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(54) **Signal switch for console and peripheral devices**

(57) A signal switch for sharing one or more console devices and one or more peripheral devices in any of a plurality of computer systems, comprising:
a first channel for connecting a selected console device from the one or more console devices to a first selected computer system from the plurality of computer systems;
a second channel connecting the first selected computer system to a selected peripheral device from the one or more peripheral devices, the second channel having a data flow between the first selected computer system and the selected peripheral device;
a third channel for connecting the selected console device to a second selected computer system from the plurality of computer systems; and
means for switching the selected console device between the first channel and the third channel without interruption of the data flow through the second channel between the first selected computer system and the selected peripheral device.

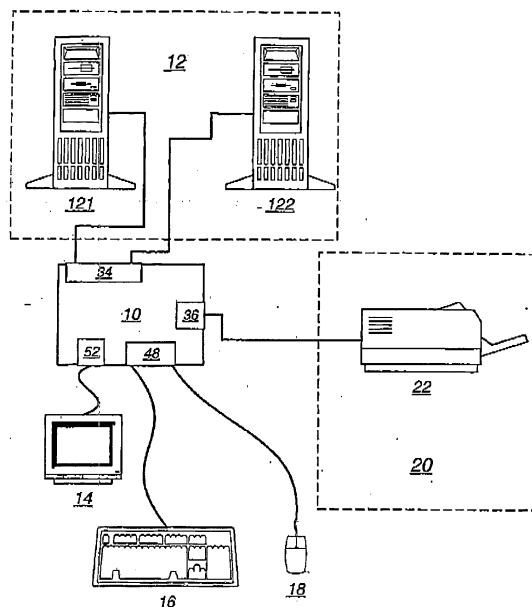


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