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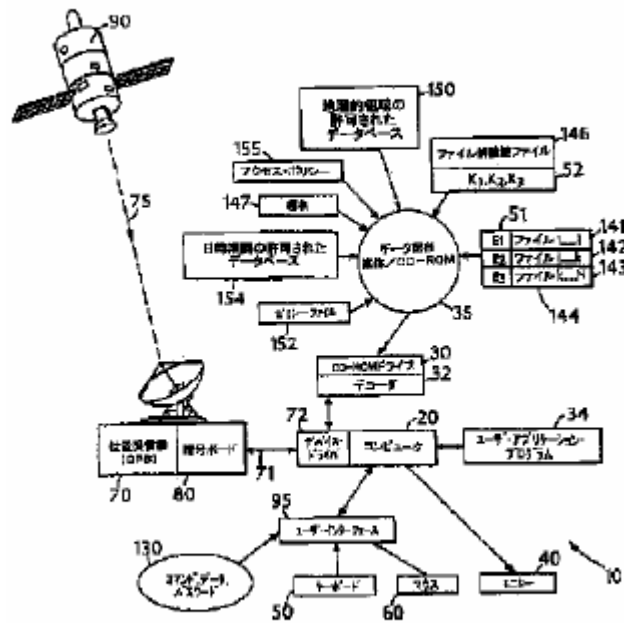
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Abstract of JP2000163379

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To limit the use of information to a specified geographic area by determining the geographic position of stored information to be arranged according to a signal received by a receiver supplying position information and controlling access to the stored information. **SOLUTION:** A GPS receiver 70 is arranged at the actual geographic position of a computer system 10 and receives a signal 75 from a circulating GPS satellite 90. According to the received data, the actual geometric position of information stored in a portable computer-readable CD-ROM used as a data distribution medium 35 is determined and the receiver 70 converts the received signal 75 geometric position data of precision of several meters as to the latitude and altitude and day/hour data 71 of precision of microseconds. Then the data 71 are passed through a device driver 72 to control access to stored information on the data distribution medium 35 through a CD-ROM drive 30.



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