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(54) Title: INTELLIGENT MUSIC TRACK SELECTION IN A NETWORKED ENVIRONMENT

(57) Abstract: An indication is provided of a state of a body of content, the body of content including at least a portion of a track, the indication being updated based on a user's interaction with the content, the state of the body of content including information about the user's preferences with respect to the body of content.

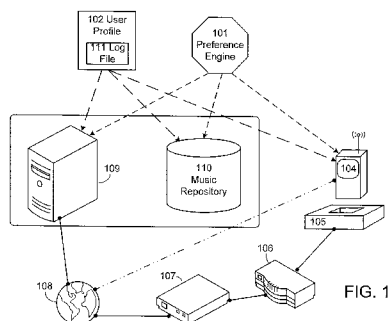


FIG. 1

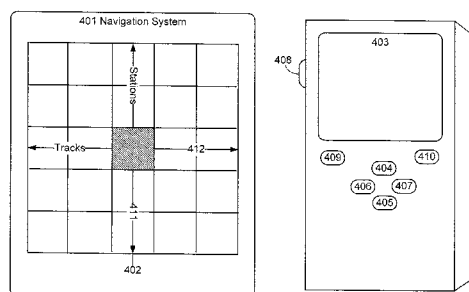


FIG. 4

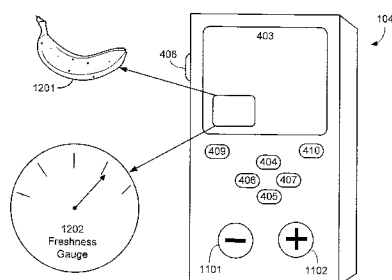


FIG. 9



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1. A method comprising: providing information about a user's preferences with respect to a body of content, the body of content including at least a portion of a track, the indication being updated based on a user's interaction with the content; and retrieving the content from a library, the library including at least one reference to a track stored locally and at least one reference to a track stored remotely.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the information comprises a freshness of the body of content.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the information comprises information about how recently portions of the body of content have been accessed.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the information comprises information about how much of the body of content has been played.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the information comprises information about an extent to which portions of the body of content match preferences of the user.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the information comprises information about the extent to which portions of the body of content have not been played by the user.

7 (cancelled).

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the reference to the track stored remotely comprises an address from which a computer program can stream the track.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein the indication comprises a graphical representation.
10. The method of claim 9 wherein the graphical representation depicts a fuel gauge.
11. The method of claim 9 wherein the graphical representation depicts a fruit.
12. A computer-readable medium having instructions encoded thereon for enabling a user using a user interface device to select an arbitrary cell located in a grid of cells, the grid having a first dimension and a second dimension, the selection of a cell representing a request to be applied to a track associated with the selected cell, each cell in the grid having an attribute with a value, the cells located along a line of cells in the first dimension having the same value for the attribute, and the cells located along a line of cells in the second dimension having a different value for the attribute.
13. The computer-readable medium of claim 12 wherein the attribute is chosen from the group consisting of genre, date, theme, mood, album, artist, and an extent to which a user likes a track.
14. The computer-readable medium of claim 12, further comprising deriving the attribute from metadata associated with a track.
15. The computer-readable medium of claim 12 wherein each line of cells in the first dimension represents a station.
16. The computer-readable medium of claim 12 further comprising:

instructions for retrieving content from a library, the library including at least one reference to a track stored locally and at least one reference to a track stored remotely.

17. The computer-readable medium of claim 16, wherein the reference to the track stored remotely comprises an address from which a computer program can stream the track.
18. A method comprising:

based on the content of a log file on a device, creating a user profile without, at the time of the creation of the user profile, requesting user interaction, the log file reflecting user reactions to tracks.
19. The method of claim 18, wherein the device is selected from the group consisting of a computer, a portable playback device, and a digital video recorder.