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[origin: WO9710561A1] A system is disclosed for interactively communicating between a plurality of distributed players of computer based games on computer assemblies interconnected by a data communication network, the system including: at least one controller data processing assembly connectable to the data communication network for controlling the operation of the plurality of computer assemblies connected to the data communication network; and a plurality of computer assemblies for players to play computer based games, each computer assembly including: an input/output assembly for transmitting data representative of game and/or player status to a data communication network; and application program interface means for interfacing each of the computer assemblies with the controller data processing assembly; wherein application program interface data is transferable to the application program interface means from game data storage means, the application program interface means being operable to allow a plurality of players located at distributed locations and utilising computer assemblies having the same or differing operating systems and/or hardware configurations to play a game, data representative of the game being transferable to the computer assemblies from the game data storage means for processing solely by the computer assemblies.

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