Title: DIGITAL MEDIA DISTRIBUTION METHOD AND SYSTEM

Abstract: Current methods of distributing digital media such as movies, video games, and music to consumers involves manufacture and distribution of a fixed physical media such as a DVD. For the rental market, the manufacturing of the media and distribution costs comprise a significant portion of the expenses related to creating the digital media. In addition, the consumer who rents a digital media title is forced to return the media to the rental outlet by a certain time or face late fees. This application describes a new method and system of distributing digital media that addresses many of the shortcomings of current media distribution practices.
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