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Abstract: A system and method for distributing data between telephone devices and electronic entertainment systems. The data may be voice data or image data. The system includes a plurality of telephone devices (120, 125, 130), a plurality of entertainment systems (105, 110, 115), a conversion server (145), a user management server (155), a user database (160), and a game server (150). Analog phone data received by the conversion server (145) from the telephone devices (120, 125, 130) via a telephone network (135) is converted to digital data including a user identification. A user name associated with the user identification is determined, target users are identified, and the data is distributed to the target users' entertainment systems. In addition, entertainment system data is distributed to telephone devices of target users when game situations specified by the users are realized.
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