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(54) **Method of credit input and a gaming system**

(57) A multi-player gaming system and method. The system comprises a credit input mechanism; and a credit

manager. The credit manager generates a credit record including data indicative of the credit input; and associates a credit identifier with the credit record.

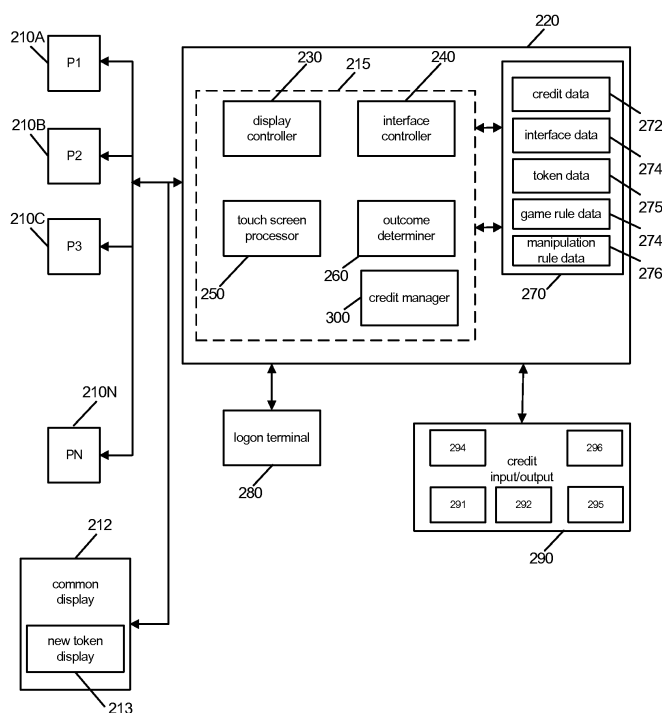


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