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Gaming machine

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Machine de jeu

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Abstract (en)

To guide a player showing an interest in a gaming machine, and encourage a use of the gaming machine, thereby increasing a customer gathering capability and increasing an operating rate of the gaming machine. A gaming machine enabling a plurality of players to play an identical game simultaneously includes: a plurality of player terminals at which a player carries out an input for a game; a front display and/or a speaker which executes an effect accompanying a game; a seating condition detector which detects whether or not a player terminal has an empty seat; an observer detector which detects whether or not an observer, who is a person other than a player playing the game, exists; and a guiding effect selection section which, in the event that an existence of an empty seat is detected by the seating condition detector, and an existence of an observer is detected by the observer detector, selects an effect for guiding the observer to one of the empty seats, and causes the front display and/or the speaker to execute the selected effect.

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