK is posted (step 528) prior to returning to cause microcomputer 22 to take appropriate action.

Returning now to Fig. 22b, and assuming the touch screen input is a valid coupon selection input, control of microcompuer 22 passes to step sequence beginning with step 530 which causes the microcomputer 22 to initiate dispensing the selected coupon by queuing the selected coupon data into the printer output buffer and posting the printer output background sequence task BPOTSK (steps 530, 532). Thereafter control is transferred to steps 536 and 538 which cause the microcomputer to disable the touch pad(s) corresponding to the selected coupon (step 536) and update the coupon history and counts in random access memory 58, 60 (step 538). Control is then transferred to steps 540 and 542 which cause the microcomputer 22 to determine whether the maximum number of this coupon have now been dispensed (step 540) and, if so, to correct the touch screen mask to clear the selected coupon from the

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video display (step 542). Control is then transferred to step 546 to set the display timer (Fig. 22a, step 490) to provide a ten second display of the available coupons then returned to executive sequence E.

Entry into background touch screen task BTSTSK from task sequence BPSTSK (Fig. 21, step 462) causes control to be transferred to step 550 (Fig. 22c). This step sequence is simply an initialization sequence to cause microcomputer 22 to rotate the order of appearance of the coupon screens and initialize the screen counter (step 550), and next screen counter (steps 552, 554) prior to using background task sequence BTMTSK entry A (fig. 22a) to display the appropriate screen of coupons. Note that steps 556 and 558 cause the microcomputer to determine whether the last screen, i.e., the fourth screen, has been displayed in this transaction (step 556) and, if so, reset the first screen counter to zero (step 558) which will cause the screen display sequence to begin anew. In either event, control is transferred to step 558 which sets the terminal operating mode to mode 2 to place the terminal in condition for a coupon transaction, prior to exiting to entry A in sequence BTMTSK (Fig. 22a).

d. Timer Task (BTMTSK) (Fig. 23)

This background task sequence (Fig. 23) is posted every second by the clock interrupt FCLINT (Fig. 12, step 234) and posts appropriate background task sequences if a timer has expired. In addition, time task BTMTSK also posts task BCOTSK at the time specified to initiate data transmission to the host H. All timed functions are listed in a timer register corresponding to the timed task. Each time the particular task is begun, the corresponding timer is set by the task sequence which provides an input value to the timer list. Entry into sequence BTMTSK causes control of microcomputer 22 to be transferred to step 570 which causes microcomputer 22 to decrement any positive timer entry.

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Thereafter control is transferred to steps 572, 574 and 576 to cause microcomputer 22 to determine whether any of the listed timers have expired (step 572), and, if so, to set the timer to a negative value to prevent subsequent repetitive time outs (step 574) and to activate (step 576) the corresponding timer executive sequence task (Fig. 18) so that appropriate action may be taken. If no timer has expired, control is transferred from step 572 directly to step 578. Steps 578, 580 and 582 cause microcomputer 22 to increment the data transfer time which equals the elapsed time since the last transfer of coupon transaction data to host H (step 578), test the elapsed time versus the specified period for making scheduled data transmissions (step 580), and if the time has expired (step 582) post background task sequence BCOTSK which initiates a call to the host for data transmission. Thereafter control of microcomputer 22 is returned either from step 580 or 582 to the executive sequence E.

e. Printer Output Task (BPOTSK) (Fig. 24a)

The printer output task BPOTSK may be posted from the BTMTSK sequence (Fig. 23, step 576) in which case entry is at the step sequence illustrated in Fig. 24a, or from the BTSTSK (Fig. 22b, step 532) or FPIINT (Fig. 15, step 284) sequences in which case entry is at the step sequence illustrated in Fig. 24b. Printer output task BPOTSK generally is used to cause the requested coupons to be printed and dispensed with the specified expiration date or other such data and to monitor printer errors.

Referring now to Fig. 24a, entry to BPOTSK from BTMTSK occurs when printer 32 has failed to send a coupon cut signal during a coupon dispensing transaction. The sequence illustrated in Fig. 24a causes microcomputer 22 to monitor printer 32 by providing a six (6) second time period for printer 32 to send the coupon cut signal indicating the transmitted coupon has been dispensed.

Upon initial entry into this sequence, control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to step 590. Step 590

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causes microcomputer 22 to test the state of the timer flag. If the timer flag is not set, control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to steps 592-596 which cause microcomputer 22 to set the timer flag (step 592), prescribe a six second time limit (step 594) and initiate the same printer transfers (step 596). If, at step 590, the timer flag has already been set, an error message is required and control is transferred to steps 598-602 which cause microcomputer 22 to clear the timer flag (step 598), set the Time Out bit in the error word register (step 600) and post background task BALTSK (Step 602) to cause appropriate action to be taken regarding the error. Control is in either case returned (step 604) to the executive sequence.

If the entry into BPOTSK is from the touch screen task, BTSTSK, or from the printer interrupt task, FPIINT, control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to step 610 (Fig. 24b). This sequence is entered to initiate printer output such as to provide the customer with the selected and authorized coupons. Upon entry, steps 610-614 cause microcomputer 22 to clear time out and X off error bits from prior transactions (step 610), clear already called and timer flags likewise set from prior transactions (step 612) and to cancel the previous time entry (step 614).

Control is then transferred to step 616 which causes microcomputer 22 to test the printer queue to determine if any coupons remain to be printed. If not, no further action is required and control is returned (step 618) to the executive sequence.

If, on the other hand, coupons remain in the printer queue to be printed, control of microcomputer 22 is transferred from step 616 to steps 620-628 which cause the microcomputer to decrement the remaining in queue variable and retrieve the next increment of coupon data (step 620), increment the next read pointer to point to the address of data which comprises the next coupon to be printed in accordance with the customer's request, (step 622),

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transfer the coupon print file to the printer output buffer from non-volatile memory 56 (step 624), insert extra data such as an expiration date data if requested (step 626), and initiate transfer of the data to printer 32 under a six second time limit (step 628). The transaction is then completed and control is returned to the executive sequence (step 630).

f. Alarm Task (BALTSK)

Alarm task BALTSK is posted in response to terminal malfunctions or alarm conditions such as from the printer input interrupt sequence FPIINT (Fig. 15, step 296), the card reader interrupt sequence FCRINT (Fig. 10, step 188), or the printer output task BPOTSK (Fig. 24a, step 602). Alarm task BALTSK causes the microcomputer 22 to initiate a call to the host H and, in some circumstances place the terminal T in a disabled, hide and watch mode.

Upon entry into the BALTSK sequence, control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to a series of interrogatory steps (632-636) which cause microcomputer to determine whether the cause of entry was a X off error (step 632), a time out error (step 634), or a low paper error (step 636). If either a X off or time out error is detected, indicating printer failure, control is transferred to step 638 to cause microcomputer 22 to initiate a call to the host and place the terminal in the disabled, hide and watch mode.

Step 638 causes the microcomputer to determine whether the host has already been called by reading an appropriate flag, and if so returns (640) control to the executive sequence in the disabled mode. If the call has not been made, control is transferred to steps 642-648 which cause the microcomputer to set the already called flag (step 642), post call out task BCOTSK (step 644), set the terminal mode to the disabled, hide and watch mode (step 646), and set a sixty (60) second time for printer output task BPOTSK to schedule evaluation in sixty seconds

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(step 648). Control is then returned (step 680) to the executive sequence in the disabled mode.

g. Data Transmission to Host H

Control sequences for microcomputer 22 cause the microcomputer to initiate calls from terminal T at regularly scheduled times, i.e., every six hours, and whenever the full capacity in non-volatile memory 56 allocated for coupon history data is exhausted. Since the host H may only have a limited number of communication lines, so that a particular terminal T may receive a busy signal when a call is attempted, control sequences are provided to redial at the expiration of a fixed time period, e.g., 45 or 60 seconds.

Each time terminal T completes a call to host H, microcomputer 22 will cause the terminal T to send all coupon history information from memory 56 to the host H. The host H will recognize the data from a particular terminal T and record and segregate the data which comprises the particular terminal's coupon history so that it may be accessed by terminal identification number.

After all the coupon history data has been sent, microcomputer 22 will cause terminal T to transmit the coupon count data which is the cumulative count of coupons dispensed by the terminal during the reporting period by coupon type. The terminal's mode and error messages will also be transmitted. Each terminal will also originate a call to the host whenever there has been power-up reboot, or low paper, X off or time out condition at the printer. Coupon transaction data will be transmitted to the host H on these occasions also.

h. Communications Output Task (BCOTSK)

The communications output task will be posted to initiate transfer of data from terminal T to host H in one of six ways:

1. When the not sent buffer of terminal T which stores coupon transaction data not yet sent to host H (Fig. 22a, step 528) is full, microcomputer 22 causes

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terminal T to indicate transfer of coupon history data and coupon counts one sector at a time from the not sent buffer;

2. By foreground communcations output interrupt FCOINT to initiate the transfer of the next sector of coupon data (Fig. 16, step 336);

3. By background alarm task BALTSK to initiate a call to host H to report a printer or card reader failure (Fig. 25, step 644);

4. By the power up sequence P (Fig. 19, step P1; Fig. 6, step 76) to obtain current date/time prior to assuming on-line, ready condition;

5. By the background end of day task BEDTSK (Fig. 28, step 816) for housekeeping transmissions; and,

6. By background communications interrupt task BCIITSK in response to a request from the host (Fig. 27b, step 802).

Each communicated data sector includes a type block which identifies the type of communication. In the illustrated embodiment, types 1-12 are communications from host H, types 20-26 are from terminal T to host H and type zero is either way.

Terminal block types may, for example, include the following:

1. Type 20: Not sent coupon history data consisting of up to seven coupon histories updated by terminal transactions;

2. Type 21: Coupon type count of the number of coupons of each coupon type issued since the last reset; may also include various error words;

3. Type 22: Date/time request calls host after reboot to obtain date/time;

4. Type 23: Printer failure, i.e., the terminal printer has an error condition which has caused microcomputer 22 to place printer 32 in the disabled mode;

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5. Type 24: Low paper in printer.

6. Type 25: Excess card reader errors, indicative that there have been twelve bad reads from card reader 36;

7. Type 26: End of day transmission, where coupon type counts are sent as final, and daily counts are reset.

Host to terminal block types may include the following:

1. Type 1: Commands terminal T to go to ready mode; terminal obeys if printer not failed;

2. Type 2: Commands terminal T to go to disabled, hide and watch mode;

3. Type 3: Commands terminal to prepare for coupon data update by going to disabled mode, transferring current not sent histories and coupon counts, and reset account file, history file pointers and counters;

4. Type 4: Commands terminal to alter terminal identification and date/time, in response to terminal request;

5. Type 5: Same as 4 except no change in terminal identifier;

6. Type 6: Commands terminal to reboot, used to update coupon data;

7. Type 7: Commands terminal to write transmitted date into non-volatile memory;

8. Type 8: Commands terminal to modify coupon count assignment, and to change the maximum number of a particular coupon to be dispensed;

9. Type 9: Provides terminal with beginning limits for dispensing coupons;

10. Type 10: Requests that terminal T send not sent histories and coupon count data.

The host H may transmit data to the terminal T at any time during a connection by changing a communications block type recognized by the terminal to signal a type of

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host command. Terminal T will receive these commands and accomplish the specified tasks.

Having these general communications types in mind, the background communications output task BCOTSK illustrated in Fig. 26 is readily understood. Control of microcomputer 22 will be transferred to BCOTSK sequence as a result of one of the six posting possibilities. If entered from sequence BALTSK control is transferred to step 700 which causes the microcomputer 22 to set the type block which corresponds to the particular alarm or error condition, and transfers control to step 702. Step 702 causes microcomputer 202 to get the type count information from memory and transfers control to step 704 to initiate the data transfer.

If entered after power up, control is transferred to steps 706, 702 and 704 which causes microcomputer 22 to set the type block to type 22 to request the host to provide date/time information (706), get the coupon count information (202) and initiate the transfer (704).

If entered from any of the remaining four possibilities (Fig. 26) control is transferred to step 710 which causes microcomputer 22 to determine if there are any not sent history sectors in the buffer and if not transfers control to steps 712, 702 and 704 which cause microcomputer 22 to set the type block for type counts (712), get the type count data (702) and initiate the transfer (704).

If on the other hand, at step 710, it is determined that there are not sent coupont history sectors, control is transferred to steps 714, 716 and 704 to set the not sent type block (714), get the next not sent sector to transfer (716) and initiate the transfer (704). After each sequence control is returned (720) to the executive sequence.

i. Terminal Control Via Host - Communication Input Task (BCITSK) (Fig. 27)

The communications input task BCITSK is posted whenever an error free input communication is received

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from host H so that microcomputer 22 will cause terminal T to interpret the message and comply with the host commands. With the above enumerated block types designated to identify particular commands, the input task sequence is simply a series of interrogatories to identify block type and cause the terminal to carry out the commands accordingly.

Referring now to Fig. 27, upon entry to BCITSK, control is transferred to step 730 which evaluates the command block type, and, if block type 1, transfers control to steps 732 and 734 which cause microcomputer 22 to place the terminal in the ready, on line mode (step 734) unless printer 32 has failed (step 732) in which case the command to go to ready is ignored.

If the communication is a block type 2, control will be transferred through step 730 to step 736 and then steps 738-742. Steps 738-742 cause microcomputer 22 to determine whether a coupon transaction is in progress (step 738), and, if so, terminate the transaction (step 742), but in any event, places the terminal T in the disabled, hide and watch mode (step 740).

If the communication is a block type 3, control will be transferred through steps 730 and 736 to step 744 and then to step 746-758 as is appropriate. Steps 746-750 cause microcomputer 22 to terminate any coupon transactions in process, and go to the disabled mode. Steps 752 and 754 cause microcomputer 22 to send any not sent coupon histories. Step 756 and 758 cause microcomputer 22 to send the type counts and initialize internal counters and pointers.

If the communication is a type 4, control is transferred to step 760 and then to steps 762-768 which cause microcomputer 22 to update the terminal identifier (stpe 762), set the date/time data (step 764), determine if a printer failure has occurred (step 766) and, if so, set the appropriate printer failure mode 6 flag (step 768).

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If the communication is a type 5, control is transferred to step 770 and then to step 764-768 as described above thereby causing microcomputer 22 to obtain date/time data and perform a printer error check without changing the identifier for terminal T.

If the communication is a type 6, control is transferred to step 772, then to steps 774-778 which cause microcomputer 22 to terminate any coupon transactions in process (steps 774-776) and transfer control to the boot, block type 11 sequence.

Type 7 communications cause control to be transferred to step 780 and then to steps 782-782. Type 7 is a non-volatile memory write command and steps 782 and 784 cause microcomputer 22 to prevent writing in the addresses reserved for the operating system (step 782) but otherwise to write the new data as instructed (step 784).

Type 8 communications cause control to be transferred to step 786 and then to steps 788-794 as is appropriate. Steps 788 and 790 cause the microcomputer 22 to invalidate a current coupon if the host specifies a zero allotment, and steps 792-794 otherwise cause existing coupon allotments to be adjusted according to the command.

Type 9 commands cause control to be transferred to step 796, and then to step 798 to cause microcomputer 22 to boot in or load the data being transferred from the host H to set up new coupon allotments and account allotments and to receive a new coupon array for display.

Type 10 commands are requests for the terminal T to call the host H and cause control to be transferred to step 802 to post the BCOTSK sequence to initiate the call. After each communication is evaluated and executed control is returned to executive sequence E.

j. End of Day Task (BEDTSK)

In addition to those service programs or tasks listed in Figs. 5 and 19, an end of day background task illustrated in Fig. 28 is provided to cause terminal T to perform certain housekeeping chores at the end of each

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operating day. This task sequence is posted by the timer task, BTMTSK, at the expiration a of twenty-four hour period plus ninety seconds.

Referring now to Fig. 28, upon entry control of microcomputer 22 is transferred to step 804 which causes microcomputer 22 to increment the Julian date to the next day. Thereafter, control is transferred to step sequence 806-812 which cause microcomputer 22 to reset Julian date to 1 at the end of the year, i.e., the 366th day, unless the current year is a leap year. Control is then transferred to steps 814 and 816 which causes microcomputer 22 to reset the end of day timer (step 814) and initiate an end of day call to the host (step 816). Control is then returned to the executive sequence E.

Since implementation of a command control sequence for the host H, given the specifications for terminal T and the communications format contained herein is a matter within the ordinary skill in the art, detailed programming sequences for host H need not be proivded herein.

V. Conclusion

The system of the present invention thus provides an unattended stand alone terminal T for controlling and monitoring the distribution of coupons at a remote location in cooperation with a centrally located host computer H. Once the terminal T is energized and operating it monitors and controls the printing and distribution of coupons in accordance with prescribed operating criteria, coupon limits and customer requests. The terminal T displays and automatically rotates free standing advertisement screens between customer transactions and when in a disabled mode. The terminal T may be activated to the coupon dispensing mode by any customers having a common credit card bearing a primary account number encoded on magnetic tape. In response to a valid activation, terminal T displays only those coupons available for selection to the customer at that time. The data encoded upon the coupons which are dispensed provides

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the manufacturer with a means to monitor and control fraudulent redemption. Customer account numbers and coupon transaction data are recorded, identified and automatically transferred to the host at periodic intervals.

While the preferred embodiment of this invention relates to manufacturers' coupons, it should be understood that other segments of information which can be displayed and withdrawn from a terminal by choice and which need to be controlled as to information continued and in number of dispensed segments are within the scope of the distribution system disclosed herein and hereinafter claimed.

In addition, host H is programmed to accommodate coupon dispensing history from each terminal on a terminal-to-terminal basis as well as a particular coupon-by-terminal and coupon by all terminals basis. Recording of this information on a periodic basis provides the host with the available information to provide meaningful coupon history reports to manufacturers which can be used to verify actual coupon redeemed information as well as provide meaningful market information on a per store, per terminal, per all terminal basis.

The foregoing disclosure and description of the invention are illustrative and explanatory thereof, and various changes in the size, shape and materials, as well as in the details of the illustrated construction may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

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CLAIMS:

1. A system for controlling the selection and dispensing of product coupons at a plurality of remote terminals located at predesignated sites such as consumer stores wherein each terminal comprises:

activation means for activating such terminal for consumer transactions;

display means for displaying a plurality of coupons available for selection;

selection means provided to permit selection of a desired coupon by the consumer;

print means for printing and dispensing the coupon selected; and,

control means for monitoring each consumer transaction and for controlling said display means and print means in accordance with prescribed coupon criteria.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein said activation means comprises means for reading encoded consumer identifier cards, and means, responsive to said card reading means, for forming a terminal display activation signal.

3. The system set forth in claim 1, including:

said control means interacting with said display means to provide means for displaying an array of individual coupons on a page formatted video menu.

4. The system set forth in claim 3, including:

means for sequentially displaying a plurality of video menu pages.

5. The system set forth in claim 3, further including:

means for displaying video graphics other than coupons such as advertisements or the like.

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6. The system set forth in claim 3, including:
means for automatically displaying each of said video menu pages for a particular time period.

7. The system set forth in claim 3, wherein said control means includes means for modifying the sequence in which said menu pages are displayed.

8. The system set forth in claim 7, including:
said control means and display means interacting to provide means for holding a particular menu page in display format for an additional period of time.

9. The system set forth in claim 7, including:
said control means and display means interacting to provide means for causing the immediate display of the next menu in sequence.

10. The system set forth in claim 3, wherein said control means includes means for modifying the displayed array of coupons.

11. The system set forth in claim 2, wherein:
said control means includes means for preventing the display of particular coupons in response to activation by a particular credit card.

12. The system set forth in claim 2, wherein said control means includes:
coupon limit means for prescribing a maximum distribution number for each coupon to set a limit on the number of that coupon that is dispensed in a particular time period; and display masking means for preventing the display of those coupons for which the prescribed distribution limit has been attained.

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13. The system set forth in claim 2, wherein said control means further comprises:

transaction storage means for storing a record of each transaction, said transaction record including a customer account identification number and data reflecting the type and number of coupons dispensed in the partaicular transaction.

14. The system set forth in claim 13, wherein said control means further comprises:

means for prescribing a particularized per account limit for each coupon;

means for comparing each customer account number read by said card reading means to the customer account numbers previously stored in said transaction storage means; and,

means for masking the display of any coupon for customer selection for which the per account limit number of coupons have been previously dispensed.

15. The system set forth in claim 13, wherein each of said terminals is associated with a centrally located data processing unit, and wherein said terminal further comprises:

data transmission means for transmitting the stored transaction data to the central data processing unit.

16. The system set forth in claim 15, wherein said data transmission means further comprises:

means for automatically initiating the transmission of the transaction data at regular periodic intervals.

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17. The system set forth in claim 15, wherein said data transmission means further comprises:

means for automatically initiating the transmission of the transaction data stored in said record storing means when the storage capacity of said record storing means is attained.

18. The system set forth in claim 17, wherein said record storing means further comprises:

means for recording the number of customer transactions for which no record is stored in said record storing means.

19. The system set forth in claim 12, wherein said selection means includes:

a touch sensitive screen comprising an array of touch sensitive elements and mounted with said display means for permitting a customer to select a particular displayed coupon by touching said elements of touch sensitive screen at points aligned with the particular coupon; and wherein said control means further comprises touch screen disabling means for disabling those elements of said touch screen aligned with masked coupons.

20. The system set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said display means includes means for displaying an array of individual coupons on a selectable video page formatted menu and means for displaying a plurality of video menu pages in a particular sequence, each page being displayed for a particular time;

said section means providing for the selection of a desired coupon in cooperation with said control means includes a touch sensitive screen mounted with said display means allowing a customer to select a particular displayed coupon by touching said touch sensitive screen at points aligned with the particularly desired coupon.

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21. The system set forth in claim 1, wherein said print means includes:

means for printing and dispensing a coupon bearing a product name, manufacturer, and the amount of discount to be applied to the purchase price.

22. The system set forth in claim 1, wherein said print means includes:

means for printing and dispensing a coupon bearing an encoded unique store identification number, Julian date, and time of day.

23. The system set forth in claim 1, wherein said print means includes:

means for printing and dispensing a coupon bearing an expiration date.

24. The system set forth in claim 1, wherein said print means includes:

means for printing and dispensing a coupon bearing a machine readable uniform product code.

25. The system set forth in claim 1, wherein said print means includes:

means for forming a signal indicative of a printer failure; and

said control means includes means responsive to said printer failure signal for placing said terminal in a standby mode wherein said selection means is inoperable.

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26. A system for controlling the selection and dispensing of product coupons at a plurality of remote terminals located at predesignated sites such as consumer stores, comprising:

a plurality of free standing coupon display terminals located at predesignated sites such as consumer stores, each of said terminals being adapted for bidirectional data communication with a host central processing unit;

each of said terminals including activation means for activating such terminal for consumer use by insertion of a credit card or other card having customer account information stored on a magnetic strip, display means for displaying a plurality of coupons, means providing for the selection of a desired coupon by a consumer, print means for printing and dispensing the coupons selected, terminal control means for continuously monitoring each customer transaction and for controlling said display and print means in response to prescribed criterias;

said host central processing unit including means for the transmitting to each terminal particular information for each coupon;

said host central processing unit further including means for transmitting to each terminal coupon limit criteria such as and including expiration date, and total number of coupons to be dispensed.

27. The system set forth in claim 26, wherein:

each of said terminals includes means for recording each customer transaction and for communicating customer transaction information to host computer.

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28. The system set forth in claim 26, wherein said terminal control means includes:

means for preventing the display of a coupon in response to activation of said terminal by a customer if the limit number of coupons for such customer has been attained.

29. The system set forth in claim 26, wherein said printer means includes :

means for preventing the display of a coupon in response to activation of said terminal by a customer if the limit number of coupons for such terminal has been attained.

30. The system set forth in claim 26, wherein said terminal control means includes:

means for preventing the display of a coupon in response to activation of said terminal by a customer if the limit number of coupons for the system has been attained.

31. The system set forth in claim 26, wherein said terminal control means includes means for transmitting to said host central processing unit transaction information including customer account numbers, and an accounting of coupons printed and dispensed.

32. The system set forth in claim 26, wherein:

said host central processing unit includes means for compiling transaction information provided from each of said terminals and for reporting transaction information on a periodic basis for all terminals, for individual terminals and individual coupons.

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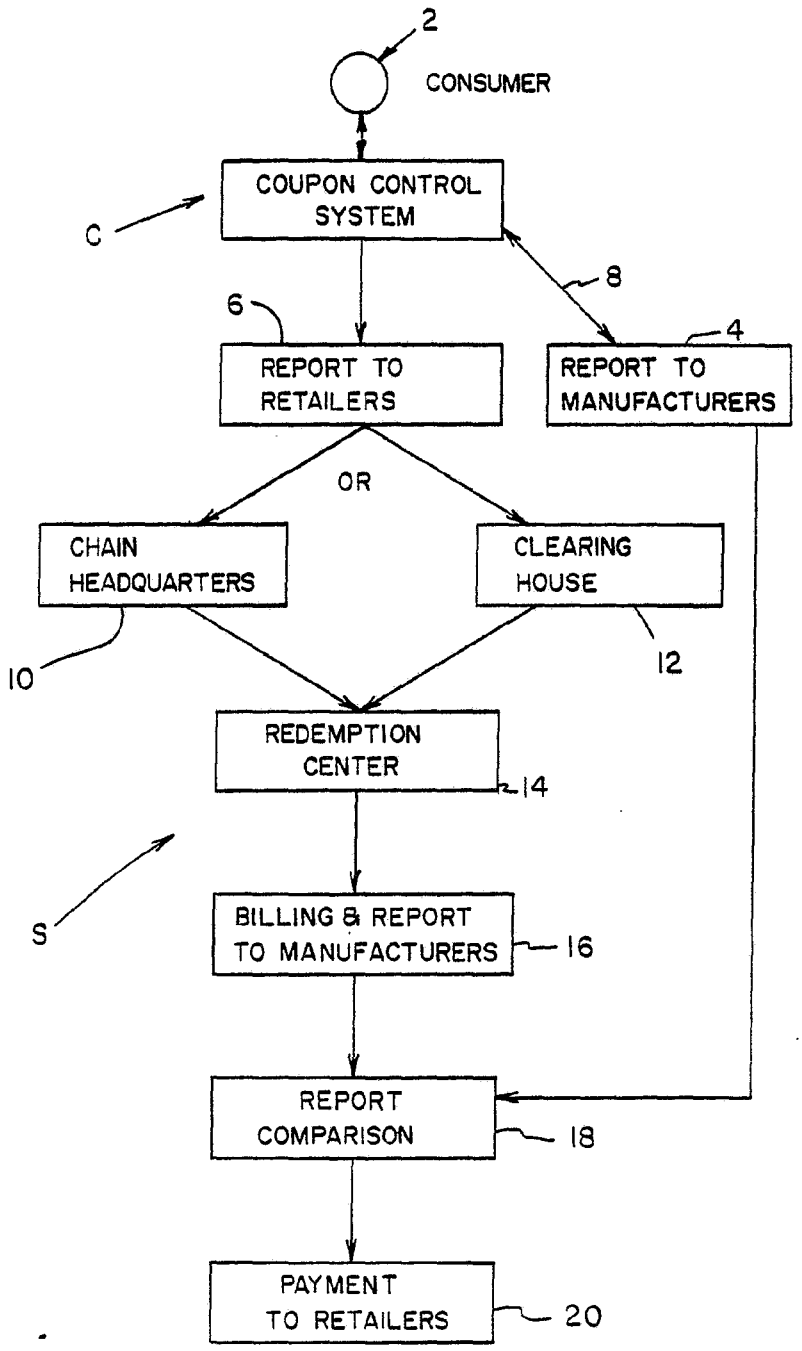


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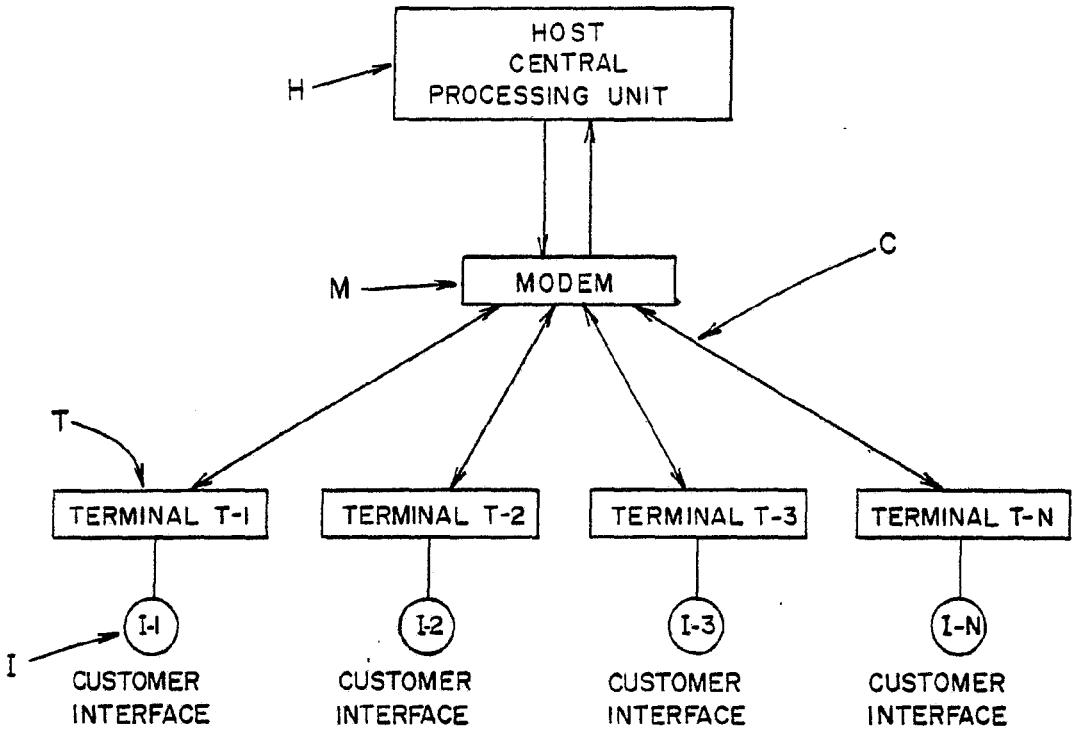


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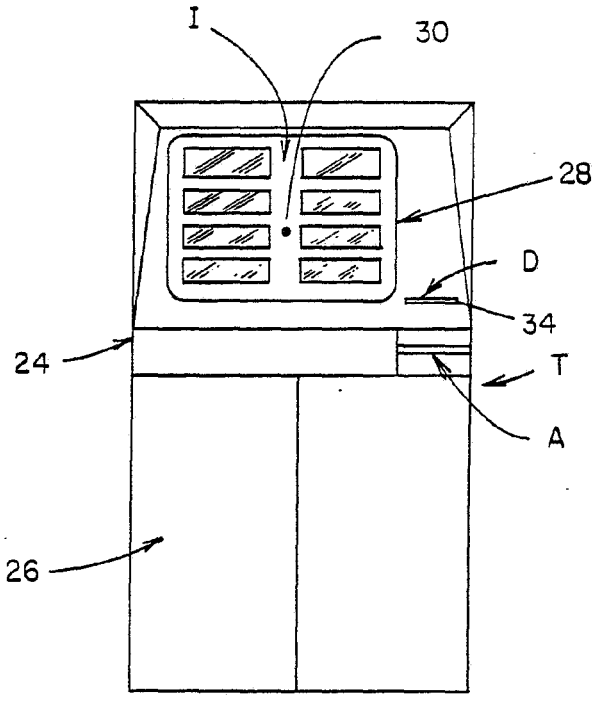


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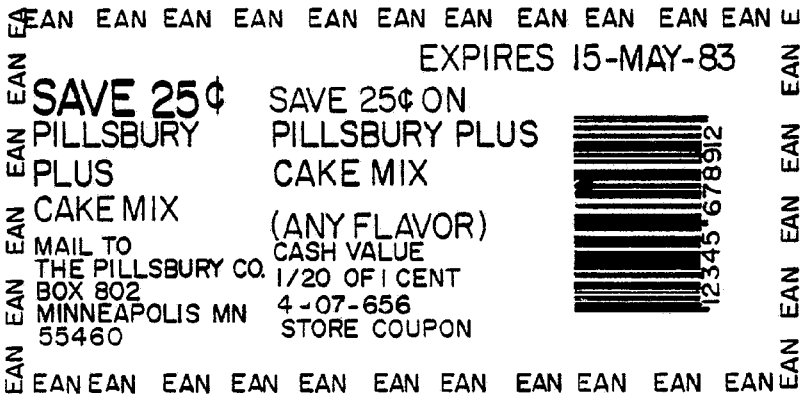
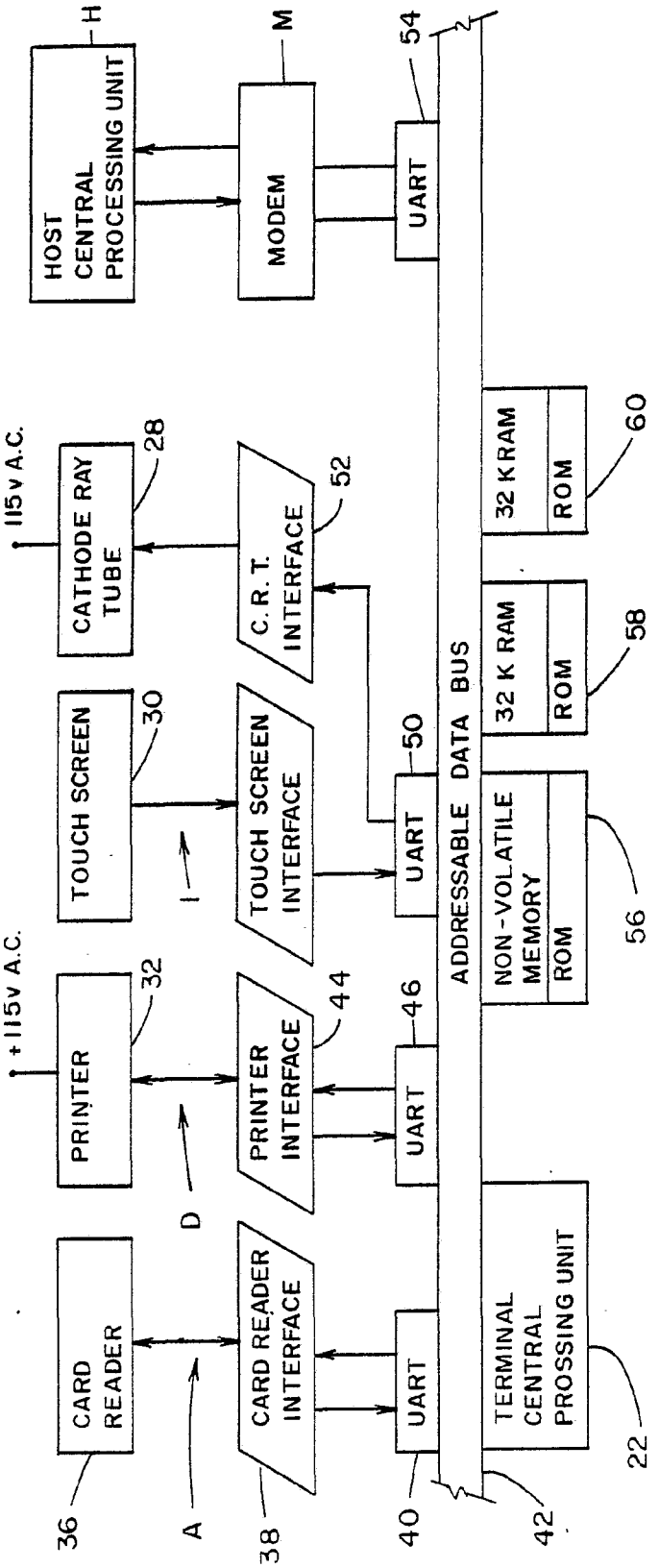


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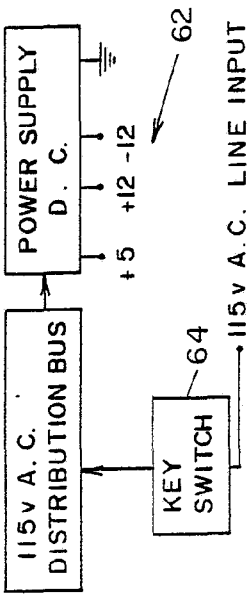


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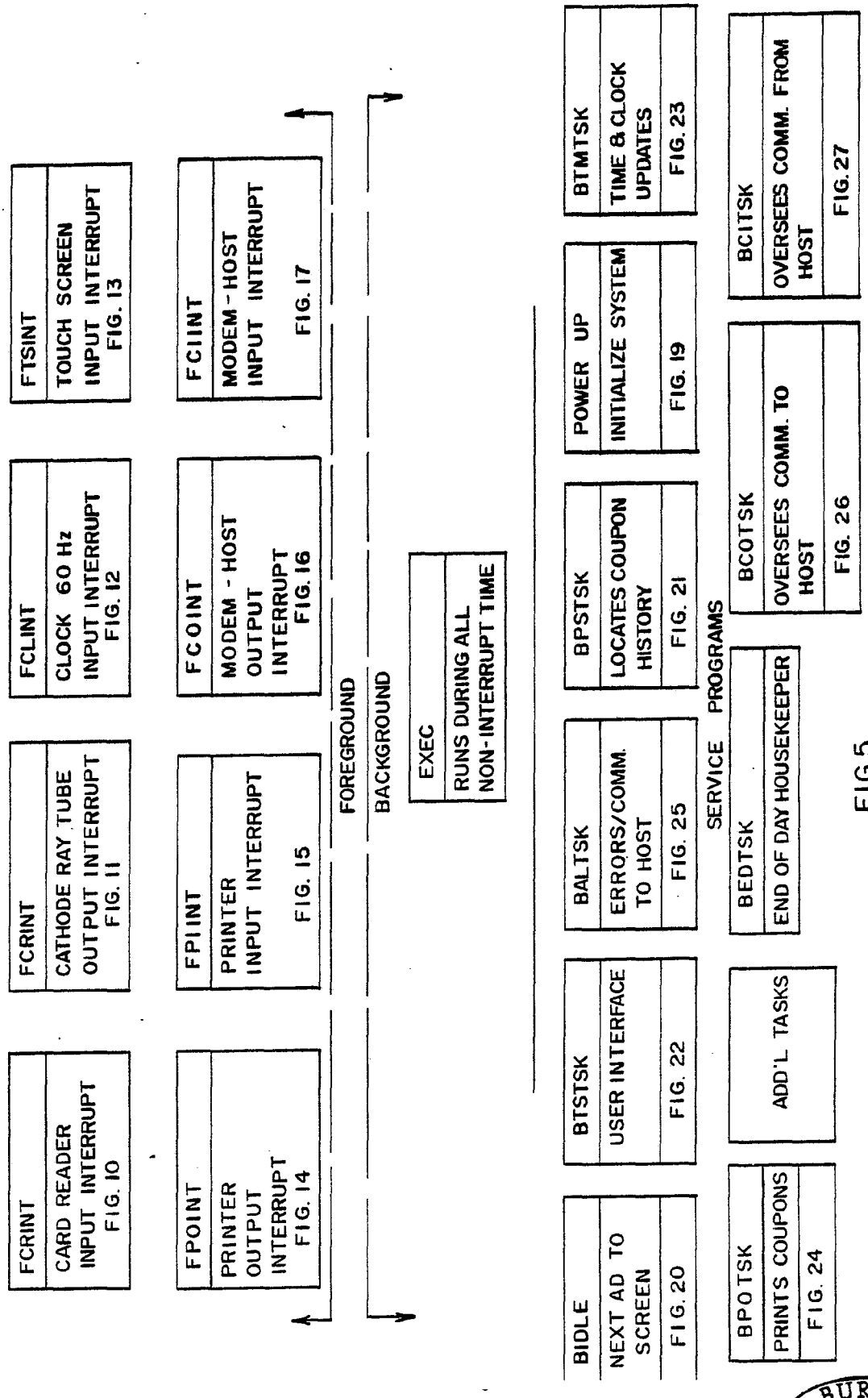


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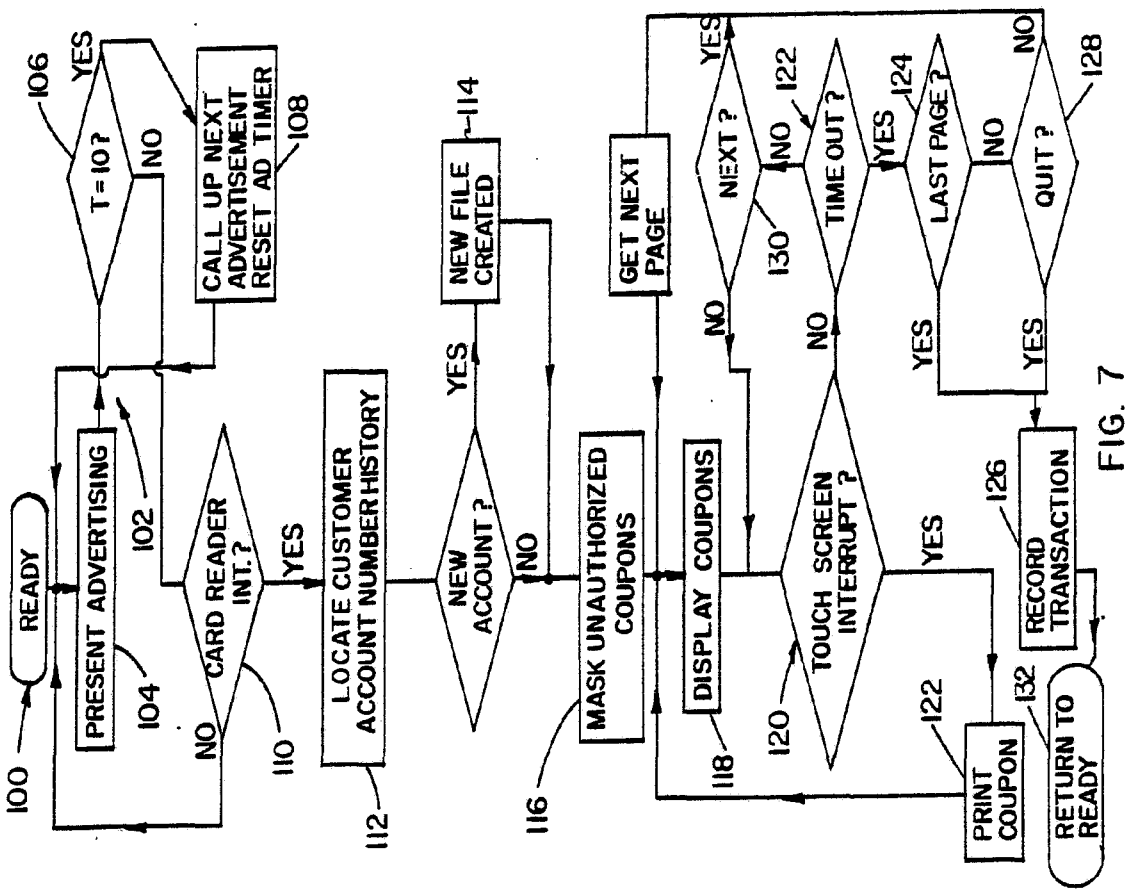


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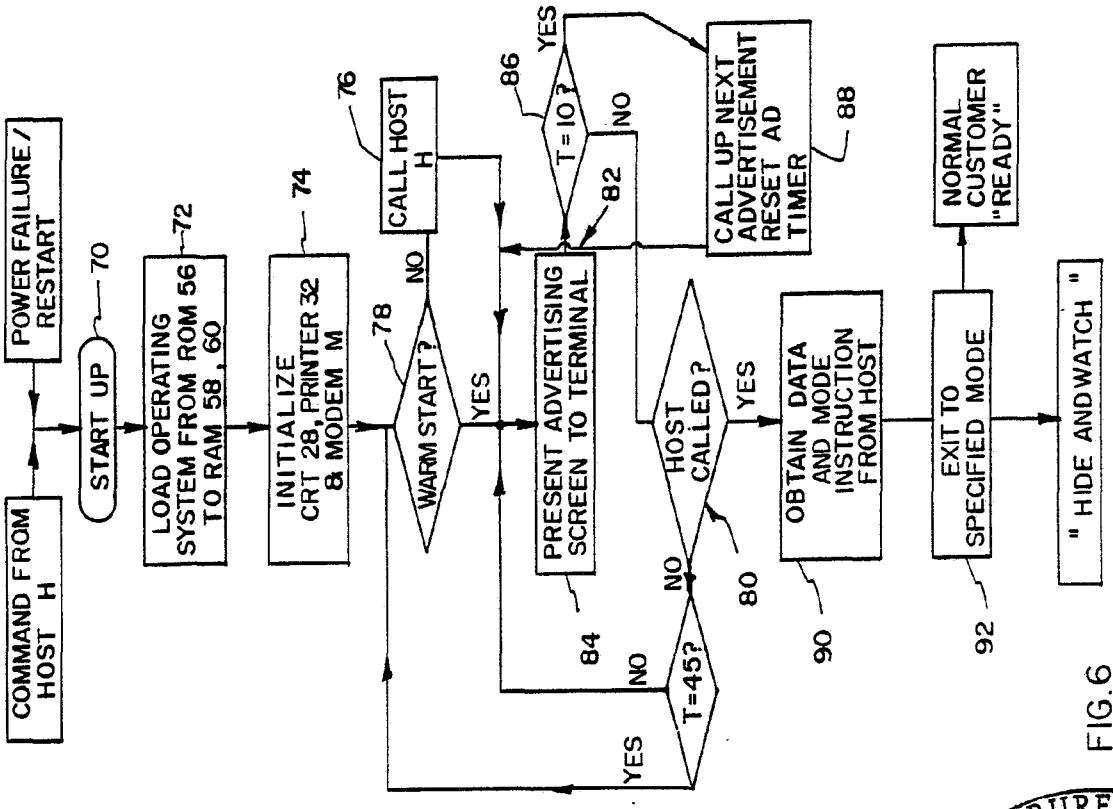


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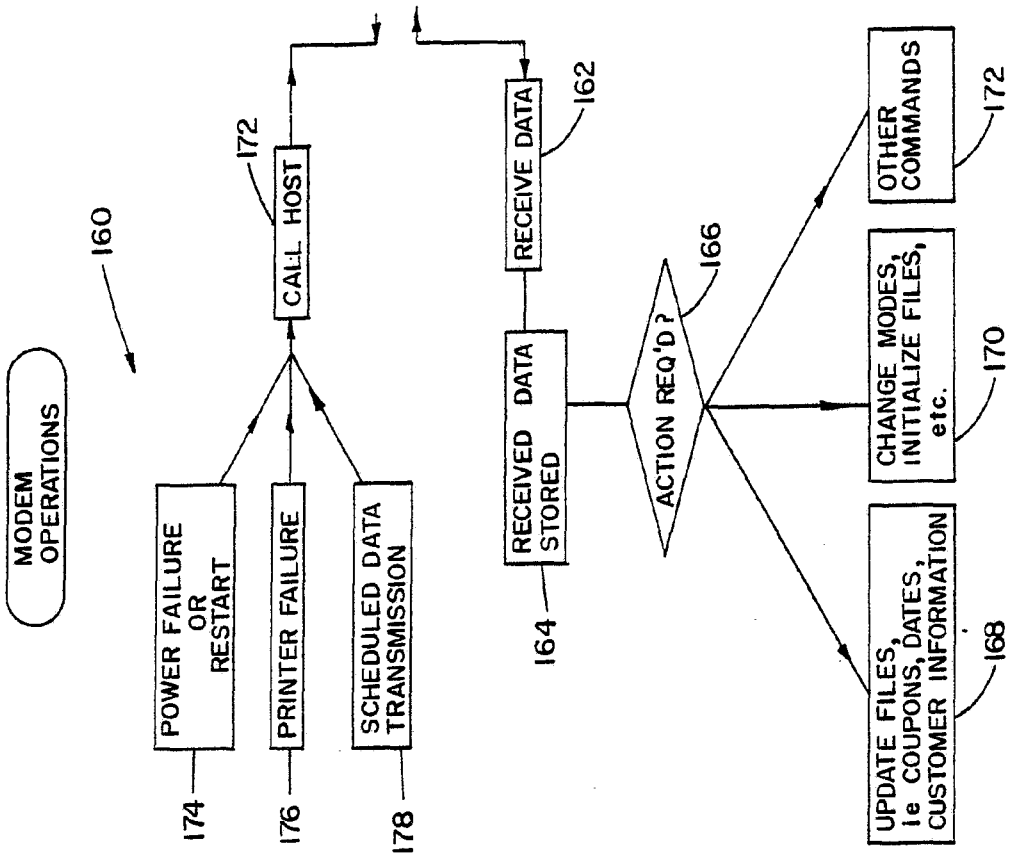


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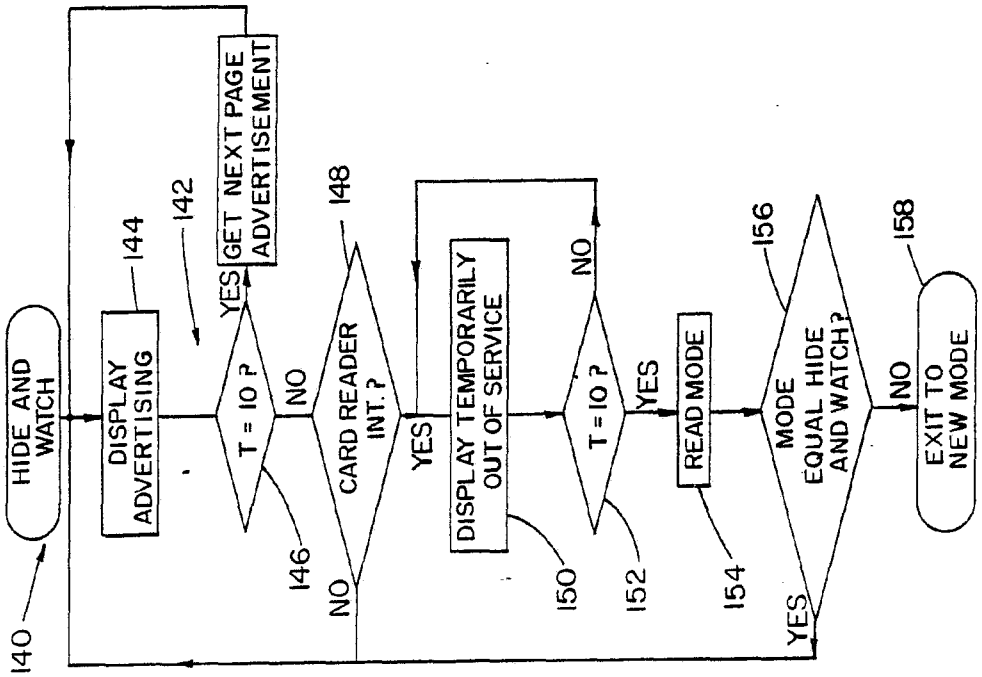


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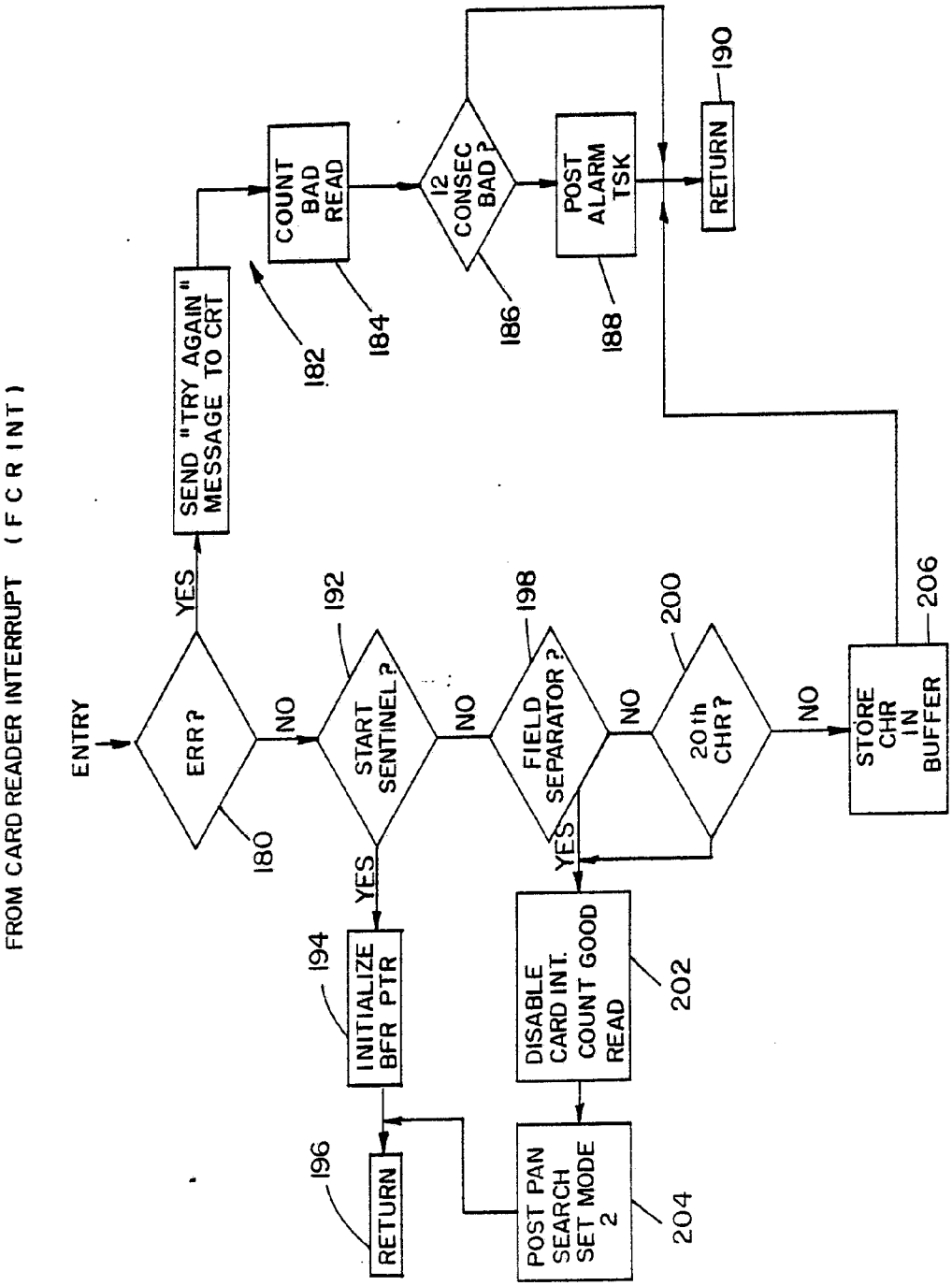


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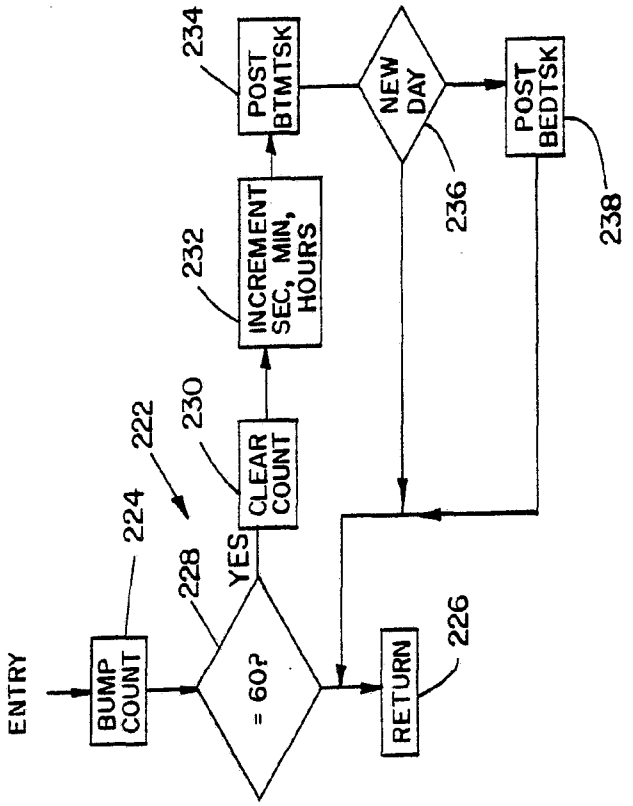


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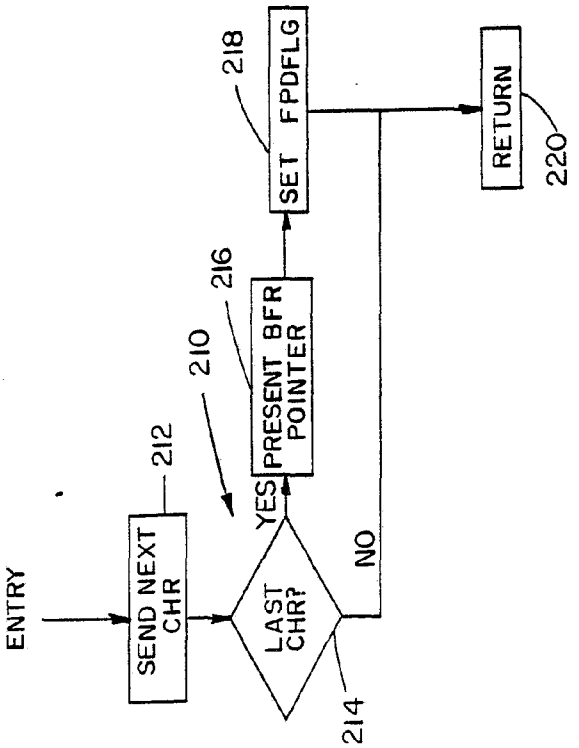


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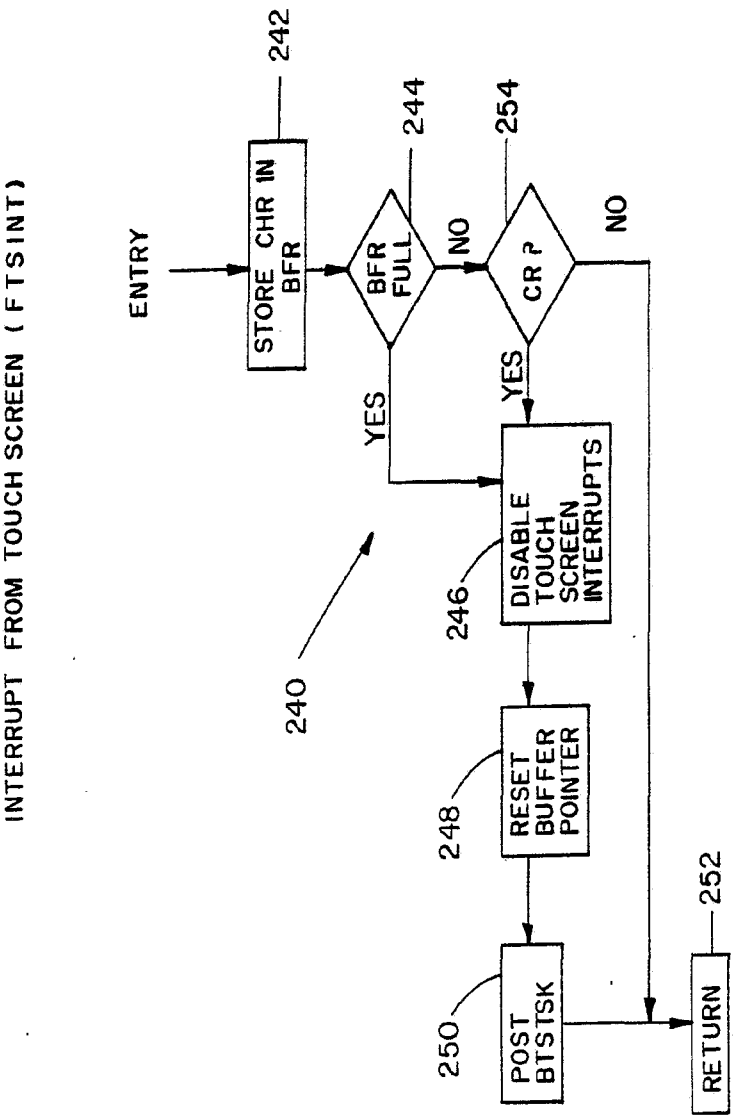


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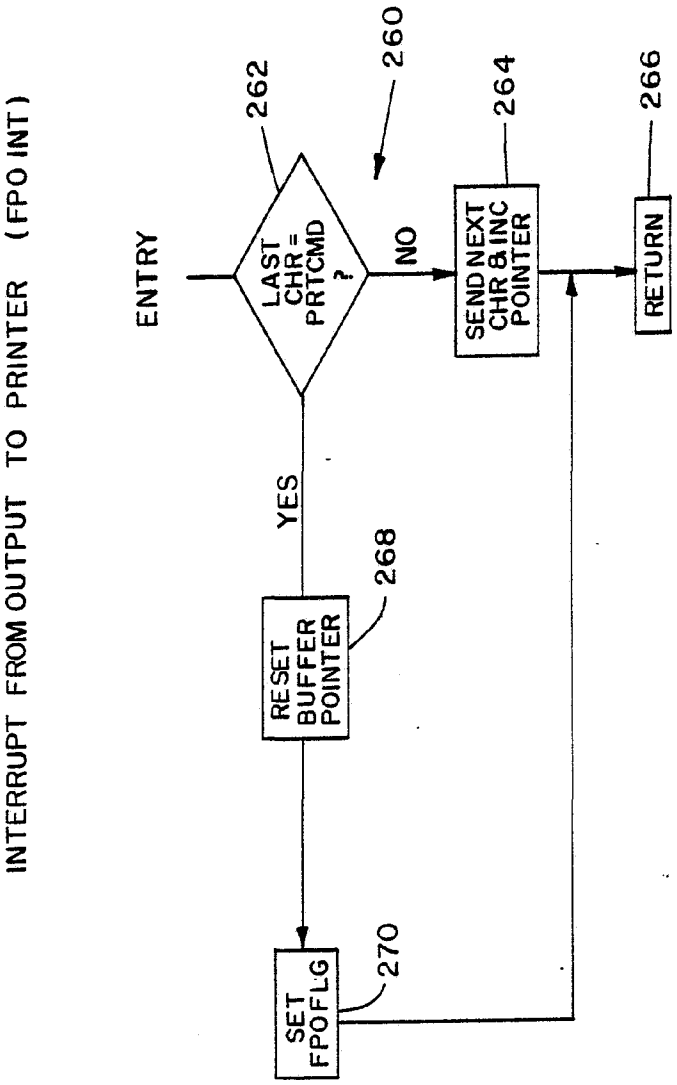


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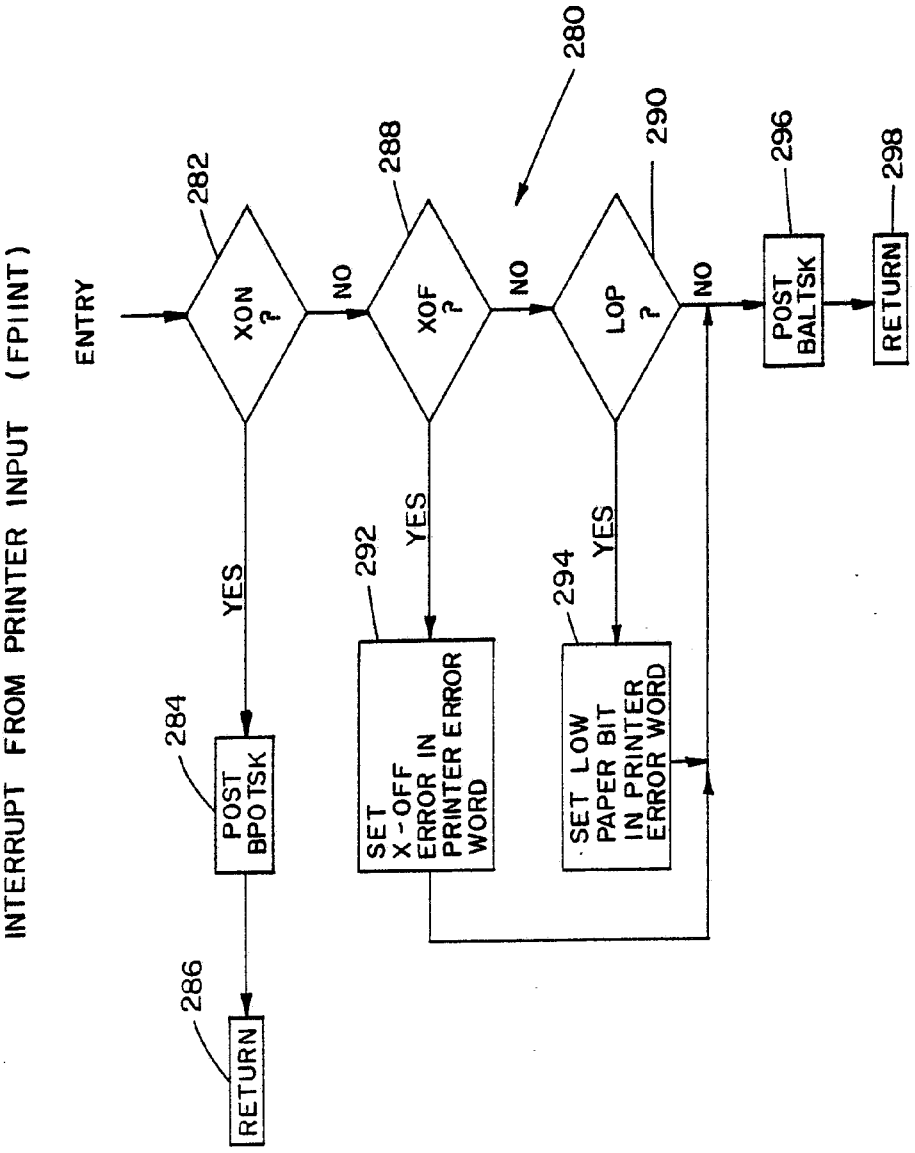


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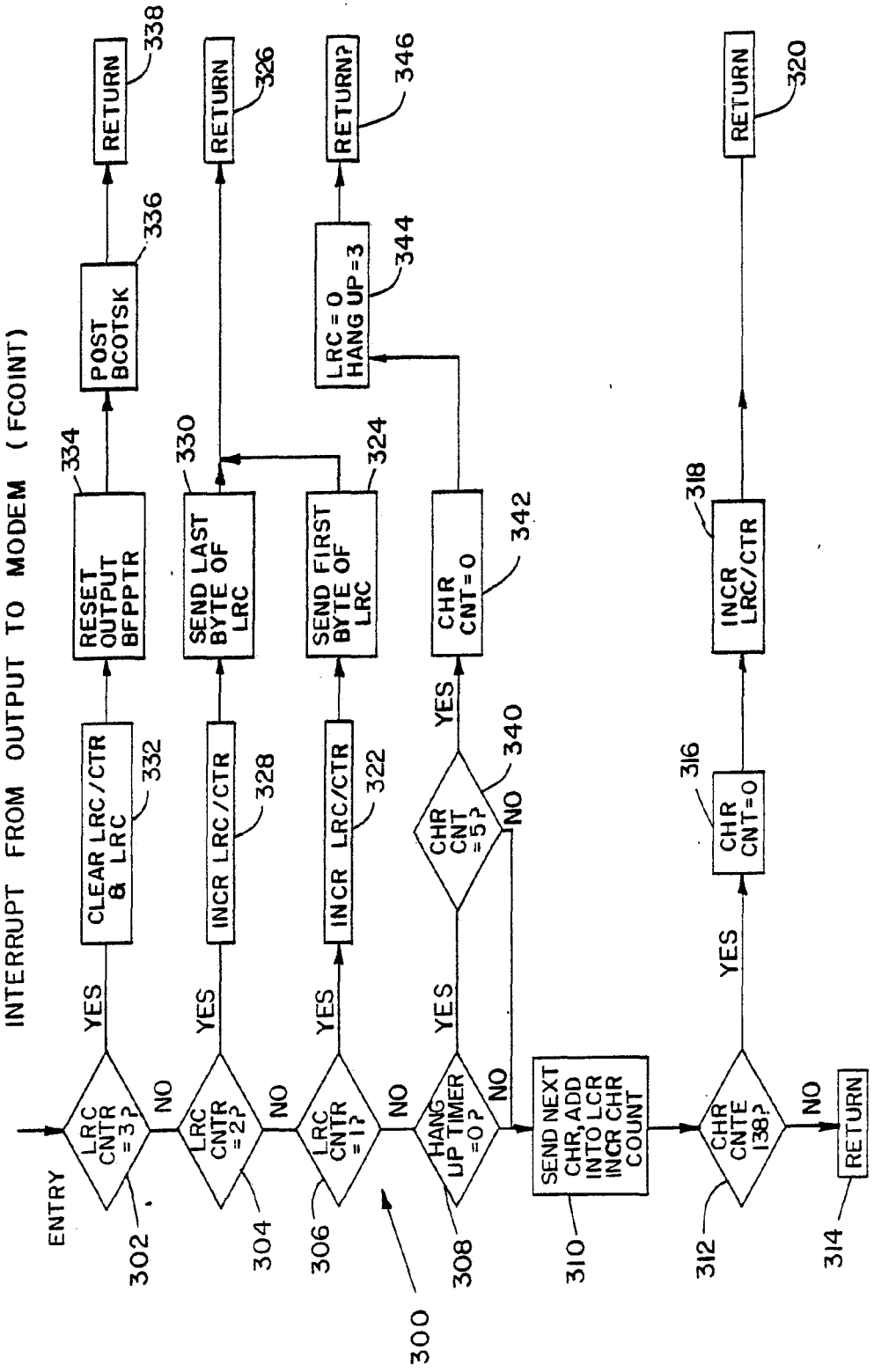


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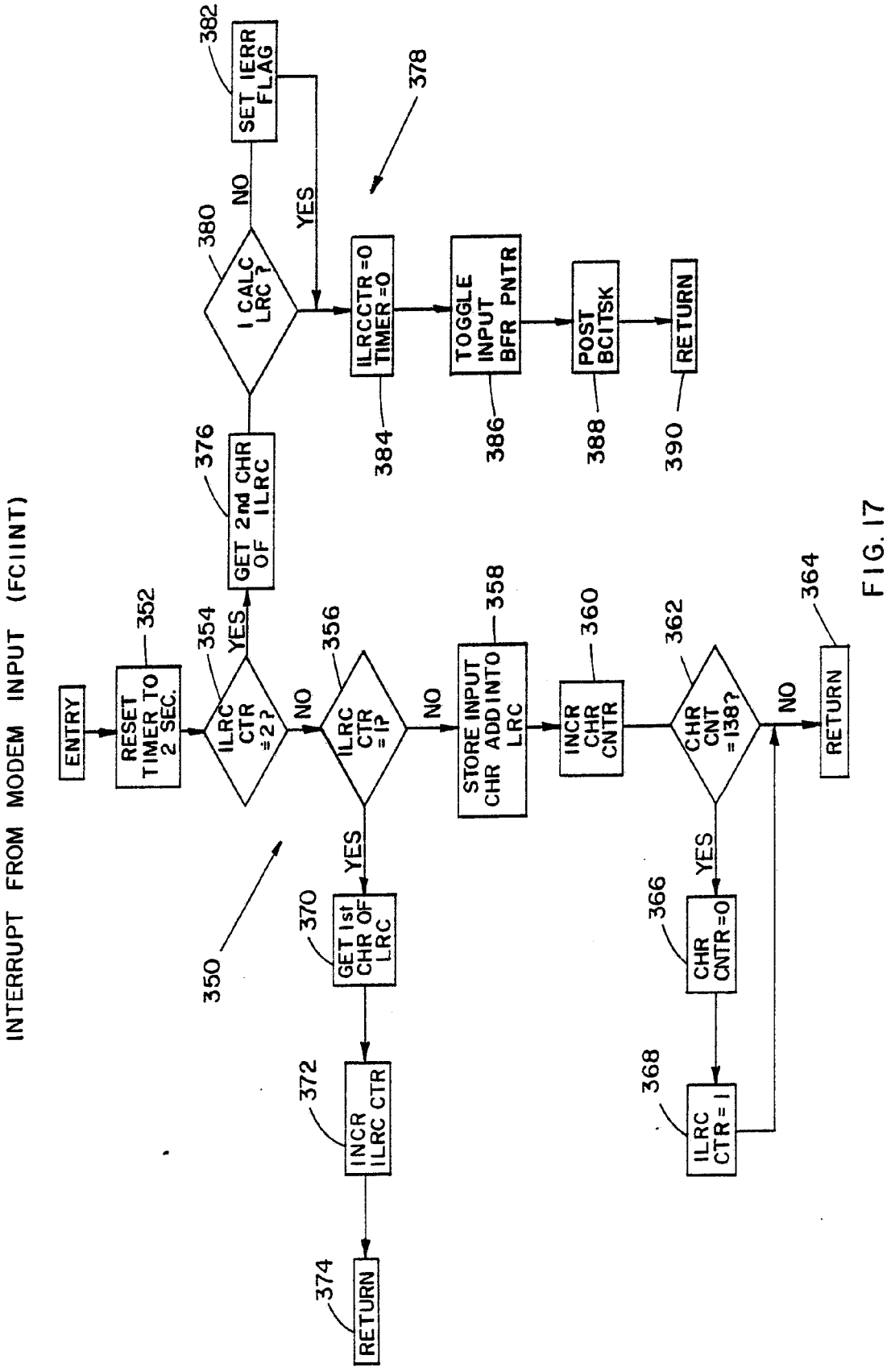


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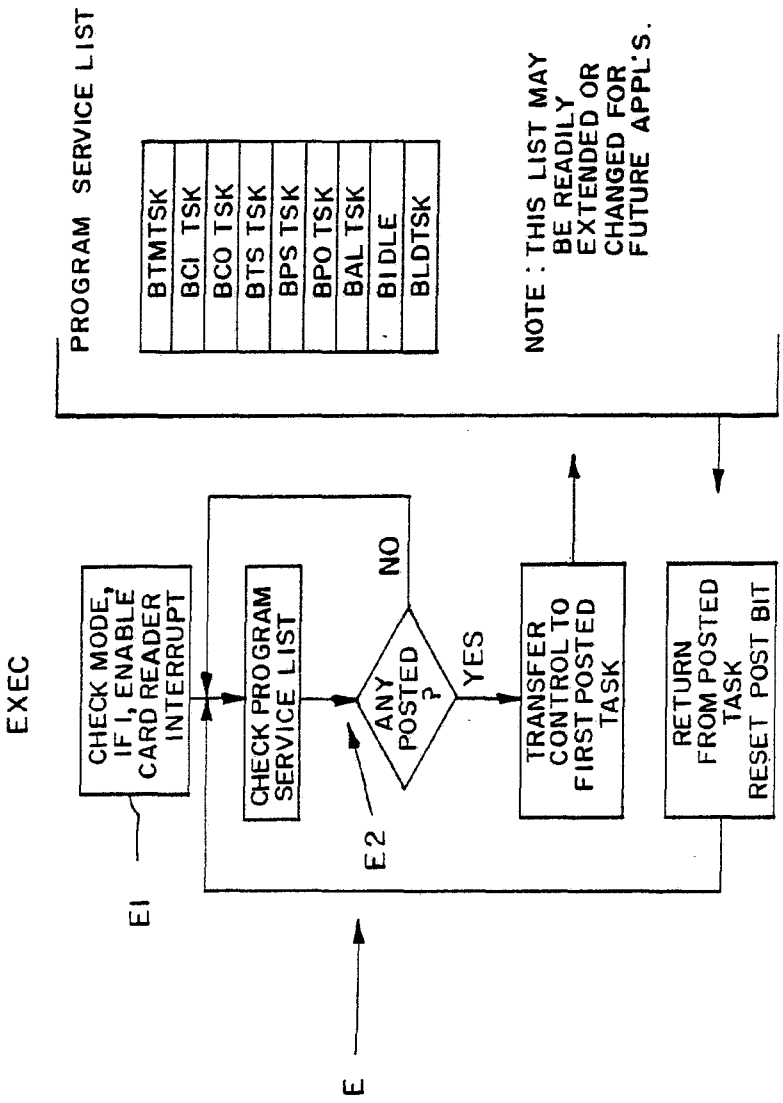


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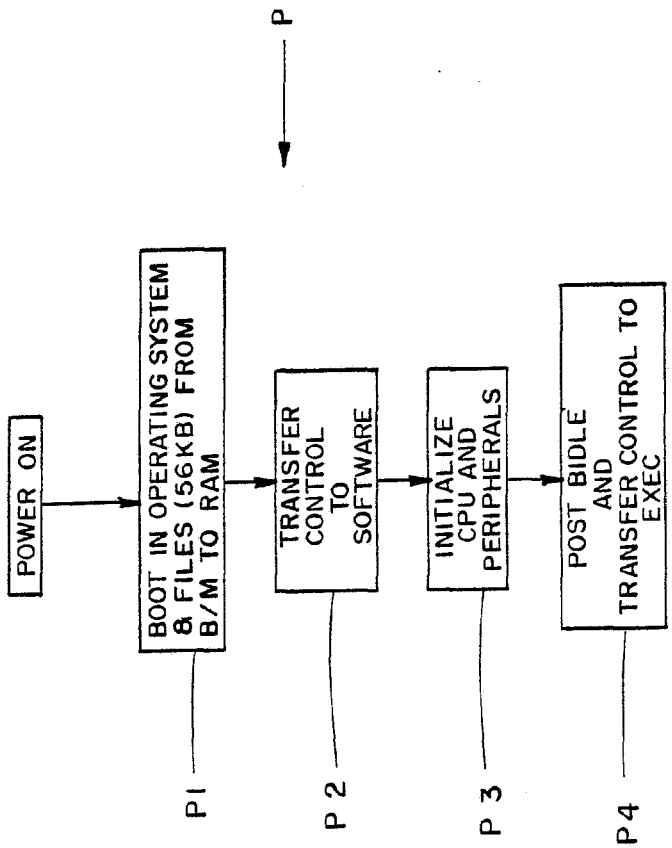


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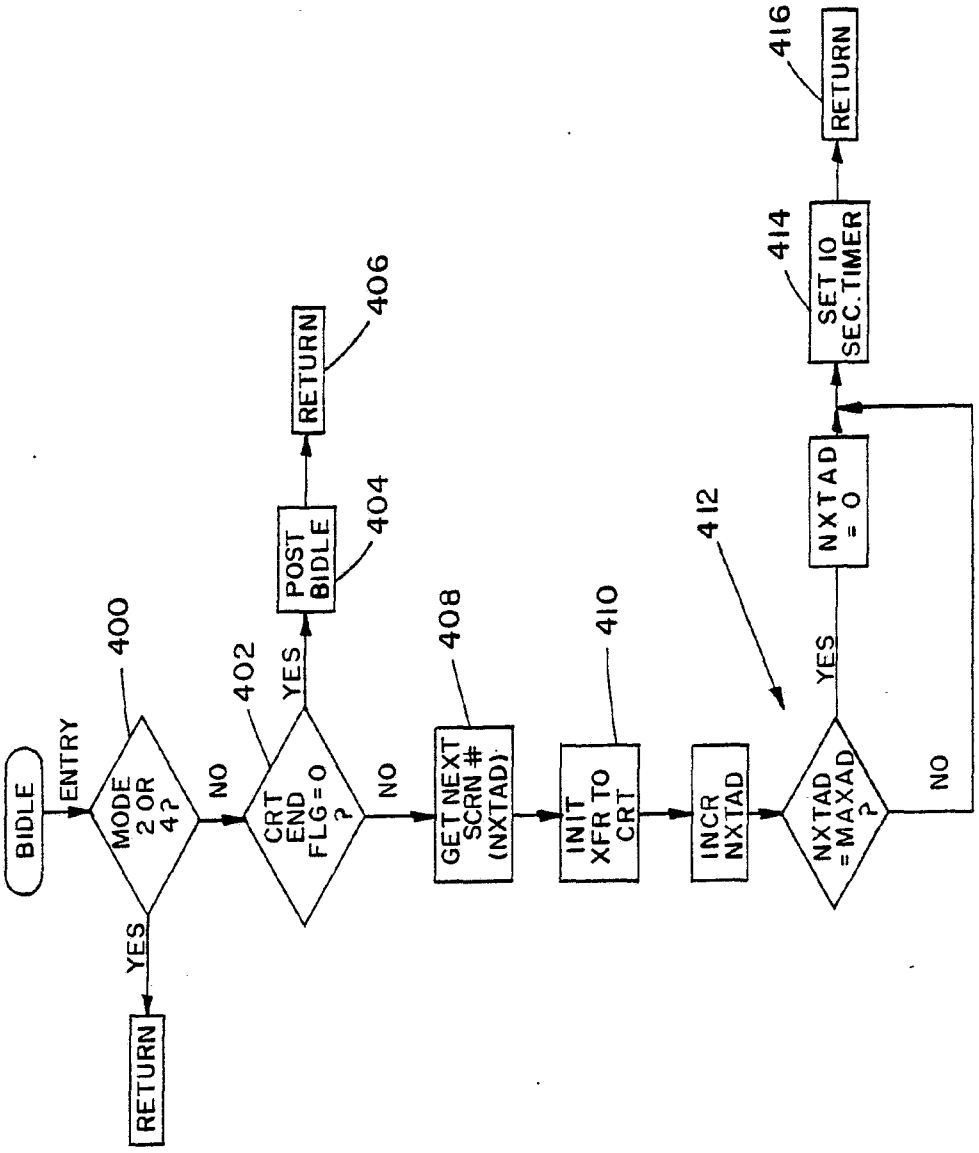


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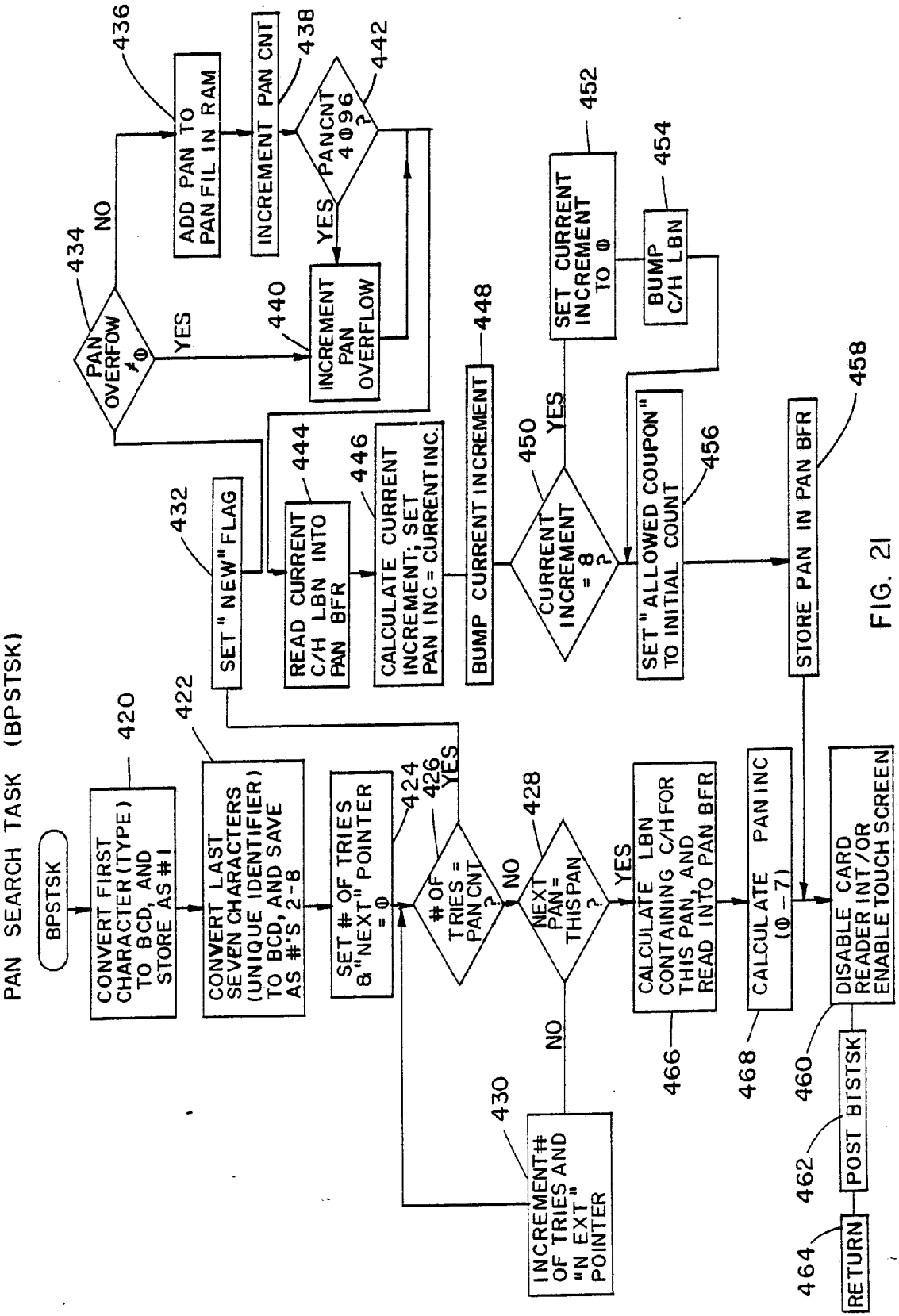


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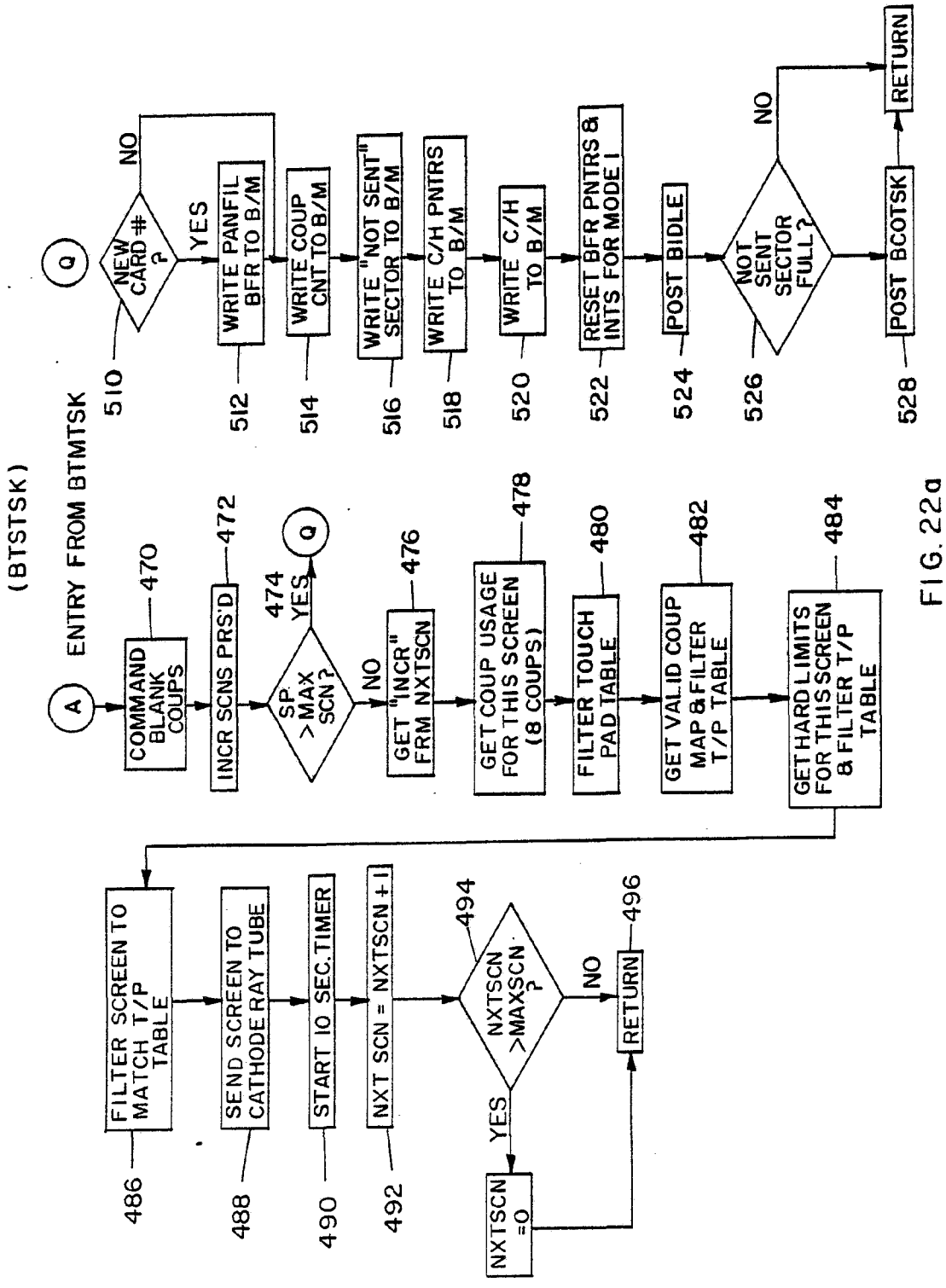


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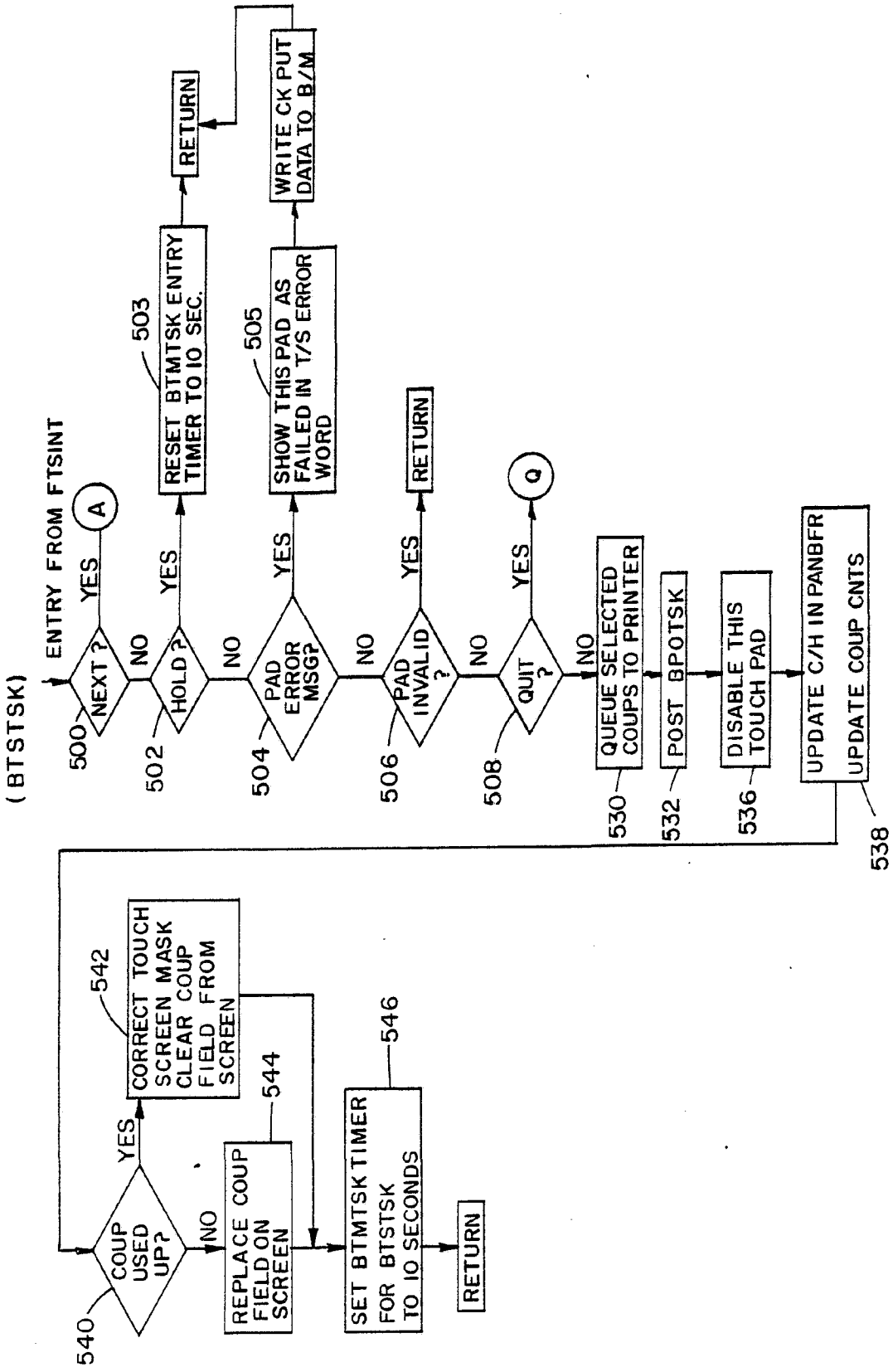


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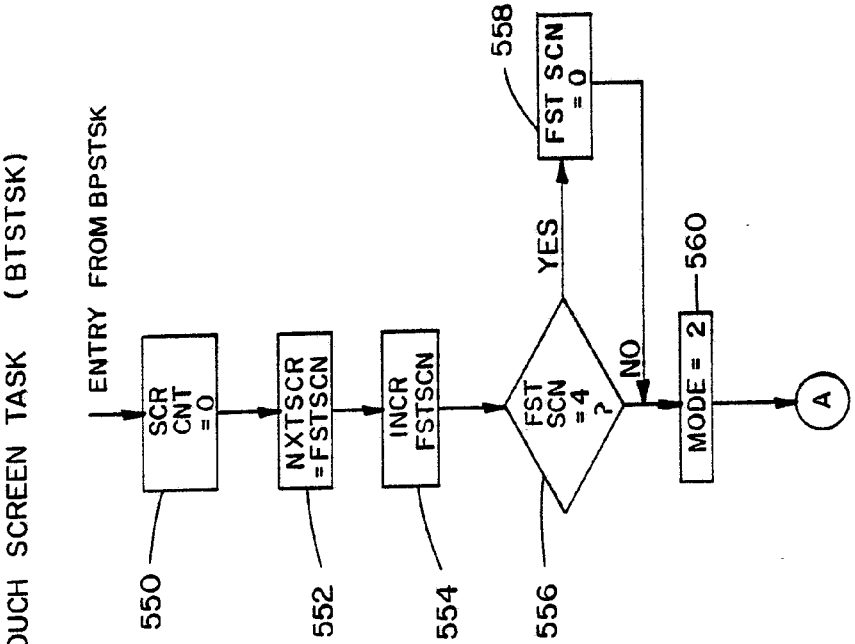


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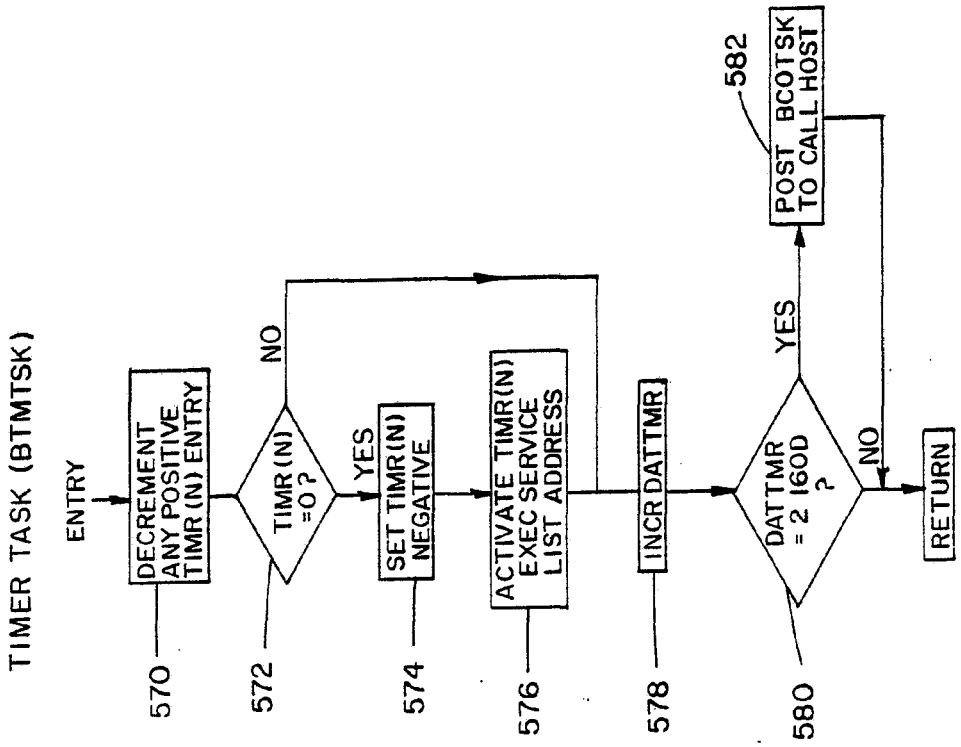


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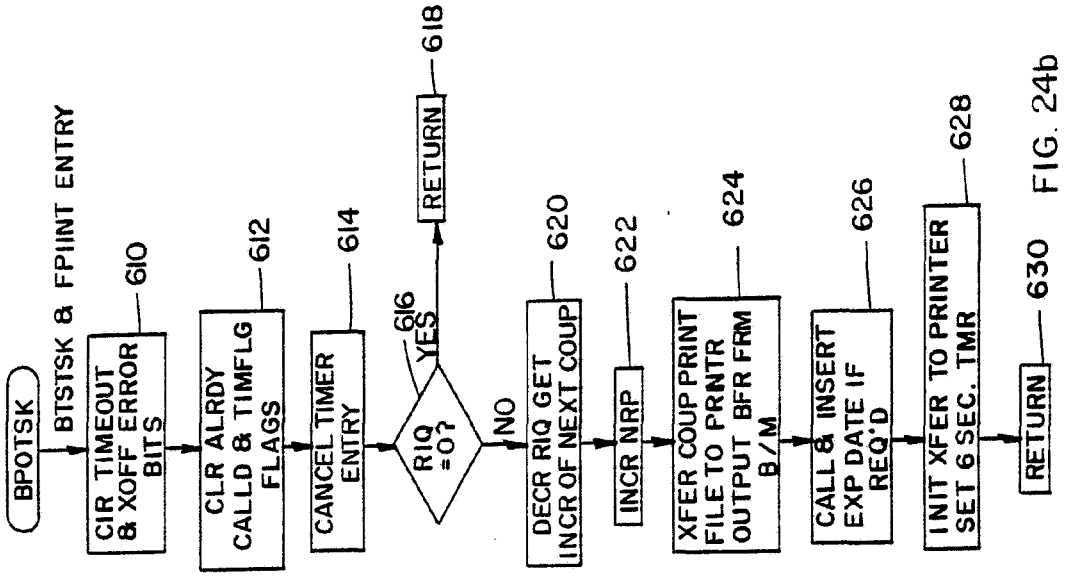


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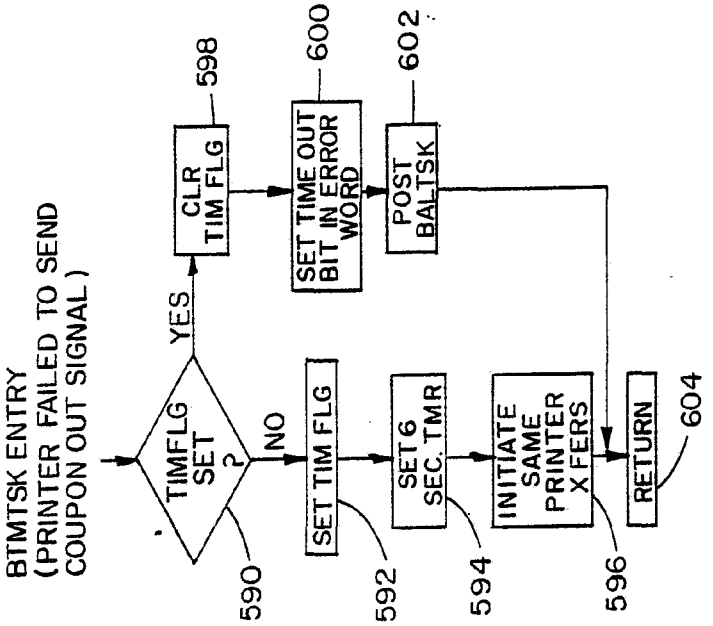


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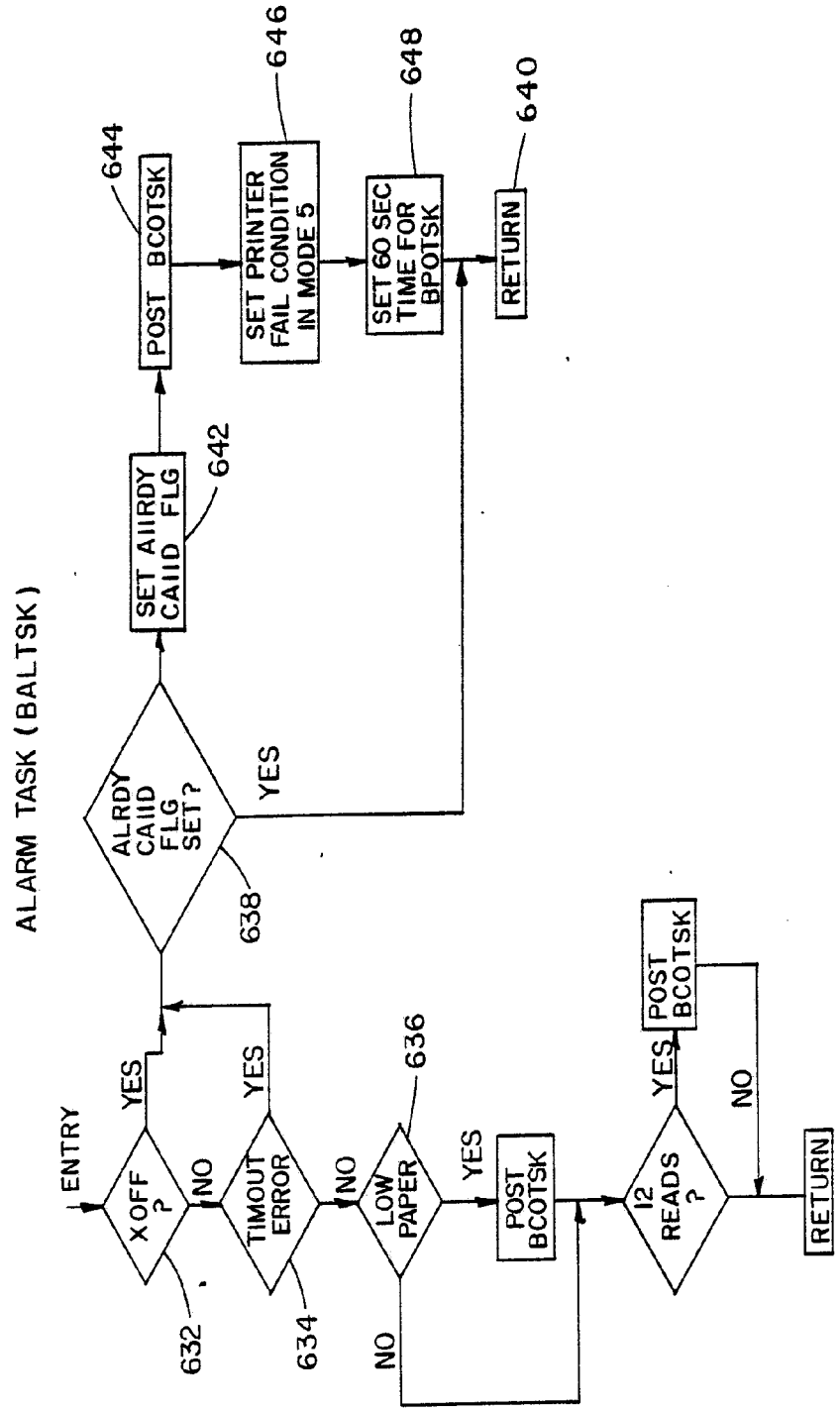


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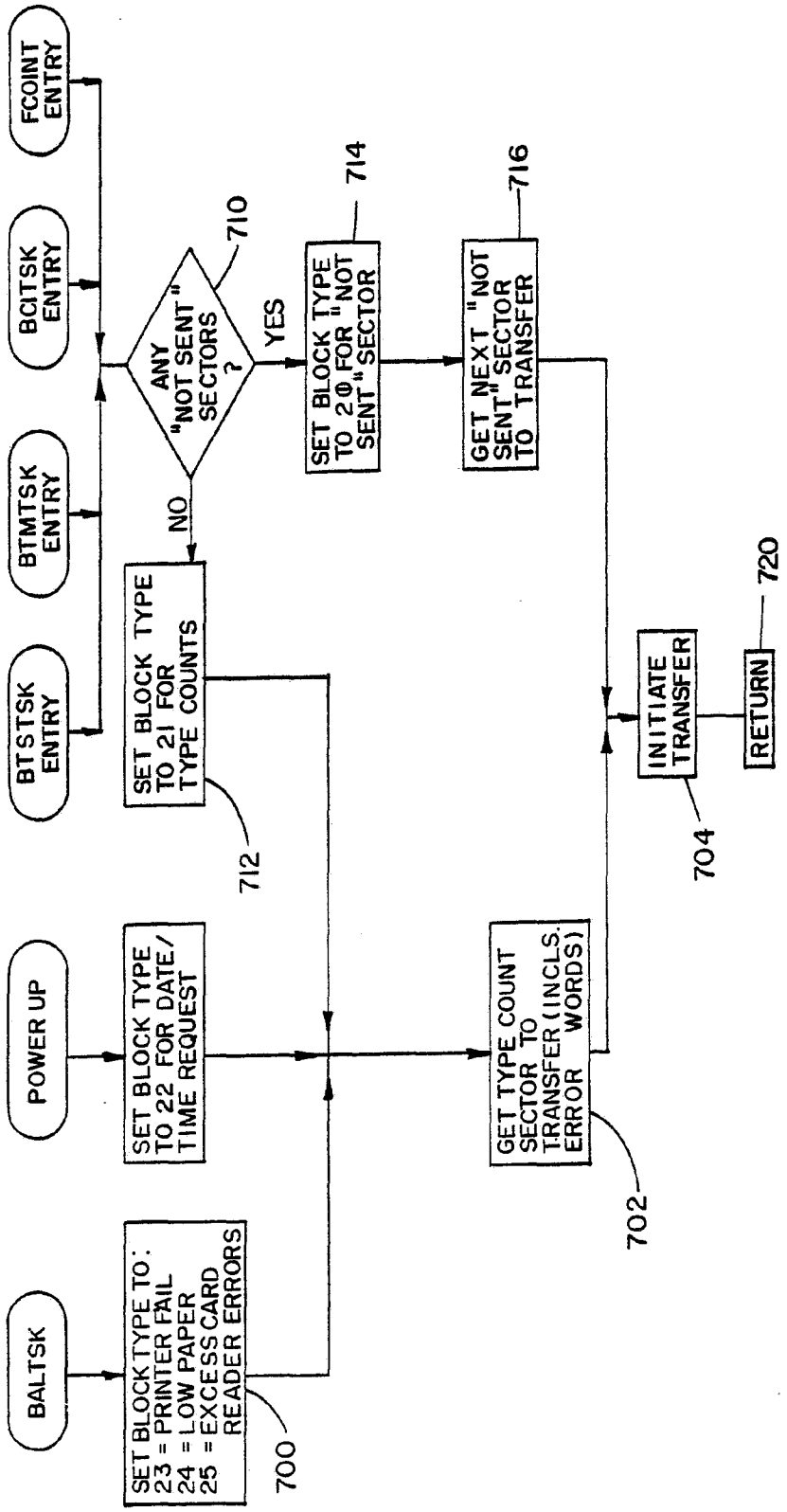


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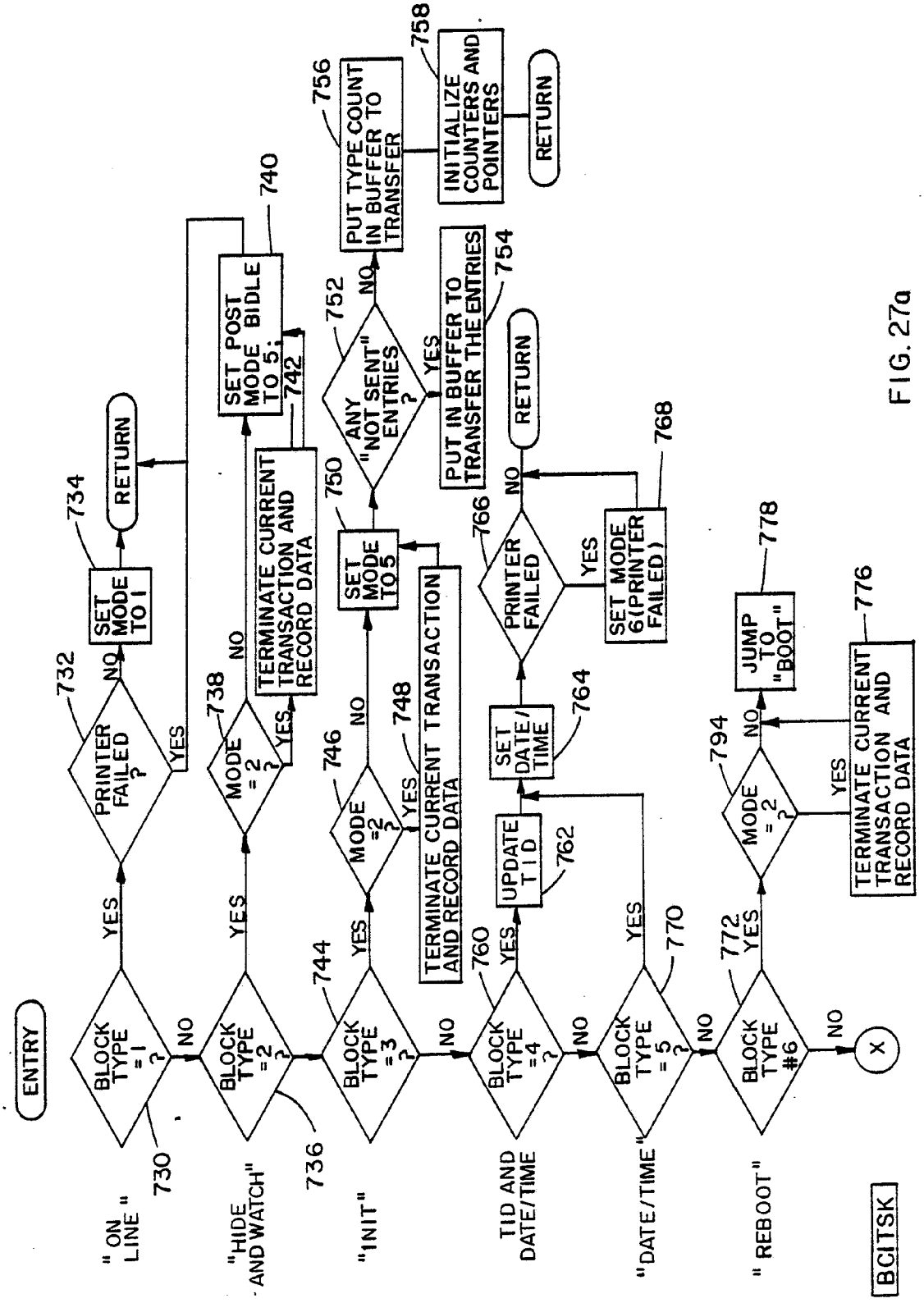


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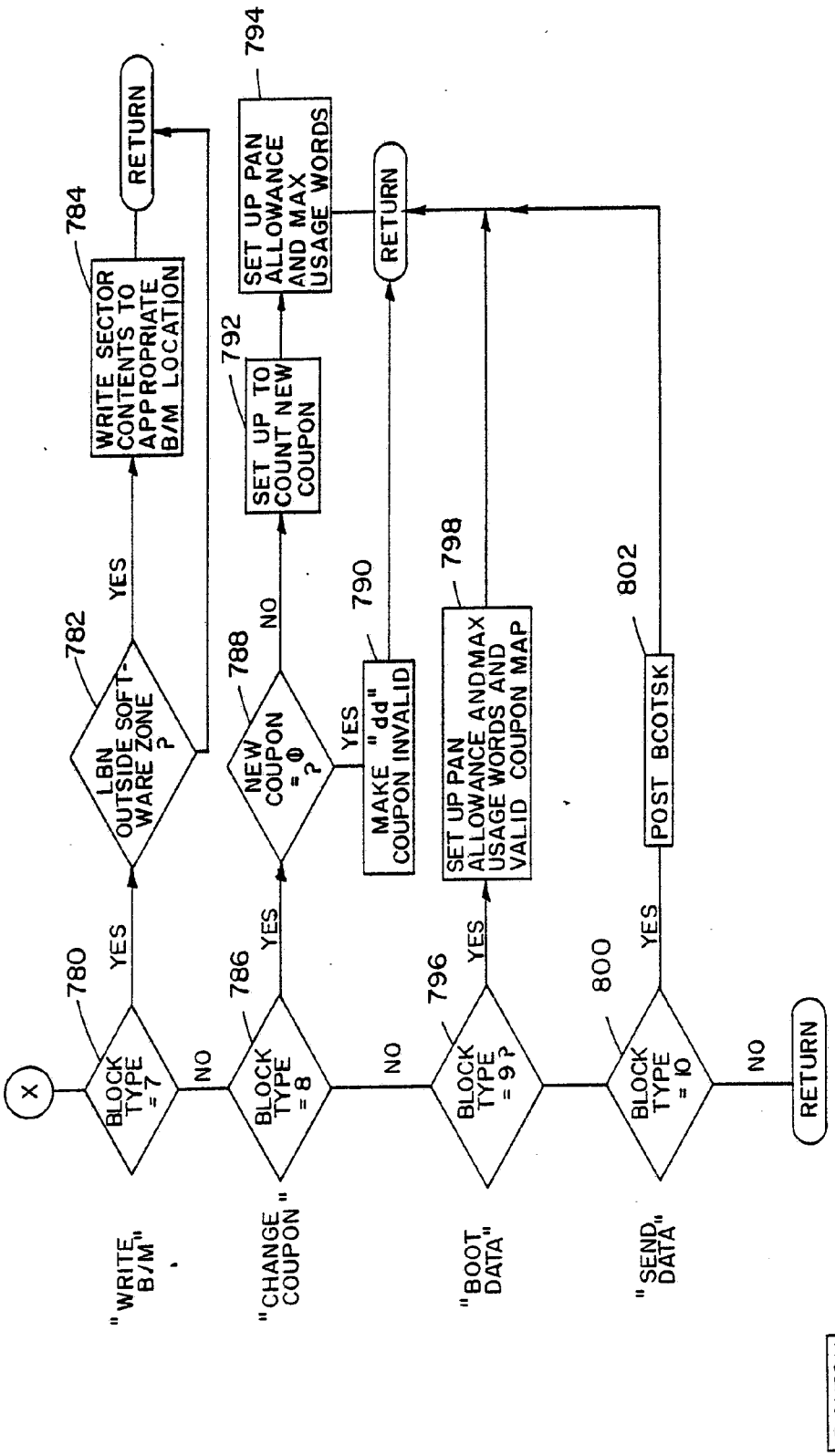


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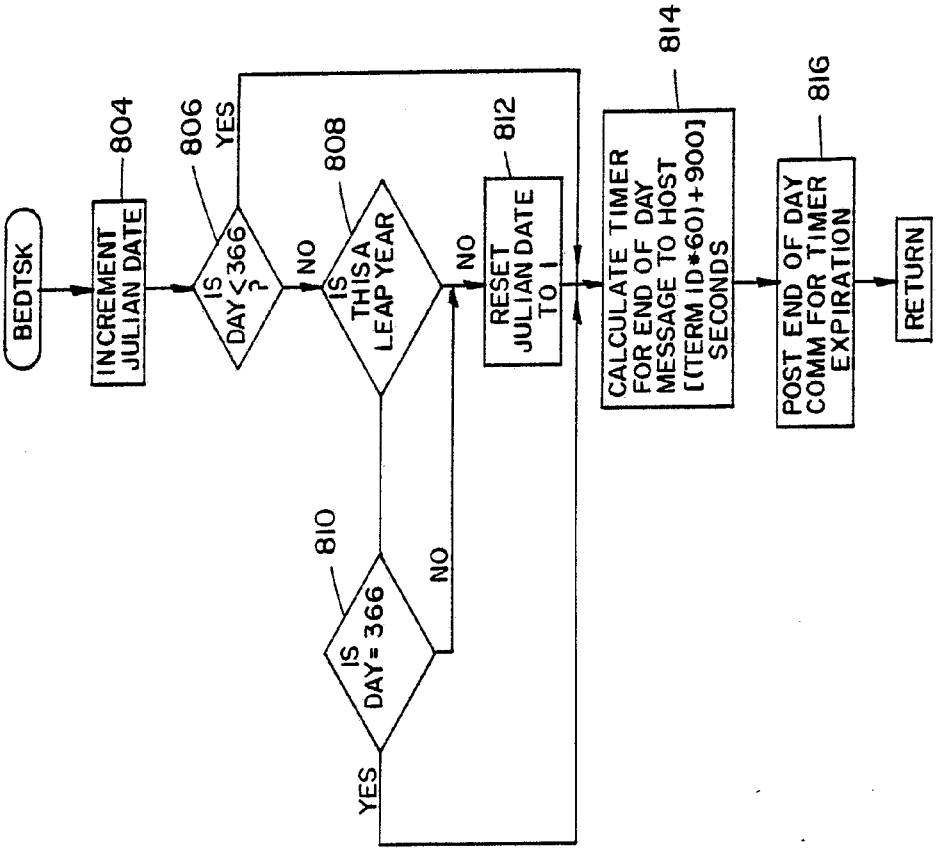


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4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5) ☑ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7) ☑ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

9) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement

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10)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

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Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

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3. Claims 1, 2, 11, 18, 28, 30 rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 18, 27 of U.S. Patent No. 11074615. Although the claims at issue are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the inventive concept of the instant application is the same as the inventive concept of Patent.

Instant application	Patent
1. A method comprising: receiving, by a wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, a first plurality of	1. A method for reducing communications between one or more servers and a wireless device, and for providing

beacon transmissions associated with a wireless beacon service, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number; receiving, by the wireless device using a second wireless protocol, stored information from one or more servers, relating to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier; selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless	enhanced security and privacy to a wireless beacon service, the method comprising: transmitting by a beacon transmitter using a short range wireless radio, a first beacon transmission in a first time period, comprising three fields (a) a first MAC address, (b) a first unique identifier, wherein the first unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier is a number indicating that the first beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service; receiving, by the wireless device from the one or more servers using a second radio, stored information relating to an entity or object associated with the first unique identifier; receiving, by the wireless device using the short range wireless radio, a first plurality of received beacon transmissions during the first time period; selecting one

beacon service; and taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.	or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of received beacon transmissions, by filtering the received beacon transmissions which include the beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service; taking further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; and wherein the stored information comprises at least an identity of the entity or object.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the receiving, by the wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, of the first plurality of beacon transmissions occurs in a first time period, and wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period: receiving, by the wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the	2. The method of claim 1, further comprising: transmitting by the same beacon transmitter using the short range wireless radio, a second beacon transmission in a second time period, the second beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a second MAC Address, (b) a second unique identifier, wherein the second unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon

second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number; selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same wireless beacon service; and taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers, wherein the second unique identifier is associated	transmitter, and (c) the same beacon service identifier, the same beacon service identifier being the same number indicating that the second beacon transmission is also associated with the wireless beacon service; receiving, by the wireless device using the short range wireless radio, a second plurality of received beacon transmissions during the second time period; storing, by the wireless device, second stored information relating to the same entity or object and associated with the second unique identifier; selecting a second set of one or more unique identifiers from the second plurality of received beacon transmissions, by filtering the second plurality of beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service; and taking other further action

with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier.	relating to the second stored information, if the second unique identifier is present among the selected second set of one or more unique identifiers; and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier.
28. The method of claim 1 wherein the MAC address is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD ADDR.	5. The method of claim 1 wherein the MAC address is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR.
11. The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.	7. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of taking further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.
30. A mobile wireless device comprising: one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol; one or more processors; and one or more non-transitory memory devices coupled to the	18. The method of claim 1, further comprising: transmitting, by another beacon transmitter using the short range wireless radio, another beacon transmission in another time period, comprising three fields (a) an other MAC Address, (b) an other unique identifier,

one or more processors, the one or more non-transitory memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including: receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the first unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier is a number indicating that each beacon transmission is associated with a wireless beacon service; receiving from one or more servers, using the second wireless protocol, stored information related to an entity or object associated with the first unique; selecting one or	wherein the other unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the other beacon transmitter and (c) the same beacon service identifier, the same beacon service identifier being a number indicating that the other beacon transmission is also associated with the wireless beacon service; receiving, by the wireless device using the short range wireless radio, another plurality of received beacon transmissions during the other time period; storing, by the wireless device, other stored information relating to another entity or object associated with the other unique identifier; selecting another set of one or more unique identifiers from the other plurality of received beacon transmissions, by filtering the other plurality of beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon

more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service; taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; and the operations further including: receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol wireless, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location	service; and taking additional further action relating to the other stored information, if the other unique identifier is present among the other set of one or more unique identifiers; wherein a) the other MAC address is not equal to the first MAC address and b) the other unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier.

18. The method of claim 2 wherein one or more of the steps performed by the wireless device are performed as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device utilizing a software interface.	27. The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the steps performed by the wireless device are performed under control of an application program executing on the wireless device either directly via a software interface.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained through the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-8, 11, 13, 14-19, 23, 24, 27, 30 is/are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballai et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2004/0023640 A1) in view of Masuoka et al. (U.S. 2005/0136845 A1)

1. Ballai teaches a method comprising: receiving, by a wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol **[par 0001**, *The proliferation of IEEE 802.11 wireless protocol*

and the relatively inexpensive hardware for implementing wireless access to communication networks has created a number of security concerns. The wireless access to the network may be established via an access point ("AP")], a first plurality of beacon transmissions associated with a wireless beacon service, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number [par **0008, 0016, 0017, 0018**,The *MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals. The beacon signal may contain information including a MAC address of the transmitting AP, a service set identification ("SSID"), supported data rates, etc. The SSID identifies a virtual local area network ("VLAN") that is served by a particular WLAN. There may be a plurality of other criteria used to authorize the access to the communication network 1*]; receiving, by the wireless device using a second wireless protocol, stored information from one or more servers, relating to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier [**par 0025**, *The MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals*];

Ballai fail to show selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service; and taking first further action relating to the

stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

In Masuoka show selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service[**par 0074**, *identity information from one or more mini-beacons in its vicinity and then select one of the mini-beacons that best satisfies a set of conditions based on the intensity of the received signals. These procedures encompass operations that sample the signals, filter and smooth the observations and calculate which beacon best satisfies the current criteria and also determine whether the target client is stationary or moving*];; and taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers **[par 0202,** *In particular, the user can obtain the unique ID of the mini-beacon, which is coded during manufacturing. The user can set the transmit power level through the user interface. The mini-beacons 102 may also be implemented with a mechanical dial for setting the transmit power level*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

2. Ballai and Masuoka illustrates the method of claim 1, wherein the receiving, by the wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, of the first plurality of beacon transmissions occurs in a first time period [Ballai, par 0021, 0031, *The record may also include the signal strength at which the beacon signal was received, the time and date when the record was created and the criteria used to detect the rogue AP 60 (e.g., unverified manufacturers MAC address, no matching SSID, etc.*)], and wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period: receiving, by the wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number[**par 0031**, **0008, 0016, 0017, 0018**, For example, the AP 10 may be set to perform the process for a specified time period, e.g., every 5 minutes to every 8 hours. It may also be set to run only during certain time periods, e.g., between 12:00 AM and 8:00 AM. Alternatively, the AP 10 may be set up to continuously run the process and to perform no other tasks. The *MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals. The beacon signal may contain information including a MAC address of the transmitting AP, a service set identification ("SSID"), supported data rates, etc. The SSID identifies a virtual local area network ("VLAN") that is served by a particular WLAN. There may be a plurality of other criteria used to authorize the access to the communication network 1*];

Ballai fail to show selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same wireless beacon service [**par 0074,** *identity information from one or more mini-beacons in its vicinity and then select one of the mini-beacons that best satisfies a set of conditions based on the intensity of the received signals. These procedures encompass operations that sample the signals, filter and smooth the observations and calculate which beacon best satisfies the current criteria and also determine whether the target client is stationary or moving*]; and taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers [**par 0186-0189**, *The first location calculation scheme is valid for either the absolute or difference methods of power setting. The second variation of location calculation is used for the case of the arbitrary deployment scheme*], wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier [**par 0078**, *The location of the mini-beacon can be represented either as coordinates or in symbolic form (e.g., Room 1223 or Kitchen) and are input to a min-beacon apparatus 103 and are stored in a computer-readable medium in a table 104 of deployment information*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

3. Ballai and Masuoka defines the method of claim 2 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same beacon service identifier [par **0008, 0016, 0017, 0018**,The *MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals. The beacon signal may contain information including a MAC address of the transmitting AP, a service set identification ("SSID"), supported data rates, etc. The SSID identifies a virtual local area network ("VLAN") that is served by a particular WLAN. There may be a plurality of other criteria used to authorize the access to the communication network 1*]

4. Ballai and Masuoka provides the method of claim 3, Ballai fail to show wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service [**par 0076**, *such as service discovery, service access, network routing and security, that can themselves be extended to have a spatial aspect (e.g., "Find the closest printer") by incorporating automatically generated location data*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

5. Ballai and Masuoka disclose the method of claim 4, Ballai fail to show wherein the function is related to a current phone call, music being played, a video being played, a multi-player game, or a shared application.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the function is related to a current phone call, music being played, a video being played, a multi-player game, or a shared application [**par 0006, 0212**, *a system for location determination of a wireless telephone that is used to dial an emergency 911 call, The mini-beacons represent a new and different approach to determining approximate location in indoor and outdoor environments, where a client with a mobile computing device (e.g., a mobile computing device with wireless capabilities such as a laptop computer, a PDA, a cell phone, etc.) can communicate with the mini-beacons and determine its own location*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

6. Ballai and Masuoka defines the method of claim 2 Ballai fail to show wherein the first or the second further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifiers, or information derived from the first of second unique identifiers.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the first or the second further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifiers, or information derived from the first of second unique identifiers [**par 0030**, *beacon devices that are placed in various locations either to represent that location or to represent an object present at that location and also to provide a URL web pointer for that location or object. The beacon periodically broadcasts a message containing the URL and any device that receives the message can access the web pages pointed to by the URL*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

7. Ballai and Masuoka display the method of claim 2 wherein the first further action includes retrieving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier [**Ballai, par 0007**, *The communication network 1 may also include a plurality of authorized mobile units*

("MU"s), e.g. MU 65 and a plurality of servers, e.g. a server 70. The APs 10-30 may be connected directly to the server 70 as shown, for example, by connection 51 between the server 70 and the AP 30. Each AP 10-30 may be assigned a name, by the network administrator, for ease of reference. This is similar to the practice of naming computers and servers on a network].

8. Ballai and Masuoka disclose the method of claim 2, Ballai fail to show wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers **[par 0078**, *The location of the mini-beacon can be represented either as coordinates or in symbolic form (e.g., Room 1223 or Kitchen) and are input to a min-beacon apparatus 103 and are stored in a computer-readable medium in a table 104 of deployment information, indexed by the unique ID of each mini-beacon. The deployment information can be stored in a single table or each beacon may include its information in its transmitted message*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

11. Ballai and Masuoka disclose the method of claim 1, Ballai fail to show wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location [par 0045, system and method for using wireless communication devices as beacons to determine the relative location of a target wireless communication device. The beacons transmit identifying information that the target device can use to determine the identity of the beacon. The target device can measure the received intensity of the beacon transmissions and determine an associated beacon that best satisfies a specified criteria (e.g., largest signal strength) using a procedure of the present invention that discriminates between multiple beacons]

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

12. Ballai and Masuoka demonstrate the method of claim 2 wherein the step of taking first further action further includes, by the wireless device, sending of the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one

or more servers, and receiving the stored information in response [**Ballai, par 0013**, *The MU 68 transmits an authentication message over a communication channel 52 to the rogue AP 60. The AP 60, configured by the unauthorized user, approves the access for the MU 68 to the communication network 1. The unauthorized user may gain access to the server 70 by attempting to login with a user-name and password, in the same manner as the authorized user*]

13. Ballai and Masuoka create the method of claim 1 further comprising: wherein the stored information is received by the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the performing of the first further action [**par 0009**, *If the user of the MU 65 attempts to access the server 70, the MU 65 first waits for a communication channel 50 to the AP 30 to be available. Once the communication channel 50 is available, the MU 65 transmits an authentication message to the AP 30 requesting access to the communication network 1. The authentication message may contain identification data, e.g., the user login name and the user login password*]

14. Ballai and Masuoka define the method of claim 2 further comprising: wherein the stored information is received by the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the performing of the first further action[**par 0009**, *If the user of the MU 65 attempts to access the server 70, the MU 65 first waits for a communication channel 50 to the AP 30 to be available. Once the communication channel 50 is*

available, the MU 65 transmits an authentication message to the AP 30 requesting access to the communication network 1. The authentication message may contain identification data, e.g., the user login name and the user login password]

15. Ballai and Masuoka describes the method of claim 1 further comprising: wherein the stored information is used to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers [**Ballai, par 0020**, *The other option, therefore, is to verify the SSID against a database containing authorized SSIDs. If this criteria is utilized, the network administrator or another authorized user may generate a list of valid SSIDs. Therefore, if the rogue AP 60 is manufactured by an authorized manufacturer but the SSID in the beacon is invalid, then the presence of the rogue AP 60 is detected*].

16. Ballai and Masuoka provides the method of claim 2 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the wireless beacon service have the same beacon service identifier for identifying the beacon transmitters as being enabled with the wireless beacon service **[abstract, par 0017**, *The beacon includes identification information of the transmitting access point. A computing arrangement verifies the identification information of the transmitting access point with a preexisting database of the communication network. The preexisting database includes data corresponding to identification information of a plurality of authorized access points. Conversely, WLAN*

100 may serve a plurality of VLANs and a particular AP beacon, from an AP associated with WLAN 100, contain a list of SSIDs]

17. Ballai and Masuoka demonstrate the method of claim 2, Ballai fail to show wherein the second further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the second further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location [Masuoka, par 0081, *The mini-beacon method of the present invention is a proximity scheme determined using signal strength from multiple mini-beacon transmitters at known points measured at the target. Accuracy is improved by adjusting the transmit power from the transmitters and statistically processing the received signal strength values. The mobile client scans for all the mini-beacons it can receive, computes the received signal strength for each scanned beacon, and uses a proximity procedure, incorporating the recent history of received signal strengths to find the beacon that best satisfies the desired condition (e.g., maximum signal strength or lowest transmitter) and the user motion status (e.g., moving or stationary)*|

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

18. Ballai and Masuoka creates the method of claim 2, Ballai fail to show wherein one or more of the steps performed by the wireless device are performed as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device utilizing a software interface.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein one or more of the steps performed by the wireless device are performed as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device utilizing a software interface [par 0075, An embodiment of the mini-beacon device based on the IEEE 802.11 wireless local area network standard that includes a small, low-cost hardware device and associated software that implements a mini-beacon device and the associated software that runs
on a client device such as a mobile computing device with wireless capabilities such as a laptop, a PDA, or a cell phone is described]

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

19. Ballai and Masuoka defines the claim of 2 Ballai fail to show wherein the second further action is related to a product tied to a location.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the second further action is related to a product tied to a location [**par 0029**, *1) the device transmits programmable ID codes or local data using the IrDA standard communication channel and protocol, 2) angle and range (up to 7 m or 10 m) of IrDA can be adjusted horizontally*]

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

23. Ballai and Masuoka defines the method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes steps to allow for a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service [**Ballai, par 0008**, *The MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals*]

24. Ballai and Masuoka disclose the method of claim 2 Ballai fail to show wherein the step of taking second further action additionally comprises: controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the step of taking second further action additionally comprises: controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device [par 0051, In addition, when implemented as a client solution, the client has a greater degree of control on the dissemination of its location, providing enhanced privacy protection].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

27. Ballai and Masuoka creates the method of claim 2 Ballai fail to show wherein the stored information is used to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the second selected one or more unique identifiers.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the stored information is used to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the second selected one or more unique identifiers **[par 0074, 0160**, *Several procedures are described that are executed by a target client mobile computing device that will receive signals and identity information from one or more mini-beacons in its vicinity and then select one of the mini-beacons that best satisfies a set of conditions based on the intensity of the received signals. The client periodically scans the set of channels in the band of spectrum under consideration and logs the received signal strength (RSS) values of all mini-beacons*

from which it has received a beacon message. The mini-beacon message includes the unique identifier of the beacon].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

30. A mobile wireless device comprising: one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol; one or more processors**[par 0001**, *The proliferation of IEEE 802.11 wireless protocol and the relatively inexpensive hardware for implementing wireless access to communication networks has created a number of security concerns. The wireless access to the network may be established via an access point ("AP")*]; and one or more non-transitory memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more non-transitory memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including: receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the first unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier is a number indicating that each beacon transmission is associated with a wireless beacon service[par **0008,**

0016, 0017, 0018,The *MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals. The beacon signal may contain information including a MAC address of the transmitting AP, a service set identification ("SSID"), supported data rates, etc. The SSID identifies a virtual local area network ("VLAN") that is served by a particular WLAN. There may be a plurality of other criteria used to authorize the access to the communication network 1*]; receiving from one or more servers, using the second wireless protocol, stored information related to an entity or object associated with the first unique[**par 0025**, *The MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals*]; selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service[**par 0027**, *The AP 30 may then, periodically, send a directed message to the MU 65 requesting it to perform the scanning process (Step 200). The MU 65 then scans each channel, supported by the communication network's 1 protocol, for beacon signals, e.g., all 14 channels in a communication network 1 that use the IEEE 802.11 wireless protocol. Each channel is scanned for a time period long enough to have a high probability of detecting a beacon on the channel*]; taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; and the operations further including: receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol wireless, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon

transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number[par **0008, 0016, 0017, 0018**,The *MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals. The beacon signal may contain information including a MAC address of the transmitting AP, a service set identification ("SSID"), supported data rates, etc. The SSID identifies a virtual local area network ("VLAN") that is served by a particular WLAN. There may be a plurality of other criteria used to authorize the access to the communication network 1*];; wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same beacon service identifier [par 0021, *the MAC address, the name of the AP 10, as described above, and the SSID of the AP 10 which discovered the rogue AP 60, as well as the MAC address of the rogue AP 60. The record may also include the signal strength at which the beacon signal was received, the time and date when the record was created and the criteria used to detect the rogue AP 60 (e.g., unverified manufacturers MAC address, no matching SSID, etc.*)].

Ballai fail to show selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon

transmission is associated with the same wireless beacon service; taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier;

In an analogous art Masuoka show selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same wireless beacon service; taking second further action relating to the stored information[**par 0074**, *identity information from one or more mini-beacons in its vicinity and then select one of the mini-beacons that best satisfies a set of conditions based on the intensity of the received signals. These procedures encompass operations that sample the signals, filter and smooth the observations and calculate which beacon best satisfies the current criteria and also determine whether the target client is stationary or moving*], if a second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier**[par 0202,** *In particular, the user can obtain the unique ID of the mini-beacon, which is coded during manufacturing. The user can set the transmit power level through the user interface. The mini-beacons 102 may also be implemented with a mechanical dial for setting the transmit power level*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

6. Claims 9 is/are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballai et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2004/0023640 A1) in view of Masuoka et al. (U.S. 2005/0136845 A1) in view of Dohse et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2007/0050258 A1).

9. Ballai and Masuoka describe the method of claim 2 Ballai and Masuoka fail to show wherein following the performance of the first or second further action, a server associated with the an account for the user of the wireless device performs a step of sending a message to an email address associated with the account for the user relating to the entity or object associated with the first or second unique identifiers.

In an analogous art Dohse show wherein following the performance of the first or second further action, a server associated with the an account for the user of the wireless device performs a step of sending a message to an email address associated with the account for the user relating to the entity or object associated with the first or second unique identifiers [**par 0082**, *Function Rebate/Warranty Reminder 408*

preferably matches line-item detail to available rebate offers and warranties provided by Merchant A 103 and Manufacturer 301 and generates at least one pop-up message to Consumer 101 at login, or generates at least one email reminder to Consumer 101].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Dohse provide a system for accumulating and storing transaction line-item detail on behalf of consumers.

7. Claims 10 is/are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballai et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2004/0023640 A1) in view of Masuoka et al. (U.S. 2005/0136845 A1) in view of Tedesco et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2008/0195621 A1).

10. Ballai and Masuoka defines the method of claim 2, Ballai and Masuoka fail to show wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to one or more servers.

In an analogous art Tedesco show wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to one or more servers **[claim 9**, *receiving the announcement message at the first media device; comparing the second media device unique identifier to entries on a first media device list to determine if the second media player unique identifier is acceptable or is blocked; comparing the second media device characteristic to a first media device presence preference*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Tedesco because this provides manage presence information distribution and access to facilitate media communication between compatible devices.

8. Claims 20-22 is/are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballai et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2004/0023640 A1) in view of Masuoka et al. (U.S. 2005/0136845 A1) in view of Clagett et al. (U.S. Pat No. 5121126 A).

20. Ballai and Masuoka discloses the claim of 2, Ballai and Masuoka fail to show wherein the second further action is related to an advertisement tied to a location.

In an analogous art Clagett show wherein the second further action is related to an advertisement tied to a location [col 7, ln 18-24, *the invention the beacon signal may include advertising or promotional messages such as indicating the nearest location of various types of commercial establishments or facilities such as ATMs*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Clagett because in order to assist individuals in such circumstances, the relevant telephone or base station is provided with a radio beacon capable of broadcasting simple pulse signals or more complex signals containing a variety of information message

21. Ballai and Masuoka displays the method of claim 1 Ballai and Masuoka fail to show wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

In an analogous art Clagett show wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available [**col 1, ln 43-50**, *The telepoint subscriber is provided with a cordless handset which may be used within a predetermined range (presently about 100 yards) from a phone point which may constitute a home, office or public pay telephone. Phone point base stations can be sited in both indoor*]

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Clagett because in order to assist individuals in such circumstances, the relevant telephone or base station is provided with a radio beacon capable of broadcasting simple pulse signals or more complex signals containing a variety of information message

22. Ballai and Masuoka conveys the method of claim 2 Ballai and Masuoka fail to show wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique

identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

In an analogous art Clagett show wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available[**col 1, ln 43-50**, *The telepoint subscriber is provided with a cordless handset which may be used within a predetermined range (presently about 100 yards) from a phone point which may constitute a home, office or public pay telephone. Phone point base stations can be sited in both indoor*]

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Clagett because in order to assist individuals in such circumstances, the relevant telephone or base station is provided with a radio beacon capable of broadcasting simple pulse signals or more complex signals containing a variety of information message

9. Claim 25, 26 is/are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballai et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2004/0023640 A1) in view of Masuoka et al. (U.S. 2005/0136845 A1) in view of Sugaya et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2005/0096031 A1).

25. Ballai and Masuoka demonstrate the method of claim 3, Ballai and Masuoka fail to show further comprising: receiving, by the wireless device, timing notification information for coordination of active times for beacon transmissions.

In an analogous art Sugaya show further comprising: receiving, by the wireless device, timing notification information for coordination of active times for beacon transmissions [**claim 40**, *a frame period is created in a pseudo manner to have a same state as timing of transmitting its own beacon and a notification indicating the timing utilized for the bandwidth-guaranteed communication is issued*]

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Sugaya because timing utilized for a bandwidth-guaranteed communication by using a beacon signal allows any number of neighboring wireless communication apparatuses to be notified in advance that a bandwidth-guaranteed communication is to be performed.

26. Ballai, Masuoka, and Sugaya defines the method of claim 25, Ballai and Masuoka fail to show wherein the receiving, by the wireless device of the timing notification information is not directly from the beacon transmitter.

In an analogous art Sugaya show wherein the receiving, by the wireless device of the timing notification information is not directly from the beacon transmitter [**claim 40**, *a frame period is created in a pseudo manner to have a same state as timing of*

transmitting its own beacon and a notification indicating the timing utilized for the bandwidth-guaranteed communication is issued]

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Sugaya because timing utilized for a bandwidth-guaranteed communication by using a beacon signal allows any number of neighboring wireless communication apparatuses to be notified in advance that a bandwidth-guaranteed communication is to be performed.

10. Claim 28, 29 is/are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballai et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2004/0023640 A1) in view of Masuoka et al. (U.S. 2005/0136845 A1) in view of Famolari et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2007/0043528 A1).

28. Ballai and Masuoka disclose the method of claim 1, Ballai and Masuoka fail to show wherein the MAC address is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD ADDR.

In an analogous art Famolari show wherein the MAC address is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD ADDR [par 0054, Central Server (CS) 10 that preferably maintains the intelligence of the system, manages buddy lists, maps Bluetooth Device Addresses to Usernames and maps locations to BDADDRs (e.g., BDDADDRs include device addresses) of the Bluetooth Access Points].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Famolari because a Bluetooth interface and an 802.11 interface, thus allowing the MID to participate on two separate networks as well as to interface with Bluetooth devices.

29. Ballai and Masuoka describe the method of claim 3, Ballai and Masuoka fail to show wherein the short range protocol is derived from Bluetooth.

In an analogous art Famolari show wherein the short range protocol is derived from Bluetooth [**par 0011**, *Bluetooth is a computing and telecommunications industry specification that details how mobile devices can easily interconnect with each other and with non-mobile devices using a short-range wireless connection. Bluetooth creates a digital wireless protocol to address end-user problems arising from the proliferation of various mobile devices that need to keep data synchronized and consistent from one device to another, thereby allowing equipment from different vendors to work seamlessly together. Bluetooth devices may be named according to a common naming concept. For example, a Bluetooth device may possess a Bluetooth Device Name (BDN) or a name associated with a unique Bluetooth Device Address (BDA). Bluetooth devices may also participate in an Internet Protocol (IP) network*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Famolari because a Bluetooth interface and an 802.11 interface, thus allowing the MID to participate on two separate networks as well as to interface with Bluetooth devices.

Conclusion

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON A HARLEY whose telephone number is (571)270-5435. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-300 6:30-8:30.

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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving, by a wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions associated with a wireless beacon service, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number and is not a name of a wireless network that uses the short range wireless protocol;

receiving, by the wireless device using a second wireless protocol, stored information from one or more servers, relating to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol;

selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service; and

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the receiving, by the wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, of the first plurality of beacon transmissions occurs in a first time period, and

wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period:

receiving, by the wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) the[[a]] beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number;

selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same wireless beacon service; and

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from the same transmitting device.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same beacon service identifier.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the function is related to

a current phone call,

music being played,

a video being played,

a multi-player game, or

a shared application.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the first or the second further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifiers, or information derived from the first ~~of~~ or second unique identifiers.

7. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the first further action includes retrieving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

8. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

9. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein following the performance of the first or second further action, a server associated with the an account for the user of the wireless device performs a step of sending a message to an email address associated with the account for the user relating to the entity or object associated with the first or second unique identifiers.

10. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to one or more servers.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

12. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the step of taking first further action further includes, by the wireless device,

sending of the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receiving the stored information in response.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

wherein the stored information is received by the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the performing of the first further action.

14. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

wherein the stored information is received by the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the performing of the first further action.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

wherein the stored information is used to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

16. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the wireless beacon service have the same beacon service identifier for identifying the beacon transmitters as being enabled with the wireless beacon service.

17. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

18. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein one or more of the steps performed by the wireless device are performed as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device utilizing a software interface.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~claim of~~ method of claim 2 wherein the second further action is related to[[a]] either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

22. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

23. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes steps to allow for a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

24. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the step of taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

25. (Original) The method of claim 3 further comprising:

receiving, by the wireless device, timing notification information for coordination of active times for beacon transmissions.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the receiving, by the wireless device of the timing notification information is not directly from the beacon transmitter.

27. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the stored information is used to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the second selected one or more unique identifiers.

28. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the MAC address is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR.

29. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the short range protocol is derived from Bluetooth.

30. (Currently Amended) A mobile wireless device comprising:

one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol;

one or more processors; and

one or more ~~non-transitory~~ memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more non-transitory memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including:

receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the first unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier is a number ~~indicating that each beacon transmission is associated with a wireless beacon service~~ and is not a name of a wireless network that uses the short range wireless protocol;

receiving from one or more servers, using the second wireless protocol, stored information related to an entity or object associated with the first unique;

selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service;

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; and

and the operations further including:

receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol wireless, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) [[a]]the beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number;

selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same wireless beacon service;

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the ~~selected~~ one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from the same transmitting device; and

wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same beacon service identifier.

31. (New) A method comprising:

causing reception of, using a short range wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions associated with a wireless beacon service, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number and is not a name of a wireless network accessible using the short range wireless protocol;

causing reception of, using a second wireless protocol, stored information from one or more servers, relating to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service; and

causing first further action, the first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 stand rejected. No claim has been allowed.

With entry of the foregoing amendments, claim 20 is cancelled and claim 31 is added.

Thus claims 1-19 and 21-31 are presented for further examination.

Support for Claim Amendments

Claims 1 and 30 are amended to further define the "beacon service identifier" as being a number and which is not a name of a wireless network that uses the short range wireless protocol. The specification explains an example embodiment where a "broadcast only" device would be used to transmit the beacons. See Figure 9 item 903 (Broadcast only device) and the description in paragraph [0069] of scanning for identifiers, See also Figure 11 and mention of a "broadcast only" entity type filed in paragraph [0081] as well as paragraph [0090]. One of skill in the art would appreciate that a broadcast only device is one example of a beacon transmitter that does not use "network names" as now claimed.

Claim 1 is also amended to clarify that the "second wireless protocol" is different from the "short range wireless protocol". This is consistent with at least paragraph [0005] of the specification as filed (e.,g, "Rather than directly exchanging application data flow between the two devices using the short range wireless capability, a second wireless capability then allows for one or more of the devices to communicate with a central server via the internet, and perform an exchange of application data flow.")

Claim 2 is amended to clarify that the "received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from the same transmitting device".

Claim 19 is amended to incorporate features of original claim 20 which is now canceled.

New claim 31 is a method claim similar to claim 1 but causing the recited steps.

Claim Rejections – Double Patenting

The Applicant is submitting a terminal disclaimer herewith in favor of U.S. Patent 11,074,615 that should overcome this rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-8, 11, 13, 14-19, 23, 24, 27, 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2004/0023640 (Ballai) and U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0136845 (Masuoka).

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Ballai, Masuoka, and U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2007/0050258 (Dohse).

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Ballai, Masuoka, and U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2008/0195621 (Tedesco).

Claims 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Ballai, Masuoka, and U.S. Patent No. 5,121,126 (Clagett).

Claims 25 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Ballai, Masuoka, and U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0096031 (Sugaya).

Claims 28 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Ballai, Masuoka, and U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2007/0043528 (Bae).

All of these rejections are based on a particular interpretation of Ballai and Masuoka that appears to be in error, for several reasons now explained in detail.

1. Contrary to the assertions made in the Office Action, Ballai and Masuoka do not teach or suggest every element of Applicant's claim 1.

Each feature of Applicant's claim 1 believed to be missing from these prior art references is now discussed in detail in the sections labelled A through D.

> *A. receiving, by a wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions associated with a wireless beacon service, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number and is not a name of a network that uses the short range wireless protocol.*

The Office Action asserts that Ballai teaches this feature of the Applicant's claims, equating Ballai's "access points (AP's)" to the Applicant's "beacon transmitter". The Office Action also notes that Ballai's AP's send "beacon signals" that "include a MAC address of the transmitting AP and a Service Set Identification (SSID) field that identifies a Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN)".

Ballai's beacon transmissions thus only identify two fields – (a) MAC address and (b) SSID – ***but not three fields as claimed.***

It must also be noted that Ballai's "SSID", serving as a VLAN identifier, cannot also serve as Applicant's claimed beacon service identifier. Further limitations in the claim now require the beacon service identifier to not identify the name of a network that uses the short range wireless protocol (e.g. the 802.11 VLAN network). Rather, the claimed beacon service identifier instead indicates that a particular beacon transmission is "associated with a wireless beacon service."

*B. receiving, by the wireless device **using a second wireless protocol**, stored information from one or more servers, relating to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier*

The Office Action next observes that Ballai at par [0025] explains how a mobile unit (MU) 65 can access a communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending om where the MU 65 is located at a particular time, and that the APs periodically transmit beacon signals.

First, the Applicant's claim requires that this second "receiving step" occur using a "second" wireless protocol – that is, a wireless protocol that is different from the "short range wireless protocol" used in the first receiving step. ***Ballai's MUs 65 only use a single wireless protocol (e.g. via "channel 50") to communicate with the APs.*** This is evident from the single "lightning bolt 50 shown in Figure 1 between the MU 65 and AP 30 as well as the text in Ballai at [0027] which states:

> The MU 65 then scans each channel supported by the communication network's 1 protocol, for beacon signals, e.g., all 14 channels in a communication network 1 that use the IEEE 802.11 wireless protocol"). Any communication in Ballai between the MU 65 and the server 70 must therefore occur over the very same channel 50.

There is no "second" communication protocol between the MU 65 and the server 70 that uses a second wireless protocol shown Ballai's drawings or mentioned in the text.

Second, the Applicant's claim also requires the "stored information" received from the server must be "related to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier". In contrast to this, Ballai's stored information is disclosed as being used to determine if a detected 802.11 access point is rogue (not authorized), by including portions of the legitimate beacon transmissions and can include the SSID (VLAN) and MAC address of valid APs. They do not convey information relating to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier.

The Examiner also offers no observation about the further requirement of Applicant's claim 1 that the information "received from a server" must relate to "an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier" where the "first unique identifier" was received as part of the beacon transmission. Ballai at [0025] does describe that

> The MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals ....

But the office action fails to identify which particular stored information is supposedly received from a server, or that such stored information received from a server would have any relation to the (unidentified) "first unique identifier" that was received as part of the original beacon transmission.

To the extent the examiner equates the MAC address of the beacon transmissions, included in the database of Ballai (the alleged "stored information") as the first unique identifier, then no separate MAC address value, as discussed above, is identified as being present in the beacon transmissions.

C. selecting, by the wireless device, one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by ***filtering the beacon transmissions which include a beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service***

The Office Action then turns to Masuoka for teaching this feature. Masuoka at [par 0074] does have a discussion how to select "one of the mini-beacons" that "best satisfies a set of conditions based on the intensity of the received signals." Masoka explains that this

encompasses operations such as sampling the signals, filtering and smoothing the observations and calculating which beacon best satisfies the "strongest intensity".

On the other hand, the Applicant's claims require "filtering" beacon transmissions based on the presence of a particular "beacon service identifier" i.e., one that is associated with the wireless beacon service. Nowhere in Masuoka is there any discussion of using the content of a beacon transmission to determine whether that beacon transmission will be selected for further processing.

D. taking first further action, by the wireless device, the first further action relating to the stored information received from the one or more servers, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers

The Office Action also relies on Masuoka for teaching this feature, noting that Masuoka at par [0202], explains a user can "obtain the unique ID of the mini-beacon" and then the user can set the transmit power level" of the mini-beacon "through the user interface" or by setting a mechanical dial.

This capability of Masuoka thus relates to a user being able to set a power level for the transmitter. Any user could do this at any time. ***No stored information or selection of unique identifiers is necessary before a user can configure Masuoka's mini beacon***. Such configuration by the user is not a step that is related to stored information received from a server, or conditionally performed by the wireless device itself or an application on the wireless device, based on a first unique identifier being among the selected unique identifiers.

Thus Masuoka does not teach this limitation.

For these several reasons, claim 1 should be allowed.

2. One of skill in the art would not be motivated to combine Ballai and Masuoka to solve the problem of throttling a flood of beacon transmissions

The primary goal of Ballai is to limit the ability of "rogue" devices from accessing a wireless local area network (such as an 802.11 WiFI network). Ballai accomplishes this by requiring authorized access points to transmit beacons that include a known MAC address of the access point and a known VLAN identifier which is transmitted as part of an SSID field.

The stated purpose of Masuoka is to provide a way to determine the location of a mini beacon in a wireless LAN, by measuring signal strengths to estimate range, or through pattern matching against a radio signal strength map.

These different purposes of Ballai and Masuoka would not serve to motivate a skilled person to try to combine their respective features.

Furthermore, any combination of Ballai and Masuoka would require a wireless mobile device to process all beacon transmissions received from an access point, as long as the beacons are of sufficient signal strength and as long as they originate from a beacon transmitter that is connected to the same VLAN. Such a combination therefore is not capable of solving the "beacon message overload" problem" recognized by the Applicant. See Fig. 3 of the Applicant's specification and paragraphs [0047-0048], where it is explained how an "action function" can be used to prevent the further processing of previously detected identifiers:

> If identifiers are found in 302, the device may employ an action function 303, which would act as a filter that determines which of the detected identifiers should be passed to the server. .... The idealized effect of the action function would be to reduce the number of requests to the server by not re-requesting recently requested identifiers which have already been passed

Neither Ballai nor Masuoka identify this or any analogous problem that would motivate one to combine them. Claim 1 is therefore patentable for this reason as well.

3. Claims 2-19 and 20-29 depend from claim 1 and are thus patentable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is patentable.

4. Claim 2 is patentable for other reasons as well. The office action maps the claimed "second unique identifier" to the coordinates transmitted by the mini beacon in Masouka. But claim 2 requires the unique identifier to "not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter." Because of this limitation, claim 2 should be allowed.

Furthermore, to the extent the examiner identifiers the MAC address of Ballai as the first unique identifier, it cannot also be the second unique identifier as Ballai changing a mac address of an access point (apparently the alleged "object" associated with the "stored information" in such as mapping). Such a MAC address can not change in embodiments of Ballai. First If Ballai changed its MAC address while maintaining the same SSID/VLAN (the Applicant's claimed beacon service identifier), Ballai would disconnect its users. Second Ballai states that the MAC address is set by the manufacturer of the Access Point, and therefore is disclosed as not changing ([0016] "The MAC address is an identifier assigned by the manufacturer").

5. Claim 3 is also allowable for other reasons. The office action does not cite to anywhere in Ballai where the MAC address changes while maintaining the same beacon service identifier (SSID/VLAN). This is not surprising, since Ballai could not operate with changing MAC addresses and unique identifiers from the same beacon transmitter. This is a direct result of Ballai using the SSID as the name of a VLAN. If Ballai changed its MAC address while

maintaining the same SSID/VLAN (the Applicant's claimed beacon service identifier), Ballai would disconnect its users. Furthermore Ballai states that the MAC address is set by the manufacturer of the Access Point, and therefore is disclosed as not changing ([0016] "The MAC address is an identifier assigned by the manufacturer")

6. Claim 30 is allowable for the same reasons as claim 1 and claim 2, containing the same limitations as claims 1 and 2, but directed to a device.

7. New claim 31 is directed to a method with similar limitations to those of claim 1, and therefore is allowable for these same reasons.

Conclusion

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment, including the Office Action's characterizations of the art, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment or cancellation of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment or cancellation. In particular, Applicant does not concede to the Office Action's various assertions that specific claim recitations or specific teachings are well-known or prior art. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the rejected claims in further prosecution of this or related applications.

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S13	2,687	(beacon near3(transmission or transfer$4 or transmit$5 or signal$2)) same(mac adj address)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/06 12:18
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S23	8,928	(beacon near3(transmission or transfer$4 or transmit$5 or signal$2)) same(service)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/06 13:34
S24	947	S22 and S21 and S23	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/06 13:34
S25	600	(bluetooth or (wifi)) and S24	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/06 13:36
S26	29,410	(beacon near3(transmission or transfer$4 or transmit$5 or signal$2)) same(interval$2 or period or time)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/06 13:51
S27	436	S26 and S25	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/06 13:52
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S31	45	(bluetooth or (wifi)) and S30	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/06 14:23
S32	2	"20050136845"	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/08 12:49
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S38	1,414	(advertis$4) same(presentation or display) same(identifier$2) same(ue or terminal or wtru or phone or computer)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/09 09:49
S39	30	S38 and S36	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/09 09:49
S40	700	email and S38	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/09 10:10
S41	8	S40 and S36	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/09 10:10
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S44	94,136	(account or profile) near7(identifier$2)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/09 10:24
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S49	58,065	(advertis$4) same(location)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/10 09:01

S50	13,399	(mu or ue or terminal or wtru or phone or apparatus) near7(indoor)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/10 09:01
S51	326	S49 and S50	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/10 09:01
S52	70,245	beacon same(transmission or transfer$4 or transmit$5)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/10 09:03
S53	89	S51 and S52	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/10 09:03
S54	351	(time or timing) near7(notification) same (beacon) same(transmission or transfer$4 or transmit$5)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/10 10:26
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S66	177,387	h04w 4/029	USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/10 19:08
S67	3	"16/247626"	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/08/10 21:59
S68	3,160	(beacon near2 (transmission or transfer$5 or data or message or packet$2)) same(contain$4 or includ$4 or hav$4 or compris$5) same(field$2)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/12/02 20:48
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S74	829	(beacon near2 (transmission or transfer$5 or data or message or packet$2)) near7(contain$4 or includ$4 or hav$4 or compris$5) near7(field$2)	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/12/03 13:45
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S76	4	(service adj identifier) and S75	US-PGPUB; USPAT	OR	OFF	2021/12/03 13:45
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1)☑ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/2/21.

☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2a)☑ This action is **FINAL.** 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ 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.

4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5) ☑ Claim(s) 1-19 and 21-31 is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7) ☑ Claim(s) 1-19 and 21-31 is/are rejected.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

9) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement

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10)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11)☑ The drawing(s) filed on 7/2/21 is/are: a)☑ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

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3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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1) ☑ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☑ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b) Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/2/21.

3) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) ☐ Other: _____.

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

1. The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112(a):

> (a) IN GENERAL.—The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same, and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor or joint inventor of carrying out the invention.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same, and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 1, 2, 30 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(a) or 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor or a joint inventor, or for applications subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112, the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The applicant specification does not disclose the identifier is a number and is not a name of a wireless network.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained through the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-8, 11, 13, 14-19, 23, 24, 27, 30 is/are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballai et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2004/0023640 A1) in view of Masuoka et al. (U..S. Pub No. 2005/0136845 A1) in further view of Gandolfo (U.S. Pub No.2003/0224787 A1).

1. Ballai teaches a method comprising: receiving, by a wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol [**par 0001**, *The proliferation of IEEE 802.11 wireless protocol and the relatively inexpensive hardware for implementing wireless access to communication networks has created a number of security concerns. The wireless access to the network may be established via an access point ("AP")*], receiving, by the wireless device using a second wireless protocol, stored information from one or more servers, relating to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless

protocol[**par 0025**, *The MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals. The system for handling communication of these records between the APs 10-30 and the server 70 may be implemented with the common simple network management protocol ("SNMP") or a similar protocol*];

Ballai fail to show selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service; and taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

In Masuoka show selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service[**par 0074**, *identity information from one or more mini-beacons in its vicinity and then select one of the mini-beacons that best satisfies a set of conditions based on the intensity of the received signals. These procedures encompass operations that sample the signals, filter and smooth the observations and calculate which beacon best satisfies the current criteria and also determine whether the target client is stationary or moving*]; and taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers [**par 0202**, *In particular, the user can obtain the unique ID of the mini-beacon, which is coded during manufacturing. The user can set*

the transmit power level through the user interface. The mini-beacons 102 may also be implemented with a mechanical dial for setting the transmit power level].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

Ballai and Masuoka fail to show a first plurality of beacon transmissions associated with a wireless beacon service, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number and is a number and is not a name of a wireless network that use the short range wireless protocol.

In an analogous Gandolfo show a first plurality of beacon transmissions associated with a wireless beacon service, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number and is a number and is not a name of a wireless network that use the short range wireless protocol [**par 0108**, *This broadcast message could be a modified beacon or a separate broadcast message. As shown in FIG. 8, a broadcast message according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a MAC header field 805, a sequence number field 810, a*

router/controller identifier (ID) field 815, an age field 820, a hop count field 825, a load feedback field 830, a number of associated devices field 835, and a device record field 840. The device record field 840 includes one or more device records 845. Each device record 845 includes a neighborhood MAC address field 850, a bridge connection field 855, a service field 860, a data rate field 865, and any additional fields 870, as necessary].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo because provide a way by which networks could communicate with adjacent networks without the need for a fixed wired backbone.

2. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo illustrates the method of claim 1, wherein the receiving, by the wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, of the first plurality of beacon transmissions occurs in a first time period [Ballai, **par 0021, 0031**, *The record may also include the signal strength at which the beacon signal was received, the time and date when the record was created and the criteria used to detect the rogue AP 60 (e.g., unverified manufacturers MAC address, no matching SSID, etc.*)], and wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period: receiving, by the wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising

Ballai show selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include

the same beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same wireless beacon service, and taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier.

Masuoka show selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same wireless beacon service [par 0074, *identity information from one or more mini-beacons in its vicinity and then select one of the mini-beacons that best satisfies a set of conditions based on the intensity of the received signals. These procedures encompass operations that sample the signals, filter and smooth the observations and calculate which beacon best satisfies the current criteria and also determine whether the target client is stationary or moving*]; and taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers [**par 0186-0189**, *The first location calculation scheme is valid for either the absolute or difference methods of power setting. The second variation of location calculation is used for the case of the arbitrary deployment scheme*], wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier [**par 0078**, *The location of the mini-beacon can be represented either as*

coordinates or in symbolic form (e.g., Room 1223 or Kitchen) and are input to a min-beacon apparatus 103 and are stored in a computer-readable medium in a table 104 of deployment information].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

Ballai and Masuoka fail to show wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period: receiving, by the wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from the same transmitting device

In an analogous art Gandolfo show wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period: receiving, by the wireless device, using a short range wireless protocol, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) the beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number[**par**

0108, *This broadcast message could be a modified beacon or a separate broadcast message. As shown in FIG. 8, a broadcast message according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a MAC header field 805, a sequence number field 810, a router/controller identifier (ID) field 815, an age field 820, a hop count field 825, a load feedback field 830, a number of associated devices field 835, and a device record field 840. The device record field 840 includes one or more device records 845. Each device record 845 includes a neighborhood MAC address field 850, a bridge connection field 855, a service field 860, a data rate field 865, and any additional fields 870, as necessary*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo because provide a way by which networks could communicate with adjacent networks without the need for a fixed wired backbone.

3. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo defines the method of claim 2 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same beacon service identifier [**par 0008, 0016, 0017, 0018**, *The MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals. The beacon signal may contain information including a MAC address of the transmitting AP, a service set identification*

("SSID"), supported data rates, etc. The SSID identifies a virtual local area network ("VLAN") that is served by a particular WLAN. There may be a plurality of other criteria used to authorize the access to the communication network 1]

4. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo provides the method of claim 3, Ballai and Gandolfo fail to show wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service [**par 0076**, *such as service discovery, service access, network routing and security, that can themselves be extended to have a spatial aspect (e.g., "Find the closest printer") by incorporating automatically generated location data*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

5. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo disclose the method of claim 4, Ballai and Gandolfo fail to show wherein the function is related to a current phone call, music being played, a video being played, a multi-player game, or a shared application.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the function is related to a current phone call, music being played, a video being played, a multi-player game, or a shared application [**par 0006, 0212**, *a system for location determination of a wireless telephone*

that is used to dial an emergency 911 call, The mini-beacons represent a new and different approach to determining approximate location in indoor and outdoor environments, where a client with a mobile computing device (e.g., a mobile computing device with wireless capabilities such as a laptop computer, a PDA, a cell phone, etc.) can communicate with the mini-beacons and determine its own location].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Gandolfo, and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

6. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo defines the method of claim 2 Ballai and Gandolfo fail to show wherein the first or the second further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifiers, or information derived from the first of second unique identifiers.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the first or the second further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifiers, or information derived from the first of second unique identifiers [**par 0030**, *beacon devices that are placed in various locations either to represent that location or to represent an object present at that location and also to provide a URL web pointer for that location or object. The beacon periodically broadcasts a message containing the URL and any device that receives the message can access the web pages pointed to by the URL*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

7. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo display the method of claim 2 wherein the first further action includes retrieving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier [Ballai**, par 0007**, *The communication network 1 may also include a plurality of authorized mobile units ("MU"s), e.g. MU 65 and a plurality of servers, e.g. a server 70. The APs 10-30 may be connected directly to the server 70 as shown, for example, by connection 51 between the server 70 and the AP 30. Each AP 10-30 may be assigned a name, by the network administrator, for ease of reference. This is similar to the practice of naming computers and servers on a network*].

8. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo disclose the method of claim 2, Ballai and Gandolfo fail to show wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers [**par 0078**, *The location of the mini-beacon can be*

represented either as coordinates or in symbolic form (e.g., Room 1223 or Kitchen) and are input to a min-beacon apparatus 103 and are stored in a computer-readable medium in a table 104 of deployment information, indexed by the unique ID of each mini-beacon. The deployment information can be stored in a single table or each beacon may include its information in its transmitted message].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Gandolfo, and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

11. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo disclose the method of claim 1, Ballai and Gandolfo fail to show wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location [**par 0045**, *system and method for using wireless communication devices as beacons to determine the relative location of a target wireless communication device. The beacons transmit identifying information that the target device can use to determine the identity of the beacon. The target device can measure the received intensity of the beacon transmissions and determine an associated beacon that best satisfies a specified criteria (e.g., largest*

signal strength) using a procedure of the present invention that discriminates between multiple beacons]

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

12. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo demonstrate the method of claim 2 wherein the step of taking first further action further includes, by the wireless device, sending of the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and receiving the stored information in response [Ballai, **par 0013**, *The MU 68 transmits an authentication message over a communication channel 52 to the rogue AP 60. The AP 60, configured by the unauthorized user, approves the access for the MU 68 to the communication network 1. The unauthorized user may gain access to the server 70 by attempting to login with a user-name and password, in the same manner as the authorized user*|

13. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo create the method of claim 1 further comprising: wherein the stored information is received by the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the performing of the first further action [**par 0009**, *if the user of the MU 65 attempts to access the server 70, the MU 65 first waits for a communication channel 50 to the AP 30 to be available. Once the communication channel 50 is available, the MU 65 transmits an authentication message to the AP 30*

requesting access to the communication network 1. The authentication message may contain identification data, e.g., the user login name and the user login password]

14. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo define the method of claim 2 further comprising: wherein the stored information is received by the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the performing of the first further action [**par 0009**, *if the user of the MU 65 attempts to access the server 70, the MU 65 first waits for a communication channel 50 to the AP 30 to be available. Once the communication channel 50 is available, the MU 65 transmits an authentication message to the AP 30 requesting access to the communication network 1. The authentication message may contain identification data, e.g., the user login name and the user login password*]

15. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo describes the method of claim 1 further comprising: wherein the stored information is used to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers **[Ballai, par 0020**, *The other option, therefore, is to verify the SSID against a database containing authorized SSIDs. If this criteria is utilized, the network administrator or another authorized user may generate a list of valid SSIDs. Therefore, if the rogue AP 60 is manufactured by an authorized manufacturer but the SSID in the beacon is invalid, then the presence of the rogue AP 60 is detected*].

16. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo provides the method of claim 2 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the wireless beacon service have the same beacon

service identifier for identifying the beacon transmitters as being enabled with the wireless beacon service [abstract, par 0017, The beacon includes identification information of the transmitting access point. A computing arrangement verifies the identification information of the transmitting access point with a preexisting database of the communication network. The preexisting database includes data corresponding to identification information of a plurality of authorized access points. Conversely, WLAN 100 may serve a plurality of VLANs and a particular AP beacon, from an AP associated with WLAN 100, contain a list of SSIDs|

17. Ballai, Gandolfo, and Masuoka demonstrate the method of claim 2, Ballai and Gandolfo fail to show wherein the second further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the second further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location [Masuoka, **par 0081**, *The mini-beacon method of the present invention is a proximity scheme determined using signal strength from multiple mini-beacon transmitters at known points measured at the target. Accuracy is improved by adjusting the transmit power from the transmitters and statistically processing the received signal strength values. The mobile client scans for all the mini-beacons it can receive, computes the received signal strength for each scanned beacon, and uses a proximity procedure, incorporating the recent history of received signal strengths to find the beacon that best satisfies the desired condition*

(e.g., Maximum signal strength or lowest transmitter) and the user motion status (e.g., moving or stationary)|

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

18. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo creates the method of claim 2, Ballai and Gandolfo fail to show wherein one or more of the steps performed by the wireless device are performed as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device utilizing a software interface.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein one or more of the steps performed by the wireless device are performed as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device utilizing a software interface [**par 0075**, *An embodiment of the mini-beacon device based on the IEEE 802.11 wireless local area network standard that includes a small, low-cost hardware device and associated software that implements a mini-beacon device and the associated software that runs on a client device such as a mobile computing device with wireless capabilities such as a laptop, a PDA, or a cell phone is descri*bed]

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Gandolfo, and Masuoka because this

provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

19. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo defines the method of claim 2 Ballai and Gandolfo fail to show wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location [**par 0029**, 7) *the device transmits programmable ID codes or local data using the IrDA standard communication channel and protocol, 2) angle and range (up to 7m or 10 m) of IrDA can be adjusted horizontally*|

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

23. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo defines the method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes steps to allow for a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service [Ballai, **par 0008**, *The MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals*]

24. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo disclose the method of claim 2 Ballai and Gandolfo fail to show wherein the step of taking second further action additionally comprises: controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the step of taking second further action additionally comprises: controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device [par 0051, In addition, when implemented as a client solution, the client has a greater degree of control on the dissemination of its location, providing enhanced privacy protection].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

27. Ballai and Masuoka creates the method of claim 2 Ballai and Gandolfo fail to show wherein the stored information is used to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the second selected one or more unique identifiers.

In an analogous art Masuoka show wherein the stored information is used to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the second selected one or more unique identifiers [**par 0074, 0160**, *Several procedures are described that are executed by a target client mobile computing device that will receive signals and identity*

information from one or more mini-beacons in its vicinity and then select one of the mini-beacons that best satisfies a set of conditions based on the intensity of the received signals. The client periodically scans the set of channels in the band of spectrum under consideration and logs the received signal strength (RSS) values of all mini-beacons from which it has received a beacon message. The mini-beacon message includes the unique identifier of the beacon].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Gandolfo, and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

30. Ballai teaches a mobile wireless device comprising: one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol; one or more processors [**par 0001**, *The proliferation of IEEE 802.11 wireless protocol and the relatively inexpensive hardware for implementing wireless access to communication networks has created a number of security concerns. The wireless access to the network may be established via an access point ("AP")*]; receiving from one or more servers, using the second wireless protocol, stored information related to an entity or object associated with the first unique [par 0025, *The MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals*]; selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the beacon service

identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service [**par 0027**, *The AP 30 may then, periodically, send a directed message to the MU 65 requesting it to perform the scanning process (Step 200). The MU 65 then scans each channel, supported by the communication network's 1 protocol, for beacon signals, e.g., all 14 channels in a communication network 1 that use the IEEE 802.11 wireless protocol. Each channel is scanned for a time period long enough to have a high probability of detecting a beacon on the channel*]; taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; and the operations further including: receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol wireless, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number| [par 0008, 0016, 0017, 0018, *The MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals. The beacon signal may contain information including a MAC address of the transmitting AP, a service set identification ("SSID"), supported data rates, etc. The SSID identifies a virtual local area network ("VLAN") that is served by a particular WLAN. There may be plurality of other criteria used to authorize the access to the communication network 1*]; wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different

from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same beacon service identifier [**par 0021**, *the MAC address, the name of the AP 10, as described above, and the SSID of the AP 10 which discovered the rogue AP 60, as well as the MAC address of the rogue AP 60. The record may also include the signal strength at which the beacon signal was received, the time and date when the record was created and the criteria used to detect the rogue AP 60 (e.g., unverified manufacturers MAC address, no matching SSID, etc.*)].

Ballai fail to show selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same wireless beacon service; taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier;

In an analogous art Masuoka show selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same wireless beacon service; taking second further action relating to the stored information[**par 0074**, *identity information from one or more mini-beacons in its vicinity and then select one of the mini-beacons that best satisfies a set of conditions based on the intensity of the received*

signals. These procedures encompass operations that sample the signals, filter and smooth the observations and calculate which beacon best satisfies the current criteria and also determine whether the target client is stationary or moving], if a second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier[**par 0202**, *In particular, the user can obtain the unique ID of the mini-beacon, which is coded during manufacturing. The user can set the transmit power level through the user interface. The mini-beacons 102 may also be implemented with a mechanical dial for setting the transmit power level*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

Ballai and Masuoka fail to show one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more non-transitory memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including: receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the first unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier is a number and is not a name of wireless network that uses the short range

wireless protocol, and further wherein the received beacon transmission including the first and second unique identifiers are received from the same transmitting device.

In an analogous art Gandolfo show one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more non-transitory memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including: receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the first unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier is a number and is not a name of wireless network that uses the short range wireless protocol [**par 0108**, *This broadcast message could be a modified beacon or a separate broadcast message. As shown in FIG. 8, a broadcast message according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a MAC header field 805, a sequence number field 810, a router/controller identifier (ID) field 815, an age field 820, a hop count field 825, a load feedback field 830, a number of associated devices field 835, and a device record field 840. The device record field 840 includes one or more device records 845. Each device record 845 includes a neighborhood MAC address field 850, a bridge connection field 855, a service field 860, a data rate field 865, and any additional fields 870, as necessary*] wherein the beacon service identifier is a number and is not a name of wireless network that uses the short range wireless protocol, and further wherein the received beacon transmission including the first and second unique identifiers are received from the same transmitting device **[par 0104**,

Each controller 510a, 510b will then be responsible for transmitting a broadcast message (beacon or other transmission) at a regular interval (e.g., every second or two). This broadcast message should include a list of all the devices that are associated to it, the type of service provided by each one of its associated devices]

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo because provide a way by which networks could communicate with adjacent networks without the need for a fixed wired backbone.

31. Ballai teaches a method comprising: causing reception of, using a short range wireless protocol **[par 0001**, *The proliferation of IEEE 802.11 wireless protocol and the relatively inexpensive hardware for implementing wireless access to communication networks has created a number of security concerns. The wireless access to the network may be established via an access point ("AP")*], causing reception of, using a second wireless protocol, stored information from one or more servers[**par 0025**, *The MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10-30 transmit beacon signals*];, relating to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol [**par 0001**, *The proliferation of IEEE 802.11 wireless protocol and the relatively inexpensive hardware for implementing wireless access to communication networks has created a number of security concerns. The wireless access to the network may be*

established via an access point ("AP")]; causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service **[par 0027**, *The AP 30 may then, periodically, send a directed message to the MU 65 requesting it to perform the scanning process (Step 200). The MU 65 then scans each channel, supported by the communication network's 1 protocol, for beacon signals, e.g., all 14 channels in a communication network 1 that use the IEEE 802.11 wireless protocol. Each channel is scanned for a time period long enough to have a high probability of detecting a beacon on the channel*];

Ballai fail to show a first plurality of beacon transmissions associated with a wireless beacon service, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number and is not a name of a wireless network accessible using the short range wireless protocol;

In an analogous art Gandolfo show a first plurality of beacon transmissions associated with a wireless beacon service, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a number and is not a name of a wireless

network accessible using the short range wireless protocol [**par 0108**, *This broadcast message could be a modified beacon or a separate broadcast message. As shown in FIG. 8, a broadcast message according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a MAC header field 805, a sequence number field 810, a router/controller identifier (ID) field 815, an age field 820, a hop count field 825, a load feedback field 830, a number of associated devices field 835, and a device record field 840. The device record field 840 includes one or more device records 845. Each device record 845 includes a neighborhood MAC address field 850, a bridge connection field 855, a service field 860, a data rate field 865, and any additional fields 870, as necessary*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo because provide a way by which networks could communicate with adjacent networks without the need for a fixed wired backbone.

Ballai and Gandolfo fail to show causing first further action, the first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

In an analogous art Masuoka show causing first further action, the first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers [**par 0202**, *In particular, the user can obtain the unique ID of the mini-beacon, which is coded during manufacturing. The user can set the transmit power level through the user interface. The mini-beacons 102 may also be implemented with a mechanical dial for setting the transmit power level*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai. Gandolfo, and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

5. Claims 9 is/are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballai et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2004/0023640 A1) in view of Masuoka et al. (U.S. 2005/0136845 A1), Gandolfo (U.S. Pub No. 2003/0224787 A1), in view of Dohse et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2007/0050258 A1).

9. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo describe the method of claim 2 Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo fail to show wherein following the performance of the first or second further action, a server associated with the an account for the user of the wireless device performs a step of sending a message to an email address associated with the account for the user relating to the entity or object associated with the first or second unique identifiers.

In an analogous art Dohse show wherein following the performance of the first or second further action, a server associated with the an account for the user of the wireless device performs a step of sending a message to an email address associated with the account for the user relating to the entity or object associated with the first or second unique identifiers [**par 0082**, *Function Rebate/Warranty Reminder 408*

preferably matches line-item detail to available rebate offers and warranties provided by Merchant A 103 and Manufacturer 301 and generates at least one pop-up message to Consumer 101 at login, or generates at least one email reminder to Consumer 107].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, Gandolfo, and Dohse provide a system for accumulating and storing transaction line-item detail on behalf of consumers.

6. Claims 10 is/are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballai et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2004/0023640 A1) in view of Masuoka et al. (U.S. 2005/0136845 A1), Gandolfo (U.S. Pub No. 2003/0224787 A1) in view of Tedesco et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2008/0195621 A1).

10. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo defines the method of claim 2, Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo fail to show wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to one or more servers.

In an analogous art Tedesco show wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to one or more servers [**claim 9**, *receiving the announcement message at the first media device; comparing the second media device unique identifier to entries on a first media device list to determine if the second media player unique identifier is acceptable or is blocked; comparing the second media device characteristic to a first media device presence preference*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, Gandolfo, and Tedesco because this provides manage presence information distribution and access to facilitate media communication between compatible devices.

6. Claims 20-22 is/are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballai et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2004/0023640 A1) in view of Masuoka et al. (U.S. 2005/0136845 A1), Gandolfo (U.S. Pub No. 2003/0224787 A1) in view of Clagett et al. (U.S. Pat No. 5121126 A).

20. Ballai, Gandolfo, and Masuoka discloses the claim of 2, Ballai, Gandolfo, and Masuoka fail to show wherein the second further action is related to an advertisement tied to a location.

In an analogous art Clagett show wherein the second further action is related to an advertisement tied to a location [**col 7, ln 18-24**, *the invention the beacon signal may include advertising or promotional messages such as indicating the nearest location of various types of commercial establishments or facilities such as ATMs*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, Gandolfo, and Clagett because in order to assist individuals in such circumstances, the relevant telephone or base station is provided with a radio beacon capable of broadcasting simple pulse signals or more complex signals containing a variety of information message

21. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo displays the method of claim 1 Ballai, Gandolfo, and Masuoka fail to show wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

In an analogous art Clagett show wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available [**col 1, ln 43-50**, *The telepoint subscriber is provided with a cordless handset which may be used within a predetermined range (presently about 100 yards) from a phone point which may constitute a home, office or public pay telephone. Phone point base stations can be sited in both indoor*]

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, Gandolfo, and Clagett because in order to assist individuals in such circumstances, the relevant telephone or base station is provided with a radio beacon capable of broadcasting simple pulse signals or more complex signals containing a variety of information message

22. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo conveys the method of claim 2 Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo fail to show wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the

second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

In an analogous art Clagett show wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available[**col 1, ln 43-50**, *The telepoint subscriber is provided with a cordless handset which may be used within a predetermined range (presently about 100 yards) from a phone point which may constitute a home, office or public pay telephone. Phone point base stations can be sited in both indoor*|

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, Gandolfo, and Clagett because in order to assist individuals in such circumstances, the relevant telephone or base station is provided with a radio beacon capable of broadcasting simple pulse signals or more complex signals containing a variety of information message

7. Claim 25, 26 is/are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballai et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2004/0023640 A1) in view of Masuoka et al. (U.S. 2005/0136845 A1), Gandolfo (U.S. Pub No. 2003/0224787 A1) in view of Sugaya et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2005/0096031 A1).

25. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo demonstrate the method of claim 3, Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo fail to show further comprising: receiving, by the wireless device, timing notification information for coordination of active times for beacon transmissions.

In an analogous art Sugaya show further comprising: receiving, by the wireless device, timing notification information for coordination of active times for beacon transmissions [claim 40, *a frame period is created in a pseudo manner to have a same state as timing of transmitting its own beacon and a notification indicating the timing utilized for the bandwidth-guaranteed communication is issued*]

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, Gandolfo, and Sugaya because timing utilized for a bandwidth-guaranteed communication by using a beacon signal allows any number of neighboring wireless communication apparatuses to be notified in advance that a bandwidth-guaranteed communication is to be performed.

26. Ballai, Masuoka, Gandolfo, and Sugaya defines the method of claim 25, Ballai, Gandolfo and Masuoka fail to show wherein the receiving, by the wireless device of the timing notification information is not directly from the beacon transmitter.

In an analogous art Sugaya show wherein the receiving, by the wireless device of the timing notification information is not directly from the beacon transmitter [**claim 40**, *a frame period is created in a pseudo manner to have a same state as timing of transmitting its own beacon and a notification indicating the timing utilized for the bandwidth-guaranteed communication is issued*]

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, Gandolfo, and Sugaya because timing utilized for a bandwidth-guaranteed communication by using a beacon signal allows any number of neighboring wireless communication apparatuses to be notified in advance that a bandwidth-guaranteed communication is to be performed.

8. Claim 28, 29 is/are rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballai et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2004/0023640 A1) in view of Masuoka et al. (U.S. 2005/0136845 A1), Gandolfo (U.S. Pub No. 2003/0224787 A1) in view of Famolari et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2007/0043528 A1).

28. Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo disclose the method of claim 1, Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo fail to show wherein the MAC address is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD ADDR.

In an analogous art Famolari show wherein the MAC address is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD ADDR [**par 0054**, *Central Server (CS) 10 that preferably maintains the intelligence of the system, manages buddy lists, maps Bluetooth Device Addresses to Usernames and maps locations to BDADDRs (e.g., BDBDADDRs include device addresses) of the Bluetooth Access Points*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, Gandolfo, and Famolari because

a Bluetooth interface and an 802.11 interface, thus allowing the MID to participate on two separate networks as well as to interface with Bluetooth devices.

29. Ballai, Gandolfo, and Masuoka describe the method of claim 3, Ballai, Gandolfo, and Masuoka fail to show wherein the short range protocol is derived from Bluetooth.

In an analogous art Famolari show wherein the short range protocol is derived from Bluetooth **[par 0011**, *Bluetooth is a computing and telecommunications industry specification that details how mobile devices can easily interconnect with each other and with non-mobile devices using a short-range wireless connection. Bluetooth creates a digital wireless protocol to address end-user problems arising from the proliferation of various mobile devices that need to keep data synchronized and consistent from one device to another, thereby allowing equipment from different vendors to work seamlessly together. Bluetooth devices may be named according to a common naming concept. For example, a Bluetooth device may possess a Bluetooth Device Name (BDN) or a name associated with a unique Bluetooth Device Address (BDA). Bluetooth devices may also participate in an Internet Protocol (IP) network*].

Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, Gandolfo, and Famolari because a Bluetooth interface and an 802.11 interface, thus allowing the MID to participate on two separate networks as well as to interface with Bluetooth devices.

Response to Arguments

1) First, the Applicant's claim requires that this second "receiving step" occur using a "second" wireless protocol — that is, a wireless protocol that is different from the "short range wireless protocol" used in the first receiving step. Ballai's MUs 65 only use a single wireless protocol (e.g. via "channel 50") to communicate with the APs.

The examiner respectfully disagrees paragraph 0025, 0027, The server 70 may then display the predicted location by shading in the area on the map. The system for handling communication of these records between the APs 10-30 and the server 70 may be implemented with the common simple network management protocol ("SNMP") or a similar protocol. The MU 65 then scans each channel, supported by the communication network's 1 protocol, for beacon signals, e.g., all 14 channels in a communication network 1 that use the IEEE 802.11 wireless protocol. The paragraphs shows using a SNMP protocol and the MU searches network channels using wireless protocol.

2) The Examiner also offers no observation about the further requirement of Applicant's claim 1 that the information "received from a server" must relate to

"an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier" where the "first unique identifier" was received as part of the beacon transmission.

The examiner respectfully disagrees paragraph 0016 shows, the beacon signal may contain information including a MAC address of the transmitting AP, a service set identification ("SSID"), supported data rates, etc. The mac address, ssid and supported data rates are unique identifiers associated with the beacon signal.

3) But the office action fails to identify which particular stored information is supposedly received from a server, or that such stored information received from a server would have any relation to the (unidentified) "first unique identifier" that was received as part of the original beacon transmission.

The examiner respectfully disagrees paragraph 0010 shows the server has a database that includes identification information about devices that are specifically prohibited from accessing the communication network 1. When the AP 30 receives the authentication message it performs an authentication process. The authentication process may include verifying the identification data received with the database. If the identification data is not verified, then the MU 65 is denied access to the communication network.

4) On the other hand, the Applicant's claims require "filtering" beacon transmissions based on the presence of a particular "beacon service identifier" 1.e., one that is associated with the wireless beacon service. Nowhere in Masuoka is there any discussion of using the content of a beacon transmission to determine whether that beacon transmission will be selected for further processing.

The examiner respectfully disagrees the applicant claim does not state filtering beacon transmissions for further processing therefore applicant argument is moot

5) This capability of Masuoka thus relates to a user being able to set a power level for the transmitter. Any user could do this at any time. No stored information or selection of unique identifiers is necessary before a user can configure Masuoka's mini beacon. Such configuration by the user is not a step that is related to stored information received from a server, or conditionally performed by the wireless device itself or an application on the wireless device, based on a first unique identifier being among the selected unique identifiers.

The examiner respectfully disagree the applicants claim does not state the step has to be related, therefore applicant argument is moot.

6) These different purposes of Ballai and Masuoka would not serve to motivate a skilled person to try to combine their respective features.

The examiner respectfully disagrees the rationale to modify or combine the prior art does not have to be expressly stated in the prior art; the rationale may be expressly or impliedly contained in the prior art or it may be reasoned from knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, established scientific principles, or legal precedent established by prior case law. Please review MPEP 2144 (I.).

7) The office action maps the claimed “second unique identifier” to the coordinates transmitted by the mini beacon in Masouka. But claim 2 requires the unique identifier to “not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter.” Because of this limitation, claim 2 should be allowed. Furthermore, to the extent the examiner identifiers the MAC address of Ballai as the first unique identifier, it cannot also be the second unique identifier as Ballai changing a mac address of an access point (apparently the alleged “object” associated with the “stored information” in such as mapping).

5. The examiner respectfully disagrees paragraph 0016 shows, the beacon signal may contain information including a MAC address of the transmitting AP, a service set identification ("SSID"), supported data rates, etc. The mac address, ssid and supported data rates are unique identifiers associated with the beacon signal.

Conclusion

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving, ~~by~~ at a wireless device, ~~using~~ via a short range wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions ~~associated with a wireless beacon service~~, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission ~~is~~ identifies a ~~number and is not a name of a~~ wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device ~~that uses~~ accessible using the short range wireless protocol;

receiving, ~~by~~ at the wireless device ~~using~~ via a second wireless protocol, stored information from one or more servers, the stored information relating to ~~an~~ a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol;

~~selecting~~ causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with ~~the~~ a particular wireless beacon service; and

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the receiving, ~~by~~ at the wireless device, ~~using~~ via a short range wireless protocol, of the first plurality of beacon transmissions occurs in a first time period, and

wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period:

receiving, ~~by~~ at the wireless device, ~~using~~ via a short range wireless protocol, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) ~~the~~a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission ~~is a number~~ identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the short range wireless protocol;

~~selecting~~ causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that ~~a~~ the particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service; and

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier ~~is~~ are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from ~~the~~a same transmitting device.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same beacon service identifier, and wherein a plurality of beacon

transmissions including the particular service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the function is related to a current phone call,

music being played,

a video being played,

a multi-player game, or

a shared application.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the first or the second further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifier~~s~~, or information derived from the first or second unique ~~identifiers~~ identifier.

7. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the first further action includes retrieving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

8. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein following the performance of the first or second further action, a server associated with ~~the~~ an account for ~~the~~ a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending a message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email relating to the same particular entity or object associated with the first or second unique ~~identifiers~~ identifier.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to at least one of the one or more servers.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the step of taking first further action further includes~~, by~~ causing the wireless device~~,~~ to:

~~sending of~~ send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

~~receiving~~ receive the stored information in response.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~further comprising:~~

wherein the stored information is received ~~by~~ at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the performing of the first further action.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 ~~further comprising:~~

wherein the stored information is received ~~by~~ at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the performing of the first further action.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

~~wherein~~ using the stored information ~~is used~~ to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier ~~for identifying the beacon transmitters as being enabled with the wireless beacon service~~.

17. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein one or more of the steps performed ~~by~~ at the wireless device are performed as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device ~~utilizing a software interface~~.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~claim of~~ method of claim 2 wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

22. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes ~~steps to allow for~~ allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

24. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the step of taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 further comprising:

receiving, ~~by~~ at the wireless device, timing notification information for coordination of active times for beacon transmissions.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25 wherein the receiving, ~~by~~at the wireless device of the timing notification information is not directly from the beacon transmitter.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

using the stored information ~~is used~~ to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the ~~second~~ selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

28. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the MAC address is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR.

29. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the short range protocol is derived from Bluetooth.

30. (Currently Amended) A mobile wireless device comprising:

one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol;

one or more processors; and

one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more non-transitory memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including:

receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the ~~first~~ unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier ~~is a number and is not a name~~ of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device ~~that uses~~ accessible using the ~~short range~~ Bluetooth wireless protocol;

receiving from one or more servers, using the second wireless protocol, stored information related to ~~an~~a entity or object associated with ~~the~~ a first unique identifier;

selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include ~~the~~ a particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the particular wireless beacon service;

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; ~~and~~

~~and the operations further including:~~

receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol ~~wireless~~, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) the beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission ~~is a number~~ identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the Bluetooth wireless protocol;

selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service;

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from ~~the~~a same transmitting device; and

wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier.

31. (Currently Amended) A ~~method comprising~~ computer program product for installation in a non-transitory medium in a wireless device, the computer program product

comprising computer program instructions that, when executed by one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

~~causing reception of, using a short range wireless protocol,~~ process a first plurality of beacon transmissions ~~associated with a wireless beacon service,~~, received at the mobile wireless device via a Bluetooth protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission ~~is a number and is not a name of~~ identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the ~~short range~~ Bluetooth wireless protocol;

~~causing reception of, using a second wireless protocol,~~ process stored information transferred from one or more servers~~, relating~~ to the mobile wireless device via a second wireless protocol, wherein the stored information relates to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the ~~short range~~ Bluetooth wireless protocol;

~~causing selection of~~ select one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with ~~the~~ a particular wireless beacon service; and

~~causing first~~ perform a further action, the ~~first~~ further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 21-31 are presented for further examination.

EXPLANATION OF CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Independent claims 1, 30 and 31 are amended and narrowed to specifically now require that:

- the "beacon service identifier" "identifies a wireless beacon service" as "**opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the short range wireless protocol**" (and not just any "name" or "number"); and

- selection of "a **particular** beacon service identifier" that indicates a particular received beacon transmission is "associated with a **particular** wireless beacon service"

These amendments to the independent claims, and other amendments to the dependent claims are in the nature of clarifying the scope of the matter claimed without broadening their scope. Therefore, this amendment is believed to be proper after a Final Office Action and timely under 37 CFR. 1.116.

Support for the amendments to claims 1, 30 and 31 is discussed in more detail below.

Support for the amendment to claim 3 is found in the original application at least at paragraphs [0013], [0056-0057], [101], [0187-189]. For example the specification teaches in [0187-0189] ".. providing a continuously or periodically changing account or device identifier to a specific application on a device to enhance the privacy of the identity of that device;" .. "changing of the identifier may be effected by a rule based generation local to the application.. ", and that "The

update of the identifier being synchronized to such that it is coordinated with predetermined scanning and broadcasting periods allowing for a known update boundary".

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC 112 (Pre-AIA, First Paragraph)

The claims stand rejected as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor or a joint inventor, or for applications subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112, the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The Examiner was concerned that the specification does not disclose "the identifier is a number" and is "not a name of a wireless network."

With entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 30 and 31 now replace "not a name of a wireless network" with "identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the short range wireless protocol".

Support for this amendment is found in several places in the specification which explain that the "beacon transmitter" may be a "broadcast only" device, in some embodiments. See for example Pars. [0080], [0040-0043], [0086], [0090], and [0150].

Fig. 9 depicts a "Device 2 (broadcast only device) 903", and the associated descriptive text indicates that the beacon transmitter is operating in a mode in which it only broadcasts beacons, thus the beacon transmitter is not receiving using the short range wireless protocol. Therefore the transmitted beacons from that beacon transmitter (and specifically the Beacon Service Identifier as claimed) are not identifying a device or communication network accessible from the beacon transmitter using the short range wireless protocol.

In an additional example, Paragraph [0081] discloses, in relation to Fig. 11, that some devices may be "broadcast only", that is operating in a mode in which the beacon transmitting device is not configured to receive communications using the short range wireless link to access another communication network (such as using an 802.11 access point) or devices, but rather is only configured to transmit the beacons for identification purposes (and thus *not* to advertise the availability of another network (or other devices) accessible using the device transmitting the beacons. In other words, such a beacon transmitter is "not identifying a communication network or device accessible using the short range wireless protocol", as claimed.

> "Most of the fields in FIG. 11 are self explanatory and typical in the industry such as the account number, however a few fields are worth a clarifying discussion .. Record index **10** is the Entity Type Field. This describes is the entity is a Merchant, Individual, or if the device associated with this account is a **broadcast only device."** **([0081] emphasis added.)**
>
> "Requiring the brokering of the communication via a central server can also allow a mobile device to receive information associated with a a **" broadcast only " device, such as in the museum example discussed previously.** This is important, as such broadcast devices can enable a vast set of new applications built upon the infrastructure developed in this application , beyond the museum application. Some of these applications may involve an electronic commerce aspect, for example." **([0086] emphasis added.)**

In Par [0090], additional details are provided, showing that operating in a broadcast only mode enables battery power operation, so that the device then only transmits intermittently and therefore does not provide access to a network connected to the device transmitting the beacons, and more specifically is not therefore "identifying a communication network or device accessible using the short range wireless protocol".

> "An embodiment of a transaction model, enabled by the infrastructure described above can be an event such as a concert, or sporting event (particularly when it is an indoor venue where no GPS is available). A number of **the broadcast only devices** are placed through out the seating areas. The devices are very short range, and **only transmit intermittently** and as a result may be battery powered and to remain active over a very

> long time period. Each device can be placed in a known location, in a predicable manner." **([0090], emphasis added.)**

As of the effective filing date of the application, one of skill in the art would have understood that such wireless beacon transmissions transmitted by a broadcast only device would NOT identify and provide access to a communication network using the short range wireless protocol. Nor would such a broadcast device identify and provide access to a device using the short range wireless protocol (such as might be the case, for example, for the transmissions from a standard WiFi access point which does generally provide access to a wired network "behind" the access point using "infrastructure mode" (the SSID) or an associated device (BSSID)). See Par. [0057]:

> "One component of a infrastructure network based wireless LAN is the use of a central access point or AP. In a mobile network the use of a central AP is not practical, as only the AP transmits an identifier, which does not meet the requirements of the preferred embodiment. The second topology for Wi- Fi networks is the so - called Ad - Hoc mode of operations, referred to as an independent basic service set or IBSS." **[0057]**

While there are embodiments in which a beacon transmitter may be attached to a another network (See Par. [0092] for example), the ***beacon service identifier*** in those embodiments continues to identify a ***wireless beacon service*** as previously claimed, and now is further claimed to require that it also does not identify "a communication network or a device accessible using the short range wireless protocol" which is supported as disclosed above in relation to a "broadcast only" beacon transmitter.

No new matter has been added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC 103

Claims 1-8, 11, 13, 14-19, 23, 24, 27, and 30 stand rejected under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballai et al. (U.S. Pub No. 2004/0023640 A1) in view of Masuoka et al. (U..S. Pub No. 2005/0136845 A1) in further view of Gandolfo (U.S. Pub No.2003/0224787 A1).

The Applicant believes that the combination of Ballai, Masuoka and Gandolfo fail to teach or suggest several elements of the claims.

I. The Final Office Action does not Meet the Patent Office's Burden of Setting Forth a Prima Facie Case of Obviousness

In the following sections, a passage from claim 1 is presented with underlining, followed by the Examiner's last stated position in italics, and then followed by the Applicant's explanation for why the cited claim passage differs from the cited art.

(a) <u>receiving, at the wireless device via a second wireless protocol, stored information from one or more servers, the stored information relating to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol</u>

Examiner's Argument: [Ballai par 0025, The MU 65 accesses the communication network 1 via the APs 10-30, depending where the MU 65 is located at a particular time. Periodically, the APs 10- 30 transmit beacon signals. The system for handling communication of these records between the APs 10-30 and the server 70 may be implemented with the common simple network management protocol ("SNMP") or a similar protocol]

Applicant's Response:

A. In Ballai, the "wireless devices", that is the "mobile units" (MUs) 65, only operate using a single wireless protocol (WiFi). Therefore, the MUs 65 in Ballai do not receive "stored information" using a second wireless protocol" as claimed.

B. SNMP or "Simple Network Management Protocol" is used on the wired link 51 between the access points (APs) and the server in Ballai – and is not used on the wireless link between the APs and the MUs (the Applicant's "**second"** wireless protocol at the wireless device as claimed). While Ballai discloses different embodiments in which the MU performs scanning for rogue access points, SNMP is not disclosed as being used in such embodiments.

C. SNMP is also not a wireless protocol as claimed. SNMP is a standard that operates at the network layer and called "Simple Network Management Protocol" (as defined by the IETF as RFC 1157 (https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc1157)). SNMP defines a "solution to the network management problem" (RFC1157 at 3.2). It does not specify or define anything about the lower layers, such as link layer or a physical layer, and does not mention wireless at all. It certainly does not define anything about a "second" **wireless** connection as claimed.

D. Ballai does not disclose two different ***wireless*** protocols. Ballai only discloses using 802.11 to both scan at an MU for beacons from rogue access points ([0026-27], [0033]), and for the MUs to communicate with the legitimate 802.11 access points to which the MUs are connected. (See Ballai at [0026] "the APs may request that MUs supporting rouge AP detection functionality perform the scanning process as well".) Thus, Ballai discloses utilizing a **single** wireless protocol – and that single wireless protocol is not different from the "short range wireless protocol" used to receive the beacons during the scanning for rouge 802.11 Access Points. In contrast to this, the Applicant's claim requires "the second wireless protocol" to be "different from the short range wireless

protocol".

Ballai does not suggest nor make it obvious to utilize any other wireless protocol from the MUs. In one embodiment, Ballai explicitly teaches that the APs request that the MUs perform the scans, if they are enabled as a detector. "APs may request that MUs supporting rogue AP **detection** functionality perform the detection as well" Ballai at [0026]. In a different embodiment, Ballai discloses the MU may replace the AP in operation (See [0032] "the MU 65 as the **detecto**r, instead of the APs", and also hat the MUs may operate with no wireless connectivity for periods of time when "there is no coverage from authorized APs"). Given that in first embodiment mentioned (at [0026]) the AP commands the scans and reports back, and a second embodiment (at [0032]) where the MU has the standalone ability to identify rogue access points when there is no coverage, Ballai has no suggestion, teaching, motivation or benefit for using or the needed for any additional wireless link in addition to protocol used by the authorized APs.

In addition, if the MU in Ballai operates without the need for connectivity to the authorized APs using locally stored information, no location information determination is required as the mobile unit is disclosed as using a history of the detected signal power of a rogue AP to allow a user to move toward the device to physically locate it (See Par. [0032], and [0034] "*The user of the MU 65 may specifically track the rogue AP 60 by selecting it from the rogue AP detected register 85. The last Signal Strength measurement for the rogue AP 60 is then displayed on a bar chart 75 and a graph of past Signal Strength values are shown on a graph 80. The user can then locate the rogue AP 60 by moving to various locations as guided by the increasing Signal Strength values to find it.*". Thus, the only embodiment in Ballao in which no connectivity to the authorized APs is provided for, is also the only embodiment in which information is stored at the MU relating to authorized APs, is also the only embodiment taught as not utilizing

location determination processes. Ballai therefore actually teaches away from any combination with Masuoka.

E. While not clearly or convincingly disclosed in Ballai, to the extent a table of authorized devices is stored on an MU operating as a rouge AP detector, this still would not comprise "*information associated with a unique identifier for which any further action would be taken*", as recited by subsequent claim limitations. This is because only devices which are NOT authorized would trigger an action associated with having detected a rouge access point. There is no disclosure in Ballai of a MU utilizing any stored information of valid APs to allow or disallow a connection. The rouge detection process in the MU is disclosed as reporting and displaying, and nothing more ("When the MU 65 finds the rogue AP 60 it may display the record on the rogue AP detected register 85. The information displayed from the record may be user Selectable. For example, the MAC address and Signal Strength may be displayed." [0033]). Therefore there is no "stored information relating to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier," received from a server for unknown rogue access points, and therefore there also cannot be any "further action" relating to the such stored information when a rogue AP is detected. In fact, Figure 3 of Ballai depicts a screen of a computer (MU) used as the mobile rogue access point detector. Only information related to a detected rogue AP is displayed. No "further actions" that depend on "stored information" are defined for known access points in Ballai, as will be discussed further below.

(b) causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with a particular wireless beacon service (as amended)

Examiner's Argument: [Masuoka par 0074, identity information from one or more mini-beacons in its vicinity and then select one of the mini-beacons that best satisfies a set of conditions based

on the intensity of the received signals. These procedures encompass operations that sample the signals, filter and smooth the observations and calculate which beacon best satisfies the current criteria and also determine whether the target client is stationary or moving]

Applicant's Response:

A. The Applicant's claimed "causing selection" step requires looking at a value of a field so that it can select only those beacons which include a ***particular*** "beacon service identifier". The beacon service identifier is a value contained in a data field. It is not "based on" an intensity of a received signal.

B. It is not possible to determine the value of a data field (such as the claimed beacon service identifier) based on a signal intensity measurement. Nor is it possible to determine whether a received transmission is "associated with a particular wireless beacon service" by performing operations such as intensity measurements, or sampling or smoothing alone. These each require detecting a data value contained in the encoded signal – such as by ***decoding*** a "sampled", "filtered", and "smoothed" signal" – and then comparing that decoded data value against the beacon service identifier.

C. Per the Applicant's claim, the beacon service identifier is used to determine whether or not **"a particular received beacon transmission**" is associated with a **particular** beacon service, as now claimed. It is not possible to determine if a transmission is "associated with a **particular** wireless beacon service" by merely considering its received signal strength. Such further operations such as detecting a particular field and whether that field matches other values are not "inherent" in Masuoka or the other prior art. The examiner must supply either a rationale for the inherent disclosure or evidence demonstrating the presence of the inherency. See *Schering Corp. v. Geneva Pharmaceuticals, Inc*. 339 F.3d 1372 (Fed Cir. 2003) and MPEP (need cite).

D. Masuoka does mention that "current criteria" might include determining (from the intensity) whether the target is moving or stationary), but that does still not suggest other criteria such as ***selecting only certain transmissions*** based on the value of a data field (such as the claimed beacon service identifier). For example, according to Masuoka, *"The target device can measure the received intensity of the beacon transmissions and determine an associated beacon that best Satisfies a* ***Specified criteria (e.g., largest signal Strength)****"* (Masuoka, Abstract, emphasis added).

Further detail is provided in Masuoka at Paragraph [0078] confirming that only received signal strength is utilized and that the "current criteria" apply only to the use of signal strength specifically. *"The target device will conduct measurements of the* ***Signal intensities received from all the mini-beacons within range by a measurement unit 107*** *..* ***determination unit 106 uses the data from a history file 108*** *and some of the deployment information 104 to determine the target client location and motion Status."* .. *"The determination unit 106 discriminates between* ***received signal Strengths transmitted by the beacons, and determines which of the beacons to Select*** *..,* ***based upon the current received signals,*** *the history, the target device motion status, and* ***Specified criteria (Such as largest signal Strength)***. ([0078] Emphasis Added). The "specified criteria" is thus based upon signal strength being "largest" or "largest signal strength difference" and "smallest location coverage area" (also signal strength based) - see Par. 157. It is clear that all these "criteria" are based upon the detected signal strength, and none is disclosed as relating to the value of a transmitted field relating to a "beacon service".

An additional example of the implementation of the location determination approach based upon RSS (Receive Signal Strength) as the only measured signal attribute is provided in Masuoka at [210] *"Thus the RSS for all mini-beacons 102 could be*

determined and fed to the line-based location calculation module. The location calculation module was provided with a table that included the mini-beacon Symbolic locations and the transmission power, indexed by the mini-beacon MAC address (this served as a unique ID). The location calculation would return the nearest beacon which would be converted to a symbolic location and reported to the calling application program.".

Finally, details related to the "smoothing" and other processing are described as being specially performed relating to these signal strength measurements, rather than some other property in Masuoka at [0222] "*2. How to handle the observed signal strength fluctuations: The mini-beacon of the present invention includes Smoothing procedures to compensation for variations in the received signal strength (multi-path, measurement methods, background noise, receiver implementation, etc), and there is significant variance in the measured values. If the actual instantaneous value of the reading were used, the location determination would be very unstable,"*

Based upon the forgoing, it is clear that the only attribute from the disclosed beacons of Masuoka that is used for the selection of a beacon to utilize in location determination is the **signal strength**, with at most some processing to increase the measurement reliability of that measurement as discussed above (and in relation to Masuoka at [0222]).

(c) <u>taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers</u>

Examiner's Argument: [Masuoka par 0202, In particular, the user can obtain the unique ID of the mini-beacon, which is coded during manufacturing. The user can set the transmit power level through the user interface. The mini-beacons 102 may also be implemented with a mechanical dial for setting the transmit power level.

Applicant's Response:

A. The Applicant's claim requires the "stored information" to be first received from a server – and then the ***action must be related to that same "stored information" that was received from a server***. Masuoka's ability for a user to manually "set a transmit power level" is not related to information received from a server.

B. Furthermore, the supposed "unique ID" in Masuoka is explicitly stated to have been "coded during manufacturing", and is not disclosed as having been received from the server by the wireless device. In the example provided in Masuoka at [0202], immediately before the citation, Masuoka states "It is assumed that the mini-beacons 102 will be configured by a user computing device with a WLAN card that is running a Software program designed to communicate with the mini-beacons 102. This program provides a user interface that allows easy configuration of the beacons over the WLAN. In particular, the user can obtain the unique ID of the mini-beacon, which is coded during manufacturing." Thus, in the cited example, the "user computing device" is configuring the mini-beacon, and Masuoka provides no suggestion of obtaining the unique identifier from a server. In-contrast, a person of ordinary skill would expect a configuration process to discover the device based upon its transmissions including the unique ID, and then proceed to configure it.

C. "Setting a transmit power level" as in Masuoka is also not the claimed "determining if a first unique identifier is "among the selected identifiers". As stated above, Masuoka at [0204] relates to configuring the AP for operation, and therefore is not relevant to the forgoing claim limitations, including "taking further action" using the "stored information" only if the unique identifier is among the selected identifiers.

D. This argument is also not "moot" as suggested at page 38 of the Final Office Action. The claim explicitly requires the action to be related to the stored information – it cannot be just any action. The examiners "stored information" is apparently the table of authorized

access points in Ballia, residing on the mobile unit (MU) of Ballai. As discussed above, no action is taken with respect to the known access points of Ballai, but only when unknown access points are detected. Thus any action based upon an embodiment of Ballai would occur when no information is present relating to a detected beacon of Masuoka. In fact, Ballai's purpose is to determine the location of unknown rogue APs, where the purpose of Masuoka is to determine the location of a mobile unit based upon known access points. Therfore any stored information in Ballai cannot be related to any detected beacon information of Masuoka.

(d) a first plurality of beacon transmissions, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or device accessible using the short range wireless protocol (as currently amended)

Examiner Argument: [Gandolfo par 0108, This broadcast message could be a modified beacon or a separate broadcast message. As shown in FIG. 8, a broadcast message according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention includes a MAC header field 805, a sequence number field 810, a router/controller identifier (ID) field 815, an age field 820, a hop count field 825, a load feedback field 830, a number of associated devices field 835, and a device record field 840. The device record field 840 includes one or more device records 845. Each device record 845 includes a neighborhood MAC address field 850, a bridge connection field 855, a service field 860, a data rate field 865, and any additional fields 870, as necessary].

Applicant's Response:

A. The alleged "beacon service identifier" of Gandolfo is identified apparently as a "device record", which both identifies a device and a network accessible using the short range wireless protocol, and therefore does not meet this limitation as now claimed because the beacon service identifier is distinguished as being different from

identifying a network or device accessible using the short range wireless protocol, based upon the claim language "beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a beacon **service as opposed to identifying a communication network or device accessible using the short range wireless protocol**" (as currently amended).

B. In Gandolfo the service field 860 does not relate to a **beacon service** as claimed. Gandolfo's service field is part of a "device record field" that describes a service provided by a particular device (for example, such a field might be used by the device to advertise that it is a printer, a DVD player, a TV, or a display, etc.). The devices in Gandolfo are not providing a beacon service, but a service of a device accessible using the short range wireless protocol, as discussed above, and now clarified as amended.

II. One of Skill in the Art Would not be Motivated to Combine the Cited References

The Examiner provided two rationales for combining the references, repeated below in italics. The Applicant disagrees that one of skill on the art would have been motivated to do so. As explained below, the references would then fail to work for their intended purpose if combined.

Examiner Argument: Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai and Masuoka because this provides a system and method of using wireless communication devices as beacons to allow a target wireless communication device to determine its location.

Examiner Argument: Before the effective filing date it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballai, Masuoka, and Gandolfo because provide a way by which networks could communicate with adjacent networks without the need for a fixed wired backbone.

Applicant's Response:

Ballai and Masuoka

Ballai is concerned with detecting rogue Access Points (APs) in a wireless local area network. It relies on a wired back bone between the APs and a server.

Masuoka is concerned with detecting the location of a device using beacons.

One would not look to Masouka's location determination approach to benefit Ballai's stand alone Mobile Unit (MU) rouge AP detection approach. As will be shown below, the MU of Ballai, in the stand alone embodiment (using the on-board AP information – the alleged "stored information"), locates the rogue AP by the user physically moving toward it rather than another location approach.

Ballai discloses three embodiments for detecting rouge APs:

> 1) the Access points perform the scans and report to a server [0025],
> 2) The "indirect scanning" approach: the mobile unit (MU) performs scans at the request of the APs, and reports all detected devices back to the AP, which can perform the rouge identification [0026], and
> 3) the MU can perform the entire detection process, even when not connected to any APs (out of the coverage area) ("*the MU 65 as the **detector**, instead of the APs*", and also that the MUs may operate with no wireless connectivity for periods of time when *"there is no coverage from authorized APs"* [0032]).

Embodiments 1 and 2 are not relevant to the claims as no information relating to the authorized APs (or unauthorized APs for that matter) are stored on the MUs, leaving only embodiment 3 as a relevant embodiment, in which the table of authorized APs is presumably stored on the MU.

Referring to the "stand alone" MU embodiment of Ballai, when the MU is operating without the need for connectivity to the authorized APs using locally stored information, **no location information determination is required** as the mobile unit is disclosed as using a history of the detected signal power of a rogue AP to allow a user to move toward the device to physically locate it (See Par. [0032], and [0034] "*The user of the MU 65 may specifically track the rogue AP 60 by selecting it from the rogue AP detected register 85. The last Signal Strength measurement for the rogue AP 60 is then displayed on a bar chart 75 and a graph of past Signal Strength values are shown on a graph 80. The user can then locate the rogue AP 60 by moving to various locations as guided by the increasing Signal Strength values to find it.*". Thus, the only embodiment in which information is stored at the MU relating to authorized APs, is also the only embodiment taught as not utilizing location determination processes but simply guiding the user to the rouge AP, and therefore **Ballai therefore actually teaches away from this combination with Masuoka's location determination approaches.**

Further, as noted above, the table in Balia is specifically unrelated to the rogue APs, and thus can not serve as "the stored information relating to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier", which is allegedly the rogue APs (unknown) identifier.

Gandolfo, Ballia, and Masuoka

Gandolfo is concerned with enabling communication between wireless devices operating in two different networks. Gandolfo recognizes that a problem occurs when relying on wired backbones and thus seeks to eliminate their use.

Gandolfo therefore explicitly teaches away from using the wired backbone of Ballai. In Ballai, the wireless devices can connect to the server over the available WiFi network. There is no stated need or benefit in Ballai for a wireless device to reach other networks. Therefore the skilled person would not look to Ballai to improve Gandolfo or look to Gandolfo to improve Ballai.

Masuoka also suggests nothing about communicating with other networks, or eliminating a fixed wired backbone or detecting rogue devices. Therefore one would not look to Gandolfo to improve Masuoka or Ballai.

Also, there is no motivation to combine Gandolfo with Masuoka. Masuoka is concerned with determining a location. But the beacons of Gandolfo must carry a "hop count" indicating how many other devices a message has travelled through before it is transmitted to the mobile device. The fact that Gandolfo's beacons are relayed over several hops with indeterminant locations would frustrate Masuoka's specific purpose of determining location.

Furthermore, without the benefit of hindsight from the Applicant's disclosure, it would be unclear why a "modified beacon" carrying a "service field 860" (as in Gandolfo), would have been looked at to serve as a beacon service identifier to be used in conjunction with a power based filtering / selection step of Masuoka, or what that motivation would have been, to arrive at the claimed "selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with a particular wireless beacon service". The signal-power-based selection of Masuoka cannot utilize the alleged beacon service identifier (the service field 860) of Gandolfo to filter with "the service field" to select a "particular beacon service'.

MPEP § 2142 requires that "impermissible hindsight must be avoided and the examiner's legal conclusion of obviousness "must be reached on the basis of the facts gleaned from the prior art" (emphasis added).

There is no intersection of the stated purposes of the references. Since Ballai, Masuoka and Gandolfo would each not work or would not improve their respective operation if combined as suggested by the Examiner, it logically follows that the conclusion of obviousness has been improperly gleaned from Applicant's own specification and that the cited prior art combination is an exercise of impermissible hindsight.

Furthermore, none of the references recognize the problem solved by the Applicant—to reduce the processing of beacon transmissions that would otherwise result in a request being sent to a server. The Examiner has not explained why one of skill in the art seeking to solve this problem would have looked to the reference in an attempt to find a solution to the problem, i.e., the Examiner has provided no factual reasons as to why the prior art is pertinent to the Applicant's identified problem. In order for a reference to be "reasonably pertinent" to a problem, it must "logically [] have commended itself to an inventor's attention in considering his problem. " *In re ICON Health and Fitness, Inc.*, 496 F.3d 1374, 1379-80 (Fed. Cir. 2007) as cited in MPEP 2141.01(a)(I). Given that the three references cited each frustrate the purposes of the others, no such pertinence exists.

III. The Other Claims are Patentable for the Same Reasons

Claims 2-19 and 20-29 depend from claim 1 and thus incorporate the same limitations. These dependent claims are thus patentable for at least the same reasons stated above

Independent claims 30 and 31 recite the same or analogous limitations as claim 1. These other independent claims are thus patentable for the same reasons stated for claim 1.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all remaining issues regarding the application have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment, including the Office Action's characterizations of the art, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there

may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment or cancellation of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment or cancellation. In particular, Applicant does not concede to the Office Action's various assertions that specific claim recitations or specific teachings are well-known or prior art. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the rejected claims in further prosecution of this or related applications.

If the Examiner believes a discussion would assist with further prosecution of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant :	Proctor, J. et al.	Art Unit :	2468
Serial No. :	17/366,826	Examiner :	HARLEY, JASON A
Filed :	July 02, 2021	Conf. No. :	8789
Title :	EFFICIENT AND SECURE COMMUNICATION USING WIRELESS SERVICE IDENTIFIERS		

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 IN REPLY TO FINAL ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 14, 2021, and in connection with the After Final Consideration Pilot 2.0 Request filed herewith, please consider entering an amendment as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing that begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11.

Electronic Patent Application Fee Transmittal

Application Number:	17366826
Filing Date:	02-Jul-2021
Title of Invention:	EFFICIENT AND SECURE COMMUNICATION USING WIRELESS SERVICE IDENTIFIERS
First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	James A. Proctor
Filer:	David J. Thibodeau/Elisabeth Smith
Attorney Docket Number:	111054-0001U7

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Document Description: After Final Consideration Pilot Program Request

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CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE AFTER FINAL CONSIDERATION PILOT PROGRAM 2.0

Practitioner Docket No.:	Application No.:	Filing Date:
111054-0001U7	17/366,826	07-02-2021
First Named Inventor:	**Title:**	
James A. Proctor	EFFICIENT AND SECURE COMMUNICATION USING WIRELESS SERVICE IDENTIFIERS	

APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THE FOLLOWING AND REQUESTS CONSIDERATION UNDER THE AFTER FINAL CONSIDERATION PILOT PROGRAM 2.0 (AFCP 2.0) OF THE ACCOMPANYING RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116.

1. The above-identified application is (i) an original utility, plant, or design nonprovisional application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) [a continuing application (*e.g.*, a continuation or divisional application) is filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and is eligible under (i)], or (ii) an international application that has entered the national stage in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371(c).
2. The above-identified application contains an outstanding final rejection.
3. Submitted herewith is a response under 37 CFR 1.116 to the outstanding final rejection. The response includes an amendment to at least one independent claim, and the amendment does not broaden the scope of the independent claim in any aspect.
4. This certification and request for consideration under AFCP 2.0 is the only AFCP 2.0 certification and request filed in response to the outstanding final rejection.
5. Applicant is willing and available to participate in any interview requested by the examiner concerning the present response.
6. This certification and request is being filed electronically using the Office's electronic filing system (EFS-Web).
7. Any fees that would be necessary consistent with current practice concerning responses after final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116, *e.g.*, extension of time fees, are being concurrently filed herewith. [There is no additional fee required to request consideration under AFCP 2.0.]
8. By filing this certification and request, applicant acknowledges the following:
    - Reissue applications and reexamination proceedings are not eligible to participate in AFCP 2.0.
    - The examiner will verify that the AFCP 2.0 submission is compliant, *i.e.*, that the requirements of the program have been met (see items 1 to 7 above). For compliant submissions:
        - The examiner will review the response under 37 CFR 1.116 to determine if additional search and/or consideration (i) is necessitated by the amendment and (ii) could be completed within the time allotted under AFCP 2.0. If additional search and/or consideration is required but cannot be completed within the allotted time, the examiner will process the submission consistent with current practice concerning responses after final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116, *e.g.*, by mailing an advisory action.
        - If the examiner determines that the amendment does not necessitate additional search and/or consideration, or if the examiner determines that additional search and/or consideration is required and could be completed within the allotted time, then the examiner will consider whether the amendment places the application in condition for allowance (after completing the additional search and/or consideration, if required). If the examiner determines that the amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance, then the examiner will contact the applicant and request an interview.
            - The interview will be conducted by the examiner, and if the examiner does not have negotiation authority, a primary examiner and/or supervisory patent examiner will also participate.
            - If the applicant declines the interview, or if the interview cannot be scheduled within ten (10) calendar days from the date that the examiner first contacts the applicant, then the examiner will proceed consistent with current practice concerning responses after final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116.

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David J. Thibodeau, Jr.	(617) 925-5520	

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TITLE OF INVENTION: EFFICIENT AND SECURE COMMUNICATION USING WIRELESS SERVICE IDENTIFIERS

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5. **Change in Entity Status** (from status indicated above)

❑ Applicant certifying micro entity status. See 37 CFR 1.29

❑ Applicant asserting small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

❑ Applicant changing to regular undiscounted fee status.

NOTE: Absent a valid certification of Micro Entity Status (see forms PTO/SB/15A and 15B), issue fee payment in the micro entity amount will not be accepted at the risk of application abandonment.
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
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The Office has discontinued providing a Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) calculation with the Notice of Allowance.

Section 1(h)(2) of the AIA Technical Corrections Act amended 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(i) to eliminate the requirement that the Office provide a patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. See Revisions to Patent Term Adjustment, 78 Fed. Reg. 19416, 19417 (Apr. 1, 2013). Therefore, the Office is no longer providing an initial patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. The Office will continue to provide a patent term adjustment determination with the Issue Notification Letter that is mailed to applicant approximately three weeks prior to the issue date of the patent, and will include the patent term adjustment on the patent. Any request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment determination (or reinstatement of patent term adjustment) should follow the process outlined in 37 CFR 1.705.

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	Examiner JASON A HARLEY	Art Unit 2468	AIA (FITF) Status No

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☑ This communication is responsive to 3/29/22.
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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 1-19 and 21-31 . 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.**

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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   1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
   ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☑ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☑ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 2/22/22.
3. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material _____.
4. ☑ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date. _____.
5. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
6. ☑ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
7. ☐ Other _____.

/JASON A HARLEY/ Examiner, Art Unit 2468	/WUTCHUNG CHU/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2468

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

1. The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-19 and 21-31 are allowed. The prior art disclose receiving at a wireless device via a short range wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions each beacon comprising three fields. The prior art fail to show a beacon service identifier wherein the beacon service identifier wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the short range wireless protocol.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON A HARLEY whose telephone number is (571)270-5435. The examiner can normally be reached 7:30-300 6:30-8:30.

Examiner interviews are available via telephone, in-person, and video conferencing using a USPTO supplied web-based collaboration tool. To schedule an

interview, applicant is encouraged to use the USPTO Automated Interview Request (AIR) at http://www.uspto.gov/interviewpractice.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Asad M Nawaz can be reached on (571) 272-3988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/JASON A HARLEY/
Examiner, Art Unit 2468

/WUTCHUNG CHU/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2468

Applicant-Initiated Interview Summary	**Application No.** 17/366,826	**Applicant(s)** Proctor et al.		
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All Participants (applicant, applicants representative, PTO personnel)	**Title**	**Type**
JASON A HARLEY	Examiner	Telephonic
David Thibodeau 31671	Attorney	

Date of Interview: 15 April 2022

Issues Discussed:

Proposed Amendment(s)

The applicant initiated interview to discuss claim amendments and prior art. The applicant discuss amendments regarding the beacons service identifier identifying beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device. The applicant believe the case should be in condition for allowance. The will conduct further search and consideration upon receipt of formal response.

/JASON A HARLEY/ Examiner, Art Unit 2468	/WUTCHUNG CHU/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2468

Applicant is reminded that a complete written statement as to the substance of the interview must be made of record in the application file. It is the applicants responsibility to provide the written statement, unless the interview was initiated by the Examiner and the Examiner has indicated that a written summary will be provided. See MPEP 713.04
Please further see:
MPEP 713.04
Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews, paragraph (b)
37 CFR § 1.2 Business to be transacted in writing

Applicant recordation instructions: The formal written reply to the last Office action must include the substance of the interview. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, applicant is given a non-extendable period of the longer of one month or thirty days from this interview date, or the mailing date of this interview summary form, whichever is later, to file a statement of the substance of the interview.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312 AFTER ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed April 28, 2022, please consider entering an amendment as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing that begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 11.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims would replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

receiving, at a wireless device, via a short range wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the short range wireless protocol;

receiving, at the wireless device via a second wireless protocol, stored information from one or more servers, the stored information relating to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with a particular wireless beacon service; and

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the receiving, at the wireless device, via a short range wireless protocol, of the first plurality of beacon transmissions occurs in a first time period, and

wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period:

receiving, at the wireless device, via a short range wireless protocol, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the short range wireless protocol;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that the particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service; and

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier is are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier, and wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular service identifier and the first unique identifier are

received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the function is related to
a current phone call,
music being played,
a video being played,
a multi-player game, or
a shared application.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the first or the second further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifier ~~identifiers~~, or information derived from the first or second unique identifier.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes ~~retrieving~~ receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

8. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein following the performance of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending ~~a~~ an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to the same particular entity or object ~~associated with the first or second unique identifier~~.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to at least one of the one or more servers.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 [[2]] wherein the step of taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the performing of the first further action.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to ~~the~~ performing one or more of the first and the second further action.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

17. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein one or more of the steps performed at the wireless device are performed as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first

unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

22. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

24. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the step of taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 further comprising:

receiving, at the wireless device, timing notification information for coordination of active times for beacon transmissions.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the receiving, at the wireless device of the timing notification information is not directly from the beacon transmitter.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

28. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the MAC address is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR.

29. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the short range protocol is derived from Bluetooth.

30. (Currently Amended) A mobile wireless device comprising:

one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol;

one or more processors; and

one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more ~~non-transitory~~ memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including:

receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the Bluetooth wireless protocol;

receiving from one or more servers, using the second wireless protocol, stored information related to a entity or object associated with a first unique identifier;

selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service

identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the particular wireless beacon service;

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers;

receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) the beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the Bluetooth wireless protocol;

selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service;

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device; and

wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier.

31. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for installation in a memory ~~non-transitory medium~~ in a wireless device, the computer program product comprising computer program instructions that, when executed by one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

process a first plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the mobile wireless device via a Bluetooth protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the Bluetooth wireless protocol;

process stored information transferred from one or more servers to the mobile wireless device via a second wireless protocol, wherein the stored information relates to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the Bluetooth wireless protocol;

select one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with a particular wireless beacon service; and

perform a first further action, the first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

32. (New) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein the computer program instructions, when executed by the one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

during a first time period:

process the first plurality of beacon transmissions in the first time period, and

during a second time period:

process a second plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the mobile wireless device via the Bluetooth protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the Bluetooth wireless protocol;

select one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that the particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service; and

perform a second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device.

33. (New) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier, and wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

34. (New) The computer program product of claim 33 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

35. (New) The computer program product of claim 34 wherein the function is related to a current phone call,

music being played,

a video being played,

a multi-player game, or

a shared application.

36. (New) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein the first or the second further action is additionally related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifiers, or based upon information derived from the first or second unique identifier.

37. (New) The method of claim 31 wherein the first further action is additionally related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the unique identifier, or based upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

38. (New) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action additionally includes causing the wireless device to receive content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

39. (New) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein the first further action additionally includes causing the wireless device to receive content from a server based upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

40. (New) The computer program product of claim 32, wherein the first or second further action additionally includes causing the wireless device to send a message to another device associated with an account related to the first or the second unique identifiers, or information derived from the first or the second unique identifiers.

41. (New) The computer program product of claim 32, wherein the computer program instructions, when executed by the one or more processors in the wireless device, further cause the wireless device to:

after the first or second further action:

send information to a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device, to enable the server to send a message to an email address associated with the account for the user.

42. (New) The computer program product of claim 31, wherein the first further action additionally includes causing the wireless device to send information to a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device, and enabling the server to send a message to an email address associated with the account for the user as a result of the first further action.

43. (New) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein the second further action additionally includes causing the wireless device to prevent sending the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to at least one of the one or more servers.

44. (New) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein the first further action additionally includes causing the wireless device to determine that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

45. (New) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein the first further action additionally includes causing the wireless device to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

subsequently receive the stored information in response thereto.

46. (New) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein the computer program instructions, when executed by the one or more processors in the wireless device, further cause the wireless device to

receive stored information at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing the first further action.

47. (New) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein the computer program instructions, when executed by the one or more processors in the wireless device, further cause the wireless device to:

receive stored information at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing one or more of the first and the second further action.

48. (New) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein the computer program instructions, when executed by the one or more processors in the wireless device, further cause the wireless device to:

use the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

49. (New) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

50. (New) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein the second further action additionally includes causing the wireless device to determine, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

51. (New) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein the first further action additionally includes causing the wireless device to display a current location, based at least in part upon a predetermined location associated with the first unique identifier, or based at least in part upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

52. (New) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein the second further action additionally includes causing the wireless device to display a current location on the wireless device, based at least in part upon a predetermined location associated with the second unique identifier, or based at least in part upon information derived from the second unique identifier.

53. (New) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein the second further action is additionally related to either a product tied to a location or to an advertisement tied to a location

54. (New) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein the first further action additionally includes causing the wireless device to determine an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, when the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

55. (New) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein the second further action additionally includes causing the wireless device to determine an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, when the wireless device is located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

56. (New) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein the second further action additionally includes causing the wireless device to allow a user associated with the wireless device to access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

57. (New) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein the second further action additionally includes causing the wireless device to control further communications between the wireless device and at least one other device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

58. (New) The computer program product of claim 33 wherein the computer program instructions, when executed by the wireless device, further cause the wireless device to:

receive, at the wireless device, timing notification information for coordination of active times for beacon transmissions.

59. (New) The computer program product of claim 58 wherein the timing notification information is not received directly from the beacon transmitter.

60. (New) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein the computer program instructions, when executed by the wireless device, further cause the wireless device to:

use the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

61. (New) The computer program product of claim 31 further comprising program instructions that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the wireless device to:

use the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions.

62. (New) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein the MAC address is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR.

63. (New) The mobile wireless device of claim 30 wherein the operations further comprise:

receiving, at the mobile wireless device, timing notification information for coordination of active times for beacon transmissions.

64. (New) The mobile wireless device of claim 63 wherein the receiving, at the mobile wireless device of the timing notification information is not directly from the beacon transmitter.

65. (New) The mobile wireless device of claim 30 wherein the operations further comprise:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

66. (New) The mobile wireless device of claim 30 wherein each MAC address or a respective beacon transmission is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR.

67. (New) The mobile wireless device of claim 30 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

68. (New) The mobile wireless device of claim 67 wherein the function is related to
a current phone call,
music being played,
a video being played,
a multi-player game, or
a shared application.

69. (New) The mobile wireless device of claim 30 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

70. (New) The mobile wireless device of claim 30, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message or causing a server to send a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

71. (New) The mobile wireless device of claim 30 wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the mobile wireless device to at least one of the one or more servers.

72. (New) The mobile wireless device of claim 30 wherein at least one of the first further action or the second further action comprises: determining that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

73. (New) The mobile wireless device of claim 30 wherein the operations further comprise:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

74. (New) The mobile wireless device of claim 30 wherein one of the first further action and second further action additionally includes

determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first or second unique identifier or information derived from the first or second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the mobile wireless device may be located indoors where a GPS signal may not be available.

75. (New) The mobile wireless device of claim 30 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the mobile wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

76. (New) The mobile wireless device of claim 30 wherein the first or second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the mobile wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device based upon information derived from the first or second unique identifier.

77. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first unique identifier, or information derived from the first unique identifier.

78. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

79. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein following the performance of the first further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user as a result of the first further action.

80. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action comprises: determining that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

81. (New) The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action comprises:
determining that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

82. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

83. (New) The method of claim 3 wherein the step of taking second further action additionally comprises:
controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

84. (New) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions.

REMARKS

Allowed claims 1-19 and 21-31 and new claims 32-84 are presented for further consideration.

The Applicant believes entry of these amendments is proper under 37 CFR 1.312 for the following reasons:

(A) The amendments are needed to fully protect the invention as they would

a. Correct formal matters such as potential antecedent basis and other errors in some of the allowed claims (namely allowed claims 3, 6, 7, 9, 14, 30 and 31);
b. Present a complete set of dependent claims from allowed independent claim 31 (namely new claims 32-66);
c. Present a more complete set of dependent claims from allowed claim 30 (namely new claims 63-76); and
d. Present a more complete set of dependent claims from allowed claim 1 (namely new claims 77-84).

(B) Since all newly added claims depend from allowed base claims, it is believed that consideration of the amendments would require no new search and no substantial amount of additional examination work on the part of the Office.

(C) Each of the newly added claims correspond to already allowed claims. The following table lists each new claim number and the corresponding already allowed dependent claim:

New Dependent Claim Numbers	Corresponding Allowed Dependent Claims
32-36	2-6
37-39	7
40-47	8-13
48,49,50	15,16,17
51,52	6 (see also [0062])
53	19
54-66	22-28
67,68,69,70	4,5,7,8
71,72	10,11
73	15
74,75,76	21,23,24
77,78,79	6,7,9
80,81	11, 17
82,83,84	19,24,27

In the case of new claims 51 and 52, support is found in the specification as filed at paragraph [0062].

(D) These amendments were not presented earlier since (a) no independent claim had been allowed and (b) while the application was under Track I Prioritized Examination status, the total number of claims was limited to 30.

Therefore, entry of these amendments is believed to be proper under 37 CFR 1.312.

Applicant respectfully notes that there are additional reasons for allowance that have not been specifically cited in the Notice of Allowance, and which apply to various one of the allowed claims, in addition to or instead of the Examiner's stated reasons. Applicant respectfully suggests that notwithstanding the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, it is believed that each of the allowed claims is patentable in its own right and/or for other reasons raised during the prosecution and/or explained in the specification of this application. To the extent that any statements regarding patentability of any claims allowed by the Examiner made by the Applicant

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CONCLUSION

Although a credit card is being provided herewith to cover the additional claim fees, the Director is authorized to charge any additional claim fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4929.

If the Examiner believes a discussion would assist with further prosecution of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 2, 2022

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	Examiner JASON A HARLEY	**Art Unit** 2468	**AIA (FITF) Status** No

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1. ☑ The amendment filed on 03 June 2022 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☑ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

f) ☐ not entered because the supplemental or corrected Application Data sheet (ADS)

☐ was not accompanied by a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 37 CFR 1.55 or 27 CFR 1.78;

☐ did not identify the information being changed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76(c)(2);

☐ was not properly signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76(e) (or 37 CFR 1.33(b) for applications filed prior to September 16, 2012).

The amendments will not be entered according to MPEP 7.87 37 CFR 1.312 the amendment would require an additional search, and the amendment would involve materially added work on the part of the Office checking excessive editorial changes in the specification or claims.

/JASON A HARLEY/ Examiner, Art Unit 2468	/KHALED M KASSIM/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2468

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)		
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First Named Inventor/Patent Owner: Secure Communications Technologies, LLC

Application No./Patent No.: 11,443,344 Filed/Issue Date: 2022-09-13

Titled: EFFICIENT AND SECURE COMMUNICATION USING WIRELESS SERVICE IDENTIFIERS

Secure Communications Technologies, LLC, a Limited Liability Company

(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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2	11,443,344	9/13/2022	Secure Communication Technologies, LLC
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