

- 5 (f) placing the access code in a blacklist after entry of the return code in the user data processing system; and
- (g) checking the blacklist for the access code when an attempt is made to run the software or access the information on the user data processing system by entry of the access code after entry of the return code.

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13. The method for the return of software or other information for credit of claim 11 additionally comprising:

- (f) generating a confirmation code at a vendor data processing system; and
- (g) comparing the confirmation code generated at the user data processing system
- 15 with the confirmation code generated at the vendor data processing system to confirm that the return code has been entered in the user data processing system.

14. An article of manufacture for the return of software or other information to a vendor for credit, which comprises a computer readable storage medium having
- 20 stored therein a computer program, the computer program including:
- a first code segment configured to generate a confirmation code that a return code has been entered in the user data processing system in response to the return code in the data processing system; and
- a second code segment configured to limit access to the software or other information
- 25 after the return code has been entered in the data processing system.

15. The article of manufacture for the return of software or other information to a vendor for credit of claim 14 in which the system implemented by the computer program is further for granting access to the software or other information, the
- 30 computer program additionally comprising:
- a third code segment configured to grant access to the software or other information in response to entry of an access code in the user data processing system.

16. An article of manufacture allowing the return of software or other
- 35 information to a vendor for credit, which comprises a computer readable storage medium having stored therein a computer program, the computer program including: