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(57) A method for configuring a speech recognition system comprises obtaining a speech sample utilised by a voice authentication system in a voice authentication process. The speech sample is processed to generate acoustic models for units of speech associated with the speech sample. The acoustic models are stored for subsequent use by the speech recognition system as part of a speech recognition process.

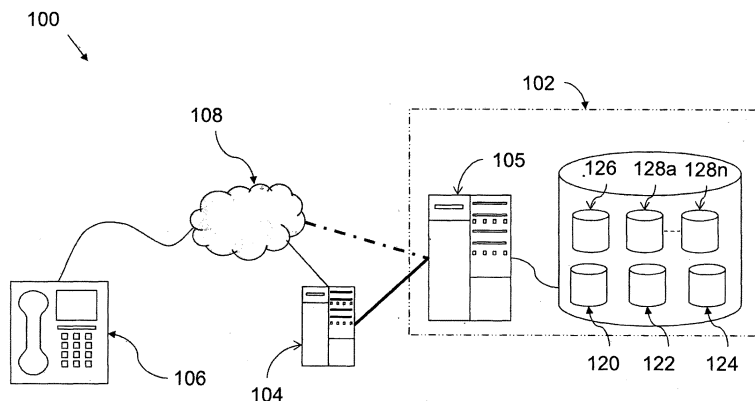


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