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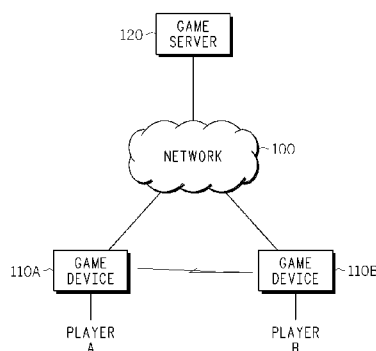


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A method and system for limiting access to shared content media items stored in a device. The method establishes a connection with another device and initiates a session with the other device. The method synchronizes the device and the other device by receiving a copy of content media items stored on the other device, and storing the received copy of the content media items as shared content media items on the device. The synchronizing of the device and the other device may include transmitting a copy of content media items stored on the device to the other device. The method allows a user operating the device to access the content media items, but restricts access to the shared content media items based on the status of the session with the other device.

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