

Title (en)

Method and apparatus for controlling a game of chance

Title (de)

Verfahren und Vorrichtung zur Steuerung eines Glücksspiels

Title (fr)

Méthode et dispositif de commande d'un jeu de hasard

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Abstract (en)

The invention relates to a method for controlling a game of chance by a hand-held security microprocessor system and relates to a hand-held security microprocessor system for controlling a game of chance. In order to provide a method and apparatus for controlling a game of chance which enable to employ high security standards between a promoter and an exhibitor, said microprocessor system comprises a microprocessor, an external data interface, a non-volatile data storage and a non-volatile programme storage, wherein in the non-volatile programme storage a security operating system is stored which is booted with the microprocessor and a controlling programme is stored which is executable on the microprocessor, means for storing via the security operating system at least one reference-ID together with initial status data related to said at least one reference-ID in the non-volatile data storage, wherein said microprocessor system is encapsulated in a sealed housing which cannot be dismantled without breaking the seal, wherein the controlling programme is arranged to change the initial status data related to the at least one reference-ID, if winnings of the game of chance are identified by the controlling programme on the basis of said reference-ID, and wherein, at least until all possible winnings are identified by the controlling programme on the basis of said at least one reference-ID, the security operating system is arranged to prohibit an immediate write access via the external data interface both to the at least one reference-ID and the initial status data related to said at least one reference-ID and is arranged to prohibit that information about the at least one reference-ID is exchanged via the external data interface.

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