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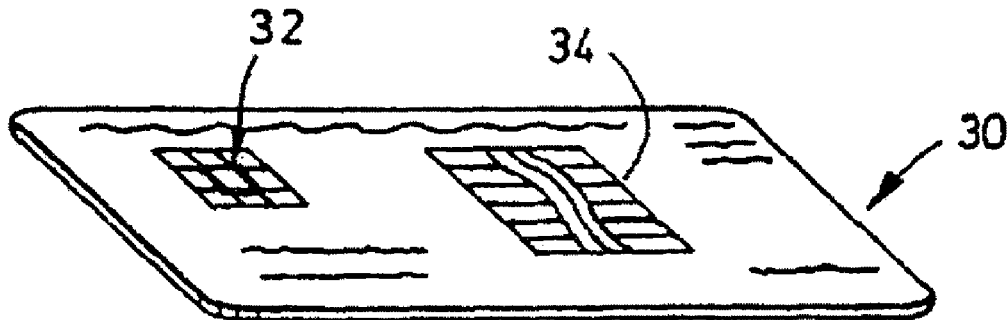
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paying for data such as audio and video data, text, software,  
games and other types of data. A portable data carrier has an  
interface for sending and receiving data, data memory for  
storing received content data, and payment validation  
memory for providing payment validation data to an external  
device. The carrier may also store a record of access made to  
the stored content, and content use rules for controlling access  
to the stored content. Embodiments store further access con-  
trol data and supplementary data such as hot links to web sites  
and/or advertising data. A complementary data access termi-  
nal, data supply computer system, and data access device are  
also described. The combination of payment data and stored  
content data and use rule data helps reduce the risk of unau-  
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data, especially over the Internet.

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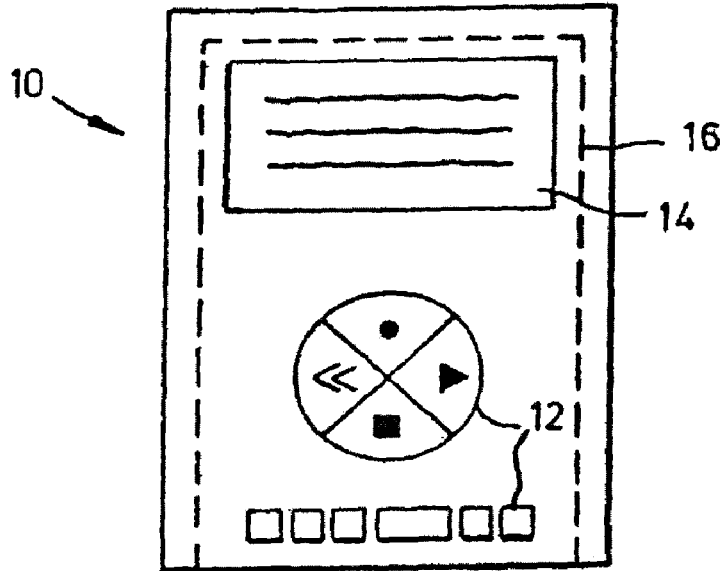
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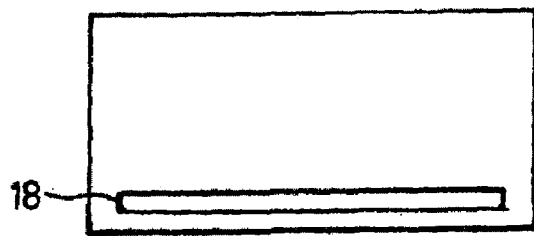
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Fig. 1

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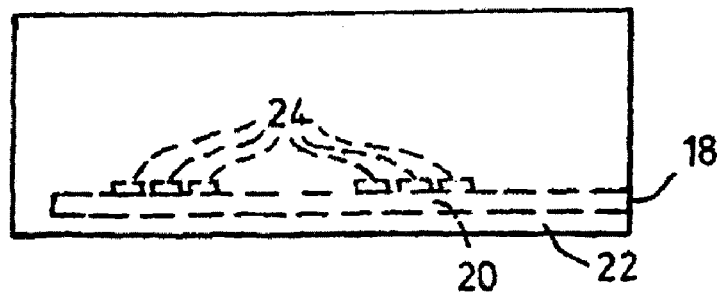


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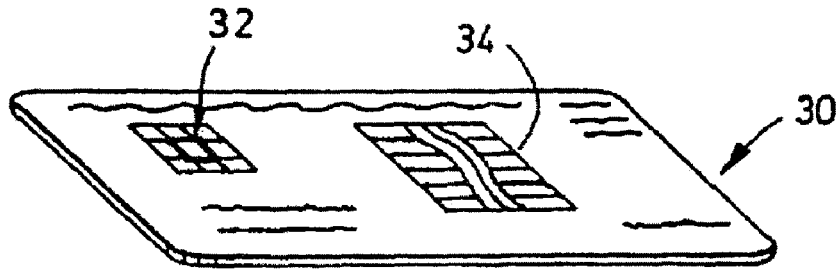


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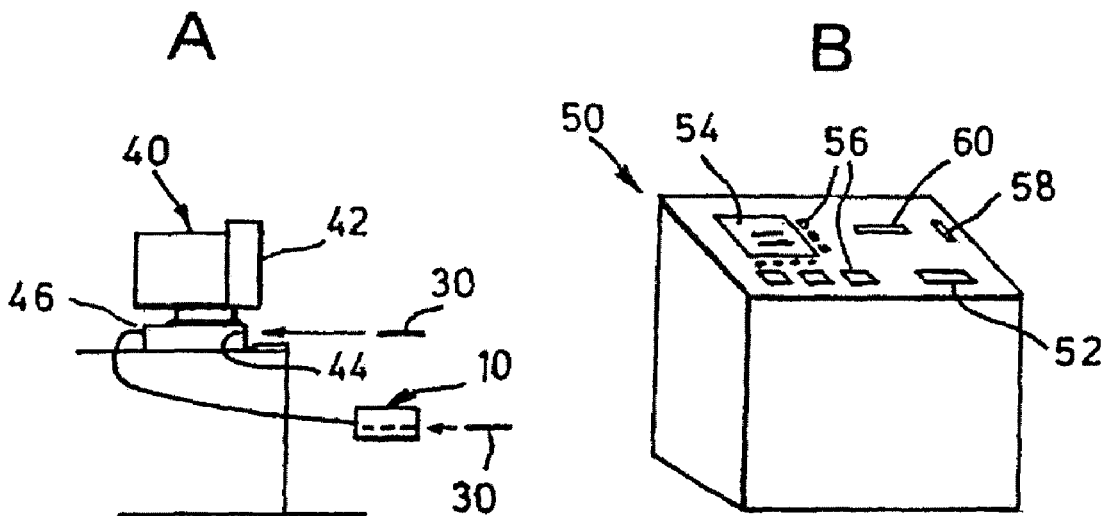
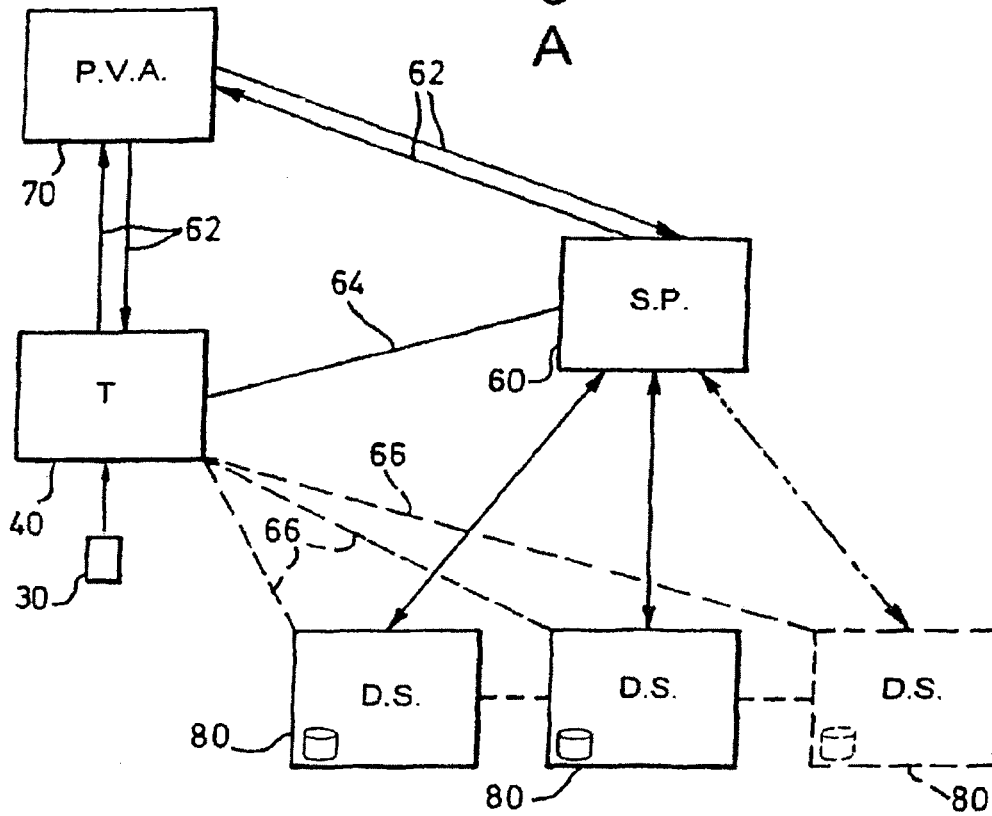
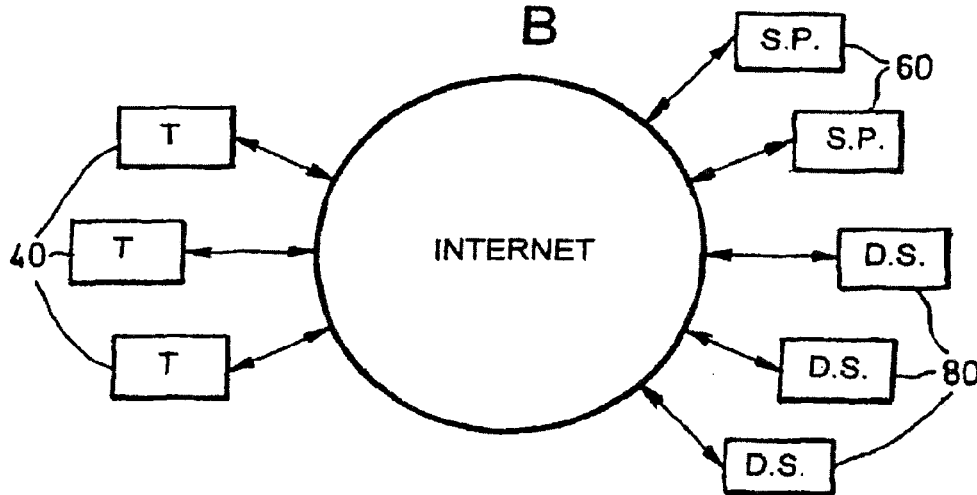


Fig. 4  
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