



US00RE50355E

(19) **United States**
(12) **Reissued Patent**
Guo et al.

(10) **Patent Number:** **US RE50,355 E**
(45) **Date of Reissued Patent:** **Mar. 25, 2025**

- (54) **REDUCING UNICAST SESSION DURATION WITH RESTART TV**
- (71) Applicant: **Adeia Technologies Inc.**, San Jose, CA (US)
- (72) Inventors: **Terry Qing Guo**, Mountain View, CA (US); **Nadav M. Neufeld**, Sunnyvale, CA (US); **Edwin K. Lau**, San Francisco, CA (US); **Haoyun Wu**, Redmond, WA (US)
- (73) Assignee: **Adeia Technologies Inc.**, San Jose, CA (US)

(21) Appl. No.: **17/006,545**
(22) Filed: **Aug. 28, 2020**

Related U.S. Patent Documents

Reissue of:

- (64) Patent No.: **10,063,934**
- Issued: **Aug. 28, 2018**
- Appl. No.: **12/277,797**
- Filed: **Nov. 25, 2008**

- (51) **Int. Cl.**
H04N 21/63 (2011.01)
H04N 21/432 (2011.01)
H04N 21/433 (2011.01)
H04N 21/462 (2011.01)
H04N 21/6405 (2011.01)
H04N 21/6408 (2011.01)

- (52) **U.S. Cl.**
CPC **H04N 21/631** (2013.01); **H04N 21/4325** (2013.01); **H04N 21/4334** (2013.01); **H04N 21/4622** (2013.01); **H04N 21/6405** (2013.01); **H04N 21/6408** (2013.01)

- (58) **Field of Classification Search**
CPC H04N 21/631; H04N 21/6405; H04N 21/6408; H04N 21/4334; H04N 21/4325; H04N 21/4622

See application file for complete search history.

(56) **References Cited**
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

4,024,401 A	5/1977	Bernstein et al.
4,079,419 A	3/1978	Siegle et al.
4,081,753 A	3/1978	Miller
4,081,754 A	3/1978	Jackson
4,103,524 A	8/1978	Mitchell et al.
(Continued)		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

AU	731010 B2	3/2001
AU	733993 B2	5/2001
(Continued)		

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

U.S. Appl. No. 12/277,797, filed Nov. 25, 2008.

(Continued)

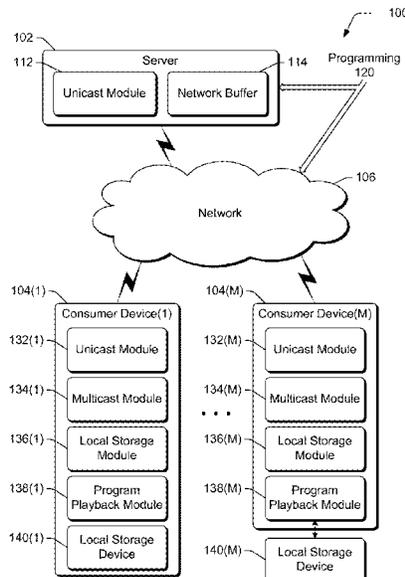
Primary Examiner — Jalatee Worjloh

(74) *Attorney, Agent, or Firm* — Haley Guiliano LLP

(57) **ABSTRACT**

A first portion of programming aired prior to a first time is obtained via a unicast session with a server, the first portion including previously aired programming. When the programming data being sent via the unicast session catches up to a multicast broadcast of the programming, the unicast session is terminated and a switch is made to obtaining a remaining portion of the programming from a different source other than the server. This different source can be, for example, a local storage device or a multicast broadcast of the programming.

40 Claims, 7 Drawing Sheets



(56)

References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

4,162,513	A	7/1979	Beyers, Jr. et al.	4,841,132	A	6/1989	Kajitani et al.
4,170,782	A	10/1979	Miller	4,841,562	A	6/1989	Lem
4,193,120	A	3/1980	Yello	4,843,482	A	6/1989	Hegendorfer
4,206,483	A	6/1980	Nakamura	4,847,696	A	7/1989	Matsumoto et al.
4,264,924	A	4/1981	Freeman	4,847,698	A	7/1989	Freeman
4,264,925	A	4/1981	Freeman et al.	4,847,700	A	7/1989	Freeman
4,267,563	A	5/1981	Sato et al.	4,857,999	A	8/1989	Welsh
4,271,532	A	6/1981	Wine	4,866,434	A	9/1989	Keenan
4,280,148	A	7/1981	Saxena	4,873,584	A	10/1989	Hashimoto
4,300,040	A	11/1981	Gould et al.	4,879,611	A	11/1989	Fukui et al.
4,305,101	A	12/1981	Yarbrough et al.	4,882,732	A	11/1989	Kaminaga
4,310,924	A	1/1982	Miyasaka et al.	4,885,579	A	12/1989	Sandbank
4,325,081	A	4/1982	Abe et al.	4,890,321	A	12/1989	Seth-Smith et al.
4,331,974	A	5/1982	Cogswell et al.	4,894,789	A	1/1990	Yee
4,334,242	A	6/1982	Mangold	4,899,370	A	2/1990	Kameo et al.
4,355,415	A	10/1982	George et al.	4,908,707	A	3/1990	Kinghorn
4,367,559	A	1/1983	Tults	4,908,713	A	3/1990	Levine
4,375,651	A	3/1983	Templin et al.	4,920,432	A	4/1990	Eggers et al.
4,381,522	A	4/1983	Lambert	4,930,158	A	5/1990	Vogel
4,385,210	A	5/1983	Marquiss	4,930,160	A	5/1990	Vogel
4,390,901	A	6/1983	Keiser	4,937,806	A	6/1990	Babson et al.
4,422,105	A	12/1983	Rodesch et al.	4,945,563	A	7/1990	Horton et al.
4,425,579	A	1/1984	Merrell	4,947,244	A	8/1990	Fenwick et al.
4,429,385	A	1/1984	Cichelli et al.	4,949,187	A	8/1990	Cohen
4,435,842	A	3/1984	Mayumi et al.	4,959,719	A	9/1990	Strubbe et al.
4,449,249	A	5/1984	Price	4,959,720	A	9/1990	Duffield et al.
4,475,153	A	10/1984	Kihara et al.	4,963,994	A	10/1990	Levine
4,488,179	A	12/1984	Krüger et al.	4,963,995	A	10/1990	Lang
4,495,654	A	1/1985	Deiss	4,965,825	A	10/1990	Harvey et al.
4,504,393	A	3/1985	Davies	4,977,455	A	12/1990	Young
4,510,623	A	4/1985	Bonneau et al.	4,991,012	A	2/1991	Yoshino
4,519,003	A	5/1985	Scholz	4,994,908	A	2/1991	Kuban et al.
4,527,194	A	7/1985	Sirazi	4,996,642	A	2/1991	Hey
4,536,791	A	8/1985	Campbell et al.	5,001,554	A	3/1991	Johnson et al.
4,554,584	A	11/1985	Elam et al.	5,012,409	A	4/1991	Fletcher et al.
4,563,710	A	1/1986	Baldwin	5,014,125	A	5/1991	Pocock et al.
4,573,072	A	2/1986	Freeman	5,016,273	A	5/1991	Hoff
4,593,414	A	6/1986	Koyanagi	5,027,400	A	6/1991	Baji et al.
4,598,288	A	7/1986	Yarbrough et al.	5,036,314	A	7/1991	Barillari et al.
4,602,279	A	7/1986	Freeman	5,038,211	A	8/1991	Hallenbeck
4,605,964	A	8/1986	Chard	5,046,092	A	9/1991	Walker et al.
4,605,973	A	8/1986	Von Kohorn	5,047,867	A	9/1991	Strubbe et al.
4,621,259	A	11/1986	Schepers et al.	5,053,948	A	10/1991	DeClute et al.
4,625,080	A	11/1986	Scott	5,057,932	A	10/1991	Lang
4,630,108	A	12/1986	Gomersall	5,058,160	A	10/1991	Banker et al.
4,631,601	A	12/1986	Brugliera et al.	5,068,733	A	11/1991	Bennett
4,635,121	A	1/1987	Hoffman et al.	5,075,771	A	12/1991	Hashimoto
4,638,424	A	1/1987	Beglin et al.	5,085,385	A	2/1992	Breitenstein
4,641,203	A	2/1987	Miller	5,089,885	A	2/1992	Clark
4,641,205	A	2/1987	Beyers, Jr.	5,090,049	A	2/1992	Chen
4,645,873	A	2/1987	Chomet	5,099,319	A	3/1992	Esch et al.
4,677,501	A	6/1987	Saltzman et al.	5,105,184	A	4/1992	Pirani et al.
4,680,647	A	7/1987	Moriyama	5,109,279	A	4/1992	Ando
4,685,131	A	8/1987	Horne	5,109,414	A	4/1992	Harvey et al.
4,689,022	A	8/1987	Peers et al.	5,111,296	A	5/1992	Duffield et al.
4,691,351	A	9/1987	Hayashi et al.	5,113,259	A	5/1992	Romesburg et al.
4,694,490	A	9/1987	Harvey et al.	5,119,188	A	6/1992	McCalley et al.
4,704,725	A	11/1987	Harvey et al.	5,119,577	A	6/1992	Lilly
4,706,121	A	11/1987	Young	5,121,476	A	6/1992	Yee
4,718,107	A	1/1988	Hayes	5,123,046	A	6/1992	Levine
RE32,632	E	3/1988	Atkinson	5,126,851	A	6/1992	Yoshimura et al.
4,745,549	A	5/1988	Hashimoto	5,132,992	A	7/1992	Yurt et al.
4,750,036	A	6/1988	Martinez	5,134,649	A	7/1992	Gutzmer
4,750,213	A	6/1988	Novak	5,134,719	A	7/1992	Mankovitz
4,751,578	A	6/1988	Reiter et al.	5,151,789	A	9/1992	Young
4,754,326	A	6/1988	Kram et al.	5,152,012	A	9/1992	Schwob
4,755,883	A	7/1988	Uehira	5,155,591	A	10/1992	Wachob
4,761,684	A	8/1988	Clark et al.	5,168,353	A	12/1992	Walker et al.
4,771,375	A	9/1988	Beglin et al.	5,168,372	A	12/1992	Sweetser
4,775,935	A	10/1988	Yourick	5,170,388	A	12/1992	Endoh
4,787,063	A	11/1988	Muguet	5,172,413	A	12/1992	Bradley et al.
4,802,022	A	1/1989	Harada	5,179,439	A	1/1993	Hashimoto
4,829,558	A	5/1989	Welsh	5,187,589	A	2/1993	Kono et al.
4,832,373	A	5/1989	Swan	5,189,608	A	2/1993	Lyons et al.
4,837,584	A	6/1989	Sharkey et al.	5,189,630	A	2/1993	Barstow et al.
				5,191,423	A	3/1993	Yoshida
				5,195,092	A	3/1993	Wilson et al.
				5,195,134	A	3/1993	Inoue
				5,200,822	A	4/1993	Bronfin et al.

(56)

References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

5,202,915	A	4/1993	Nishii	5,412,720	A	5/1995	Hoarty
5,210,611	A	5/1993	Yee et al.	5,414,569	A	5/1995	Segiguchi et al.
5,212,553	A	5/1993	Maruoka	5,414,756	A	5/1995	Levine
5,216,228	A	6/1993	Hashimoto	5,416,508	A	5/1995	Sakuma et al.
5,220,420	A	6/1993	Hoarty et al.	5,418,622	A	5/1995	Takeuchi
5,223,924	A	6/1993	Strubbe	5,426,699	A	6/1995	Wunderlich et al.
5,225,902	A	7/1993	McMullan, Jr.	5,432,561	A	7/1995	Strubbe
5,227,874	A	7/1993	Von Kohorn	5,434,626	A	7/1995	Hayashi et al.
5,228,077	A	7/1993	Darbee	5,434,678	A	7/1995	Abecassis
5,231,493	A	7/1993	Apitz	5,438,355	A	8/1995	Palmer
5,231,494	A	7/1993	Wachob	5,440,678	A	8/1995	Eisen et al.
5,231,543	A	7/1993	Kubota et al.	5,442,389	A	8/1995	Blahut et al.
RE34,340	E	8/1993	Freeman	5,442,390	A	8/1995	Hooper et al.
5,233,423	A	8/1993	Jernigan et al.	5,444,499	A	8/1995	Saitoh
5,241,428	A	8/1993	Goldwasser et al.	5,446,488	A	8/1995	Vogel
5,247,364	A	9/1993	Banker et al.	5,446,919	A	8/1995	Wilkins
5,249,043	A	9/1993	Grandmougin et al.	5,450,135	A	9/1995	Schick
5,251,921	A	10/1993	Daniels	5,452,012	A	9/1995	Saitoh
5,253,066	A	10/1993	Vogel	5,453,779	A	9/1995	Dan et al.
5,253,275	A	10/1993	Yurt et al.	5,455,570	A	10/1995	Cook et al.
5,260,778	A	11/1993	Kauffman et al.	5,457,478	A	10/1995	Frank
5,262,860	A	11/1993	Fitzpatrick et al.	5,459,522	A	10/1995	Pint
5,280,392	A	1/1994	Koo	5,461,415	A	10/1995	Wolf et al.
5,283,560	A	2/1994	Bartlett	5,465,113	A	11/1995	Gilboy
5,283,639	A	2/1994	Esch et al.	5,465,385	A	11/1995	Ohga et al.
5,283,819	A	2/1994	Glick et al.	5,467,264	A	11/1995	Rauch et al.
5,285,284	A	2/1994	Takashima et al.	5,469,206	A	11/1995	Strubbe et al.
5,291,554	A	3/1994	Morales	5,477,262	A	12/1995	Banker et al.
5,293,357	A	3/1994	Hallenbeck	5,479,266	A	12/1995	Young et al.
5,296,931	A	3/1994	Na et al.	5,479,268	A	12/1995	Young et al.
5,297,204	A	3/1994	Levine	5,479,302	A	12/1995	Haines
5,299,006	A	3/1994	Kim et al.	5,479,497	A	12/1995	Kovarik
5,301,028	A	4/1994	Banker et al.	5,481,296	A	1/1996	Cragun et al.
5,301,270	A	4/1994	Steinberg et al.	5,483,278	A	1/1996	Strubbe et al.
5,307,173	A	4/1994	Yuen et al.	5,485,197	A	1/1996	Hoarty
5,311,423	A	5/1994	Clark	5,485,219	A	1/1996	Woo
5,315,452	A	5/1994	Hong	5,485,221	A	1/1996	Banker et al.
5,317,403	A	5/1994	Keenan	5,485,518	A	1/1996	Hunter et al.
5,317,730	A	5/1994	Moore et al.	5,488,409	A	1/1996	Yuen et al.
5,319,445	A	6/1994	Fitts	5,497,420	A	3/1996	Garneau et al.
5,323,234	A	6/1994	Kawasaki	5,502,504	A	3/1996	Marshall et al.
5,323,240	A	6/1994	Amano et al.	5,506,932	A	4/1996	Holmes et al.
5,325,183	A	6/1994	Rhee	5,508,815	A	4/1996	Levine
5,325,423	A	6/1994	Lewis	5,512,934	A	4/1996	Kochanski
5,335,079	A	8/1994	Yuen et al.	5,515,098	A	5/1996	Carles
5,335,277	A	8/1994	Harvey et al.	5,515,106	A	5/1996	Chaney et al.
5,339,393	A	8/1994	Duffy et al.	5,515,511	A	5/1996	Nguyen et al.
5,339,434	A	8/1994	Rusis	5,517,254	A	5/1996	Monta et al.
5,341,350	A	8/1994	Frank et al.	5,517,256	A	5/1996	Hashimoto
5,345,430	A	9/1994	Moe	5,517,257	A	5/1996	Dunn et al.
5,347,632	A	9/1994	Filepp et al.	5,517,321	A	5/1996	Yoshida
5,351,075	A	9/1994	Herz et al.	5,521,631	A	5/1996	Budow et al.
5,353,121	A	10/1994	Young et al.	5,521,712	A	5/1996	Oguro
5,355,162	A	10/1994	Yazolino et al.	5,523,794	A	6/1996	Mankovitz et al.
5,355,302	A	10/1994	Martin et al.	5,523,796	A	6/1996	Marshall et al.
5,357,276	A	10/1994	Banker et al.	5,524,195	A	6/1996	Clanton, III et al.
5,359,367	A	10/1994	Stockill	5,524,271	A	6/1996	Hollmann et al.
5,371,551	A	12/1994	Logan et al.	5,524,272	A	6/1996	Podowski et al.
5,373,288	A	12/1994	Blahut	5,526,034	A	6/1996	Hoarty et al.
5,374,951	A	12/1994	Welsh	5,526,257	A	6/1996	Lerner
5,377,317	A	12/1994	Bates et al.	5,528,304	A	6/1996	Cherrick et al.
5,382,970	A	1/1995	Kiefl	5,528,513	A	6/1996	Vaitzblit et al.
5,382,983	A	1/1995	Kwoh et al.	5,530,754	A	6/1996	Garfinkle
5,386,493	A	1/1995	Degen et al.	5,532,754	A	7/1996	Young et al.
5,390,027	A	2/1995	Henmi et al.	5,534,911	A	7/1996	Levitan
5,392,983	A	2/1995	Clarke-Bolling et al.	5,537,141	A	7/1996	Harper et al.
5,396,546	A	3/1995	Remillard	5,539,449	A	7/1996	Blahut et al.
5,398,074	A	3/1995	Duffield et al.	5,539,822	A	7/1996	Lett
5,398,138	A	3/1995	Tomita	5,539,880	A	7/1996	Lakhani
5,400,402	A	3/1995	Garfinkle	5,541,638	A	7/1996	Story
5,404,567	A	4/1995	DePietro et al.	5,541,662	A	7/1996	Adams et al.
5,410,326	A	4/1995	Goldstein	5,541,738	A	7/1996	Mankovitz
5,410,343	A	4/1995	Coddington et al.	5,543,852	A	8/1996	Yuen et al.
5,410,344	A	4/1995	Graves et al.	5,543,856	A	8/1996	Rosser et al.
5,410,367	A	4/1995	Zahavi et al.	5,543,929	A	8/1996	Mankovitz et al.
				5,543,933	A	8/1996	Kang et al.
				5,544,321	A	8/1996	Theimer et al.
				5,548,338	A	8/1996	Ellis et al.
				5,548,345	A	8/1996	Brian et al.

(56)

References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

5,550,575	A	8/1996	West et al.	5,619,570	A	4/1997	Tsutsui
5,550,576	A	8/1996	Klosterman	5,621,456	A	4/1997	Florin et al.
5,550,578	A	8/1996	Hoarty et al.	5,621,579	A	4/1997	Yuen
5,550,825	A	8/1996	McMullan, Jr. et al.	5,623,613	A	4/1997	Rowe et al.
5,550,863	A	8/1996	Yurt et al.	5,625,406	A	4/1997	Newberry et al.
5,552,833	A	9/1996	Henmi et al.	5,625,464	A	4/1997	Compoint et al.
5,553,123	A	9/1996	Chan et al.	5,625,678	A	4/1997	Blomfield-Brown
5,553,221	A	9/1996	Reimer et al.	5,625,693	A	4/1997	Rohatgi et al.
5,557,338	A	9/1996	Maze et al.	5,629,733	A	5/1997	Youman et al.
5,557,422	A	9/1996	Nishigaki et al.	5,629,867	A	5/1997	Goldman
5,557,721	A	9/1996	Fite et al.	5,629,980	A	5/1997	Stefik et al.
5,557,724	A	9/1996	Sampat et al.	5,630,060	A	5/1997	Tang et al.
5,558,339	A	9/1996	Perlman	5,630,067	A	5/1997	Kindell et al.
5,559,548	A	9/1996	Davis et al.	5,630,119	A	5/1997	Aristides et al.
5,559,549	A	9/1996	Hendricks et al.	5,631,995	A	5/1997	Weissensteiner et al.
5,559,550	A	9/1996	Mankovitz	5,632,007	A	5/1997	Freeman
5,561,709	A	10/1996	Remillard	5,634,051	A	5/1997	Thomson
5,563,665	A	10/1996	Chang	5,635,978	A	6/1997	Alten et al.
5,568,272	A	10/1996	Levine	5,635,979	A	6/1997	Kostreski et al.
5,568,614	A	10/1996	Mendelson et al.	5,635,987	A	6/1997	Park et al.
5,570,295	A	10/1996	Isenberg et al.	5,635,989	A	6/1997	Rothmuller
5,570,415	A	10/1996	Stretton et al.	5,636,346	A	6/1997	Saxe
5,571,282	A	11/1996	Earle	5,640,484	A	6/1997	Mankovitz
5,572,332	A	11/1996	Shin	5,646,603	A	7/1997	Nagata et al.
5,572,442	A	11/1996	Schulhof et al.	5,646,796	A	7/1997	Kimura et al.
5,574,778	A	11/1996	Ely et al.	5,648,813	A	7/1997	Tanigawa et al.
5,574,962	A	11/1996	Fardeau et al.	5,648,824	A	7/1997	Dunn et al.
5,574,965	A	11/1996	Welmer	5,650,826	A	7/1997	Eitz
5,576,755	A	11/1996	Davis et al.	5,650,831	A	7/1997	Farwell
5,576,951	A	11/1996	Lockwood	5,651,129	A	7/1997	Yokote et al.
5,579,239	A	11/1996	Freeman et al.	5,652,613	A	7/1997	Lazarus et al.
5,581,479	A	12/1996	McLaughlin et al.	5,652,615	A	7/1997	Bryant et al.
5,581,614	A	12/1996	Ng et al.	5,654,747	A	8/1997	Ottesen et al.
5,583,560	A	12/1996	Florin et al.	5,654,748	A	8/1997	Matthews, III
5,583,561	A	12/1996	Baker et al.	5,654,886	A	8/1997	Zereski, Jr. et al.
5,583,563	A	12/1996	Wanderscheid et al.	5,655,214	A	8/1997	Mullett et al.
5,583,576	A	12/1996	Perlman et al.	5,657,072	A	8/1997	Aristides et al.
5,583,653	A	12/1996	Timmermans et al.	5,657,091	A	8/1997	Bertram
5,583,763	A	12/1996	Atcheson et al.	5,657,414	A	8/1997	Lett et al.
5,585,838	A	12/1996	Lawler et al.	5,659,350	A	8/1997	Hendricks et al.
5,585,858	A	12/1996	Harper et al.	5,659,366	A	8/1997	Kerman
5,585,865	A	12/1996	Amano et al.	5,659,367	A	8/1997	Yuen
5,585,866	A	12/1996	Miller et al.	5,659,742	A	8/1997	Beattie et al.
5,586,264	A	12/1996	Belknap et al.	5,661,516	A	8/1997	Carles
5,589,892	A	12/1996	Knee et al.	5,661,517	A	8/1997	Budow et al.
5,589,945	A	12/1996	Abecassis	5,663,757	A	9/1997	Morales
5,592,482	A	1/1997	Abraham	5,666,293	A	9/1997	Metz et al.
5,592,551	A	1/1997	Lett et al.	5,666,498	A	9/1997	Amro
5,592,571	A	1/1997	Peters	5,666,645	A	9/1997	Thomas et al.
5,594,490	A	1/1997	Dawson et al.	5,671,276	A	9/1997	Eyer et al.
5,594,491	A	1/1997	Hodge et al.	5,671,277	A	9/1997	Ikenoue et al.
5,594,509	A	1/1997	Florin et al.	5,671,377	A	9/1997	Bleidt et al.
5,594,661	A	1/1997	Bruner et al.	5,671,411	A	9/1997	Watts et al.
5,594,779	A	1/1997	Goodman	5,671,607	A	9/1997	Clemens et al.
5,595,865	A	1/1997	Possanza et al.	5,675,390	A	10/1997	Schindler et al.
5,596,361	A	1/1997	Martinez	5,675,734	A	10/1997	Hair
5,596,373	A	1/1997	White et al.	5,675,743	A	10/1997	Mavity
5,596,705	A	1/1997	Reimer et al.	5,675,752	A	10/1997	Scott et al.
5,598,523	A	1/1997	Fujita	5,677,708	A	10/1997	Matthews, III et al.
5,600,364	A	2/1997	Hendricks et al.	5,677,981	A	10/1997	Kato et al.
5,600,365	A	2/1997	Kondo et al.	5,682,195	A	10/1997	Hendricks et al.
5,600,573	A	2/1997	Hendricks et al.	5,682,206	A	10/1997	Wehmeyer et al.
5,602,582	A	2/1997	Wanderscheid et al.	5,682,525	A	10/1997	Boue et al.
5,606,374	A	2/1997	Bertram	5,684,511	A	11/1997	Westerink et al.
5,606,642	A	2/1997	Stautner et al.	5,684,525	A	11/1997	Klosterman
5,606,726	A	2/1997	Yoshinobu	5,686,954	A	11/1997	Yoshinobu et al.
5,608,448	A	3/1997	Smoral et al.	5,687,331	A	11/1997	Volk et al.
5,610,653	A	3/1997	Abecassis	5,689,648	A	11/1997	Diaz et al.
5,616,876	A	4/1997	Cluts	5,689,663	A	11/1997	Williams
5,617,526	A	4/1997	Oran et al.	5,689,666	A	11/1997	Berquist et al.
5,617,565	A	4/1997	Augenbraun et al.	5,691,476	A	11/1997	Madaras
5,619,247	A	4/1997	Russo	5,692,213	A	11/1997	Goldberg et al.
5,619,249	A	4/1997	Billock et al.	5,692,214	A	11/1997	Levine
5,619,274	A	4/1997	Roop et al.	5,692,335	A	12/1997	Magnuson
5,619,335	A	4/1997	Tsinberg et al.	5,694,163	A	12/1997	Harrison
				5,694,176	A	12/1997	Bruette et al.
				5,694,381	A	12/1997	Sako
				5,696,695	A	12/1997	Ehlers et al.
				5,696,765	A	12/1997	Safadi

(56)

References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

5,696,824	A	12/1997	Walsh	5,768,528	A	6/1998	Stumm
5,696,905	A	12/1997	Reimer et al.	5,771,275	A	6/1998	Brunner et al.
5,699,052	A	12/1997	Miyahara	5,771,354	A	6/1998	Crawford
5,699,107	A	12/1997	Lawler et al.	5,774,170	A	6/1998	Hite et al.
5,699,125	A	12/1997	Rzeszewski et al.	5,774,357	A	6/1998	Hoffberg et al.
5,699,528	A	12/1997	Hogan	5,774,534	A	6/1998	Mayer
5,701,383	A	12/1997	Russo et al.	5,774,539	A	6/1998	Maass et al.
5,703,604	A	12/1997	McCutchen	5,774,664	A	6/1998	Hidary et al.
5,708,478	A	1/1998	Tognazzini	5,774,666	A	6/1998	Portuesi
5,708,767	A	1/1998	Yeo et al.	5,774,859	A	6/1998	Houser et al.
5,708,780	A	1/1998	Levergood et al.	5,778,181	A	7/1998	Hidary et al.
5,708,845	A	1/1998	Wistendahl et al.	5,778,182	A	7/1998	Cathey et al.
5,708,961	A	1/1998	Hylton et al.	5,778,187	A	7/1998	Monteiro et al.
5,710,601	A	1/1998	Marshall et al.	5,781,226	A	7/1998	Sheehan
5,710,605	A	1/1998	Nelson	5,781,227	A	7/1998	Goode et al.
5,710,815	A	1/1998	Ming et al.	5,781,228	A	7/1998	Sposato
5,710,884	A	1/1998	Dedrick	5,781,246	A	7/1998	Alten et al.
5,715,020	A	2/1998	Kuroiwa et al.	5,781,734	A	7/1998	Ohno et al.
5,717,452	A	2/1998	Janin et al.	5,787,259	A	7/1998	Haroun et al.
5,717,923	A	2/1998	Dedrick	5,788,507	A	8/1998	Redford et al.
5,721,815	A	2/1998	Ottesen et al.	5,790,198	A	8/1998	Roop et al.
5,721,829	A	2/1998	Dunn et al.	5,790,201	A	8/1998	Antos
5,722,041	A	2/1998	Freadman	5,790,202	A	8/1998	Kummer et al.
5,724,091	A	3/1998	Freeman et al.	5,790,423	A	8/1998	Lau et al.
5,724,103	A	3/1998	Batchelor	5,790,426	A	8/1998	Robinson
5,724,203	A	3/1998	Kwoh et al.	5,790,753	A	8/1998	Krishnamoorthy et al.
5,724,521	A	3/1998	Dedrick	5,790,835	A	8/1998	Case et al.
5,724,525	A	3/1998	Beyers, II et al.	5,790,935	A	8/1998	Payton
5,724,546	A	3/1998	Tsutsui et al.	5,790,952	A	8/1998	Seazholtz et al.
5,724,567	A	3/1998	Rose et al.	5,793,366	A	8/1998	Mano et al.
5,726,702	A	3/1998	Hamaguchi et al.	5,793,409	A	8/1998	Tetsumura
5,727,060	A	3/1998	Young	5,793,412	A	8/1998	Asamizuya
5,731,844	A	3/1998	Rauch et al.	5,793,438	A	8/1998	Bedard
5,732,216	A	3/1998	Logan et al.	5,793,964	A	8/1998	Rogers et al.
5,734,119	A	3/1998	France et al.	5,793,971	A	8/1998	Fujita et al.
5,734,720	A	3/1998	Salganicoff	5,793,972	A	8/1998	Shane et al.
5,734,853	A	3/1998	Hendricks et al.	5,794,217	A	8/1998	Allen
5,734,893	A	3/1998	Li et al.	5,796,952	A	8/1998	Davis et al.
5,737,028	A	4/1998	Bertram et al.	5,798,785	A	8/1998	Hendricks et al.
5,737,552	A	4/1998	Lavallee et al.	5,798,921	A	8/1998	Johnson et al.
5,740,231	A	4/1998	Cohn et al.	5,801,747	A	9/1998	Bedard
5,740,388	A	4/1998	Hunt	5,801,785	A	9/1998	Crump et al.
5,740,549	A	4/1998	Reilly et al.	5,801,787	A	9/1998	Schein et al.
5,742,443	A	4/1998	Tsao et al.	5,802,284	A	9/1998	Karlton et al.
5,742,816	A	4/1998	Barr et al.	5,805,154	A	9/1998	Brown
5,742,905	A	4/1998	Pepe et al.	5,805,155	A	9/1998	Allibhoy et al.
5,745,710	A	4/1998	Clanton, III et al.	5,805,167	A	9/1998	van Cruyningen
5,748,191	A	5/1998	Rozak et al.	5,805,204	A	9/1998	Thompson et al.
5,748,716	A	5/1998	Levine	5,805,763	A	9/1998	Lawler et al.
5,748,732	A	5/1998	Le Berre et al.	5,805,804	A	9/1998	Laursen et al.
5,749,043	A	5/1998	Worthy	5,805,806	A	9/1998	McArthur
5,749,081	A	5/1998	Whiteis	5,808,608	A	9/1998	Young et al.
5,751,282	A	5/1998	Girard et al.	5,808,628	A	9/1998	Hinson et al.
5,751,672	A	5/1998	Yankowski	5,808,662	A	9/1998	Kinney et al.
5,751,883	A	5/1998	Ottesen et al.	5,808,694	A	9/1998	Usui et al.
5,752,159	A	5/1998	Faust et al.	5,809,204	A	9/1998	Young et al.
5,752,160	A	5/1998	Dunn	5,809,214	A	9/1998	Nureki et al.
5,754,771	A	5/1998	Epperson et al.	5,809,242	A	9/1998	Shaw et al.
5,754,938	A	5/1998	Herz et al.	5,809,246	A	9/1998	Goldman
5,754,939	A	5/1998	Herz et al.	5,809,471	A	9/1998	Brodsky
5,757,415	A	5/1998	Asamizuya et al.	5,812,123	A	9/1998	Rowe et al.
5,757,417	A	5/1998	Aras et al.	5,812,124	A	9/1998	Eick et al.
5,758,257	A	5/1998	Herz et al.	5,812,205	A	9/1998	Milnes et al.
5,758,258	A	5/1998	Shoff et al.	5,812,763	A	9/1998	Teng
5,758,259	A	5/1998	Lawler	5,812,930	A	9/1998	Zavrel
5,760,767	A	6/1998	Shore et al.	5,812,931	A	9/1998	Yuen
5,760,821	A	6/1998	Ellis et al.	5,812,937	A	9/1998	Takahisa et al.
5,761,372	A	6/1998	Yoshinobu et al.	5,815,145	A	9/1998	Matthews, III
5,761,417	A	6/1998	Henley et al.	5,815,146	A	9/1998	Youden et al.
5,761,601	A	6/1998	Nemirofsky et al.	5,815,297	A	9/1998	Ciciora
5,761,606	A	6/1998	Wolzien	5,815,662	A	9/1998	Ong
5,761,607	A	6/1998	Gudesen et al.	5,815,671	A	9/1998	Morrison
5,761,662	A	6/1998	Dasan	5,818,438	A	10/1998	Howe et al.
5,764,281	A	6/1998	Seo	5,818,439	A	10/1998	Nagasaka et al.
5,767,896	A	6/1998	Nemirofsky	5,818,441	A	10/1998	Throckmorton et al.
				5,818,511	A	10/1998	Farry et al.
				5,818,935	A	10/1998	Maa
				5,819,019	A	10/1998	Nelson
				5,819,156	A	10/1998	Belmont

(56)

References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

5,819,160	A	10/1998	Foladare et al.	5,900,867	A	5/1999	Schindler et al.
5,819,284	A	10/1998	Farber et al.	5,900,904	A	5/1999	Okada et al.
5,819,285	A	10/1998	Damico et al.	5,900,905	A	5/1999	Shoff et al.
5,822,123	A	10/1998	Davis et al.	5,901,366	A	5/1999	Nakano et al.
5,822,530	A	10/1998	Brown	5,903,234	A	5/1999	Kimura
5,822,606	A	10/1998	Morton	5,903,263	A	5/1999	Emura
5,825,407	A	10/1998	Cowe et al.	5,903,264	A	5/1999	Moeller et al.
5,828,419	A	10/1998	Bruette et al.	5,903,314	A	5/1999	Nijima et al.
5,828,420	A	10/1998	Marshall et al.	5,903,454	A	5/1999	Hoffberg et al.
5,828,839	A	10/1998	Moncreiff	5,903,545	A	5/1999	Sabourin et al.
5,828,945	A	10/1998	Klosterman	5,903,723	A	5/1999	Beck et al.
RE35,954	E	11/1998	Levine	5,903,816	A	5/1999	Broadwin et al.
5,830,068	A	11/1998	Brenner et al.	5,905,522	A	5/1999	Lawler
5,831,664	A	11/1998	Wharton et al.	5,905,847	A	5/1999	Kobayashi et al.
5,832,223	A	11/1998	Hara et al.	5,905,865	A	5/1999	Palmer et al.
5,833,468	A	11/1998	Guy et al.	5,907,322	A	5/1999	Kelly et al.
5,835,126	A	11/1998	Lewis	5,907,323	A	5/1999	Lawler et al.
5,835,717	A	11/1998	Karlton et al.	5,907,366	A	5/1999	Farmer et al.
5,838,314	A	11/1998	Neel et al.	5,909,212	A	6/1999	Nishina et al.
5,838,319	A	11/1998	Guzak et al.	5,909,638	A	6/1999	Allen
5,838,383	A	11/1998	Chimoto et al.	5,911,046	A	6/1999	Amano
5,841,979	A	11/1998	Schulhof et al.	5,912,664	A	6/1999	Eick et al.
5,842,010	A	11/1998	Jain et al.	5,913,039	A	6/1999	Nakamura et al.
5,842,199	A	11/1998	Miller et al.	5,914,712	A	6/1999	Sartain et al.
5,844,552	A	12/1998	Gaughan et al.	5,914,746	A	6/1999	Matthews, III et al.
5,844,620	A	12/1998	Coleman et al.	5,914,941	A	6/1999	Janky
5,848,396	A	12/1998	Gerace	5,915,026	A	6/1999	Mankovitz
5,850,218	A	12/1998	LaJoie et al.	5,915,068	A	6/1999	Levine
5,851,149	A	12/1998	Xidos et al.	5,915,090	A	6/1999	Joseph et al.
5,852,437	A	12/1998	Wugofski et al.	5,915,094	A	6/1999	Kouloheris et al.
5,861,881	A	1/1999	Freeman et al.	5,915,250	A	6/1999	Jain et al.
5,861,906	A	1/1999	Dunn et al.	5,916,303	A	6/1999	Scott
5,862,292	A	1/1999	Kubota et al.	5,917,405	A	6/1999	Joao
5,864,704	A	1/1999	Battle et al.	5,917,481	A	6/1999	Rzeszewski et al.
5,864,823	A	1/1999	Levitan	5,917,538	A	6/1999	Asamizuya
5,867,223	A	2/1999	Schindler et al.	5,917,830	A	6/1999	Chen et al.
5,867,226	A	2/1999	Wehmeyer et al.	5,917,835	A	6/1999	Barrett et al.
5,867,227	A	2/1999	Yamaguchi	5,918,014	A	6/1999	Robinson
5,867,233	A	2/1999	Tanaka	5,920,700	A	7/1999	Gordon et al.
5,867,799	A	2/1999	Lang et al.	5,920,702	A	7/1999	Bleidt et al.
5,870,543	A	2/1999	Ronning	5,920,800	A	7/1999	Schafer
5,870,754	A	2/1999	Dimitrova et al.	5,920,842	A	7/1999	Cooper et al.
5,872,588	A	2/1999	Aras et al.	5,922,045	A	7/1999	Hanson
5,873,660	A	2/1999	Walsh et al.	5,922,048	A	7/1999	Emura
5,874,985	A	2/1999	Matthews, III	5,923,361	A	7/1999	Sutton, Jr.
5,875,108	A	2/1999	Hoffberg et al.	5,923,848	A	7/1999	Goodhand et al.
5,877,906	A	3/1999	Nagasawa et al.	5,926,204	A	7/1999	Mayer
5,878,222	A	3/1999	Harrison	5,926,205	A	7/1999	Krause et al.
5,880,720	A	3/1999	Iwafune et al.	5,926,624	A	7/1999	Katz et al.
5,880,768	A	3/1999	Lemmons et al.	5,928,327	A	7/1999	Wang et al.
5,881,245	A	3/1999	Thompson	5,929,849	A	7/1999	Kikinis
5,883,621	A	3/1999	Iwamura	5,929,850	A	7/1999	Broadwin et al.
5,883,677	A	3/1999	Hofmann	5,929,932	A	7/1999	Otsuki et al.
5,884,028	A	3/1999	Kindell et al.	5,930,473	A	7/1999	Teng et al.
5,884,141	A	3/1999	Inoue et al.	5,930,493	A	7/1999	Ottesen et al.
5,884,298	A	3/1999	Smith, II et al.	5,931,901	A	8/1999	Wolfe et al.
5,886,691	A	3/1999	Furuya et al.	5,931,905	A	8/1999	Hashimoto et al.
5,886,707	A	3/1999	Berg	5,933,603	A	8/1999	Vahalia et al.
5,886,731	A	3/1999	Ebisawa	5,933,835	A	8/1999	Adams et al.
5,886,732	A	3/1999	Humpleman	5,935,206	A	8/1999	Dixon et al.
5,887,243	A	3/1999	Harvey et al.	5,936,569	A	8/1999	Stähle et al.
5,889,950	A	3/1999	Kuzma	5,937,160	A	8/1999	Davis et al.
5,890,138	A	3/1999	Godin et al.	5,940,071	A	8/1999	Treffers et al.
5,892,535	A	4/1999	Allen et al.	5,940,073	A	8/1999	Klosterman et al.
5,892,536	A	4/1999	Logan et al.	5,940,387	A	8/1999	Humpleman
5,892,767	A	4/1999	Bell et al.	5,940,572	A	8/1999	Balaban et al.
5,892,915	A	4/1999	Duso et al.	5,943,046	A	8/1999	Cave et al.
5,894,589	A	4/1999	Reber et al.	5,943,047	A	8/1999	Suzuki
5,895,474	A	4/1999	Maarek et al.	5,945,987	A	8/1999	Dunn
5,896,414	A	4/1999	Meyer et al.	5,945,988	A	8/1999	Williams et al.
5,898,441	A	4/1999	Flurry	5,946,386	A	8/1999	Rogers et al.
5,898,456	A	4/1999	Wahl	5,947,746	A	9/1999	Tsai
5,899,576	A	5/1999	Fukuzawa	5,949,411	A	9/1999	Doerr et al.
5,899,582	A	5/1999	DuLac	5,949,954	A	9/1999	Young et al.
5,899,920	A	5/1999	DeSatnick et al.	5,951,642	A	9/1999	Onoe et al.
				5,953,005	A	9/1999	Liu
				5,953,485	A	9/1999	Abecassis
				5,955,988	A	9/1999	Blonstein et al.
				5,956,025	A	9/1999	Goulden et al.

(56)

References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

5,956,482	A	9/1999	Agraharam et al.	6,014,694	A	1/2000	Aharoni et al.
5,956,487	A	9/1999	Venkatraman et al.	6,014,706	A	1/2000	Cannon et al.
5,956,716	A	9/1999	Kenner et al.	6,016,141	A	1/2000	Knudson et al.
5,959,592	A	9/1999	Petruzzelli	6,018,359	A	1/2000	Kermode et al.
5,959,659	A	9/1999	Dokic	6,018,372	A	1/2000	Etheredge
5,959,688	A	9/1999	Schein et al.	6,018,612	A	1/2000	Thomason et al.
5,960,411	A	9/1999	Hartman et al.	6,018,765	A	1/2000	Durana et al.
5,961,603	A	10/1999	Kunkel et al.	6,018,768	A	1/2000	Ullman et al.
5,963,202	A	10/1999	Polish	6,020,880	A	2/2000	Naimpally
5,963,264	A	10/1999	Jackson	6,020,883	A	2/2000	Herz et al.
5,963,645	A	10/1999	Kigawa et al.	6,020,912	A	2/2000	De Lang
5,964,455	A	10/1999	Catanzarite et al.	6,020,929	A	2/2000	Marshall et al.
5,966,187	A	10/1999	Do	6,020,930	A	2/2000	Legrand
5,969,283	A	10/1999	Looney et al.	6,022,223	A	2/2000	Taniguchi et al.
5,969,714	A	10/1999	Butcher	6,023,267	A	2/2000	Chapuis et al.
5,969,748	A	10/1999	Casement et al.	6,023,725	A	2/2000	Ozawa et al.
5,970,473	A	10/1999	Gerszberg et al.	6,025,837	A	2/2000	Matthews, III et al.
5,970,486	A	10/1999	Yoshida et al.	6,025,868	A	2/2000	Russo
5,973,680	A	10/1999	Ueda	6,025,869	A	2/2000	Stas et al.
5,973,683	A	10/1999	Cragun et al.	6,025,886	A	2/2000	Koda
5,973,722	A	10/1999	Wakai et al.	6,028,599	A	2/2000	Yuen et al.
5,974,217	A	10/1999	Haraguchi	6,028,600	A	2/2000	Rosin et al.
5,974,222	A	10/1999	Yuen et al.	6,029,045	A	2/2000	Picco et al.
5,977,963	A	11/1999	Gaughan et al.	6,029,064	A	2/2000	Farris et al.
5,977,964	A	11/1999	Williams et al.	6,029,176	A	2/2000	Cannon
5,978,567	A	11/1999	Rebane et al.	6,029,195	A	2/2000	Herz
5,978,843	A	11/1999	Wu et al.	6,031,806	A	2/2000	Tomita
5,982,411	A	11/1999	Eyer et al.	6,032,202	A	2/2000	Lea et al.
5,983,236	A	11/1999	Yager et al.	6,035,091	A	3/2000	Kazo
5,986,650	A	11/1999	Ellis et al.	6,035,339	A	3/2000	Agraharam et al.
5,987,213	A	11/1999	Mankovitz et al.	6,038,367	A	3/2000	Abecassis
5,987,509	A	11/1999	Portuesi	6,038,591	A	3/2000	Wolfe et al.
5,987,621	A	11/1999	Duso et al.	6,038,614	A	3/2000	Chan et al.
5,988,078	A	11/1999	Levine	6,040,829	A	3/2000	Croy et al.
5,990,881	A	11/1999	Inoue et al.	6,049,823	A	4/2000	Hwang
5,990,884	A	11/1999	Douma et al.	6,049,824	A	4/2000	Simonin
5,990,885	A	11/1999	Gopinath	6,049,831	A	4/2000	Gardell et al.
5,990,890	A	11/1999	Etheredge	6,052,145	A	4/2000	Macrae et al.
5,990,927	A	11/1999	Hendricks et al.	6,057,872	A	5/2000	Candelore
5,991,498	A	11/1999	Young	6,057,890	A	5/2000	Virden et al.
5,991,735	A	11/1999	Gerace	6,058,238	A	5/2000	Ng
5,991,799	A	11/1999	Yen et al.	6,058,242	A	5/2000	Kim
5,991,832	A	11/1999	Sato et al.	6,061,056	A	5/2000	Menard et al.
5,995,155	A	11/1999	Schindler et al.	6,061,082	A	5/2000	Park
5,999,688	A	12/1999	Iggulden et al.	6,061,097	A	5/2000	Satterfield
5,999,970	A	12/1999	Krisbergh et al.	6,061,779	A	5/2000	Garde
6,002,393	A	12/1999	Hite et al.	6,064,376	A	5/2000	Berezowski et al.
6,002,394	A	12/1999	Schein et al.	6,064,380	A	5/2000	Swenson et al.
6,002,443	A	12/1999	Iggulden	6,064,980	A	5/2000	Jacobi et al.
6,002,444	A	12/1999	Marshall et al.	6,065,047	A	5/2000	Carpenter et al.
6,002,450	A	12/1999	Darbee et al.	6,067,561	A	5/2000	Dillon
6,002,720	A	12/1999	Yurt et al.	6,067,564	A	5/2000	Urakoshi et al.
6,003,030	A	12/1999	Kenner et al.	6,072,460	A	6/2000	Marshall et al.
6,005,561	A	12/1999	Hawkins et al.	6,072,982	A	6/2000	Haddad
6,005,563	A	12/1999	White et al.	6,075,526	A	6/2000	Rothmuller
6,005,564	A	12/1999	Ahmad et al.	6,075,568	A	6/2000	Matsuura
6,005,565	A	12/1999	Legall et al.	6,075,575	A	6/2000	Schein et al.
6,005,566	A	12/1999	Jones et al.	6,078,348	A	6/2000	Klosterman et al.
6,005,597	A	12/1999	Barrett et al.	6,078,914	A	6/2000	Redfern
6,005,600	A	12/1999	Hill	6,081,291	A	6/2000	Ludwig, Jr.
6,005,631	A	12/1999	Anderson et al.	6,081,750	A	6/2000	Hoffberg et al.
6,006,257	A	12/1999	Slezak	6,081,830	A	6/2000	Schindler
6,008,802	A	12/1999	Iki et al.	6,085,236	A	7/2000	Lea
6,008,803	A	12/1999	Rowe et al.	6,088,722	A	7/2000	Herz et al.
6,009,153	A	12/1999	Houghton et al.	6,088,945	A	7/2000	Sanderfoot
6,009,465	A	12/1999	Decker et al.	6,091,823	A	7/2000	Hosomi et al.
6,011,546	A	1/2000	Bertram	6,091,883	A	7/2000	Artigal et al.
6,012,086	A	1/2000	Lowell	6,091,884	A	7/2000	Yuen et al.
6,012,089	A	1/2000	Hasegawa	RE36,801	E	8/2000	Logan et al.
6,012,091	A	1/2000	Boyce	6,097,441	A	8/2000	Allport
6,014,184	A	1/2000	Knee et al.	6,097,878	A	8/2000	Saib
6,014,381	A	1/2000	Troxel et al.	6,098,065	A	8/2000	Skillen et al.
6,014,502	A	1/2000	Moraes	6,098,082	A	8/2000	Gibbon et al.
6,014,689	A	1/2000	Budge et al.	6,104,334	A	8/2000	Allport
6,014,693	A	1/2000	Ito et al.	6,104,705	A	8/2000	Ismail et al.
				6,111,614	A	8/2000	Mugura et al.
				6,111,677	A	8/2000	Shintani et al.
				6,112,181	A	8/2000	Shear et al.
				6,112,186	A	8/2000	Bergh et al.

(56)

References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

6,115,057	A	9/2000	Kwoh et al.	6,219,839	B1	4/2001	Sampsell
6,118,450	A	9/2000	Proehl et al.	6,226,444	B1	5/2001	Goldschmidt Iki et al.
6,118,492	A	9/2000	Milnes et al.	6,226,447	B1	5/2001	Sasaki et al.
6,119,098	A	9/2000	Guyot et al.	6,230,200	B1	5/2001	Forecast et al.
6,119,101	A	9/2000	Peckover	6,230,325	B1	5/2001	Iinuma et al.
6,119,144	A	9/2000	Fujita et al.	6,232,539	B1	5/2001	Looney et al.
6,122,011	A	9/2000	Dias et al.	6,233,389	B1	5/2001	Barton et al.
6,124,854	A	9/2000	Sartain et al.	6,233,393	B1	5/2001	Yanagihara et al.
6,125,230	A	9/2000	Yaginuma	6,233,734	B1	5/2001	Macrae et al.
6,125,231	A	9/2000	Yuen et al.	6,236,395	B1	5/2001	Sezan et al.
6,130,726	A	10/2000	Darbee et al.	6,236,801	B1	5/2001	Engle et al.
6,133,847	A	10/2000	Yang	6,236,978	B1	5/2001	Tuzhilin
6,133,909	A	10/2000	Schein et al.	6,237,049	B1	5/2001	Ludtke
6,133,910	A	10/2000	Stinebruner	6,239,794	B1	5/2001	Yuen et al.
6,133,912	A	10/2000	Montero	6,240,241	B1	5/2001	Yuen
6,139,177	A	10/2000	Venkatraman et al.	6,240,555	B1	5/2001	Shoff et al.
6,141,003	A	10/2000	Chor et al.	6,243,707	B1	6/2001	Humpleman et al.
6,141,488	A	10/2000	Knudson et al.	6,243,725	B1	6/2001	Humpleman et al.
6,144,401	A	11/2000	Casement et al.	6,243,865	B1	6/2001	Wei et al.
6,144,702	A	11/2000	Yurt et al.	6,247,176	B1	6/2001	Schein et al.
6,147,715	A	11/2000	Yuen et al.	6,256,071	B1	7/2001	Hiroi
6,151,059	A	11/2000	Schein et al.	6,256,785	B1	7/2001	Klappert et al.
6,151,643	A	11/2000	Cheng et al.	6,260,088	B1	7/2001	Gove et al.
6,154,203	A	11/2000	Yuen et al.	6,262,721	B1	7/2001	Tsukidate et al.
6,154,206	A	11/2000	Ludtke	6,262,722	B1	7/2001	Allison et al.
6,154,771	A	11/2000	Rangan et al.	6,262,772	B1	7/2001	Shen et al.
6,155,001	A	12/2000	Marin	6,263,501	B1	7/2001	Schein et al.
6,157,411	A	12/2000	Williams et al.	6,263,503	B1	7/2001	Margulis
6,157,413	A	12/2000	Hanafee et al.	6,263,507	B1	7/2001	Ahmad et al.
6,160,545	A	12/2000	Eyer et al.	6,266,814	B1	7/2001	Lemmons et al.
6,160,546	A	12/2000	Thompson et al.	6,268,849	B1	7/2001	Boyer et al.
6,160,570	A	12/2000	Sitnik	6,275,268	B1	8/2001	Ellis et al.
6,160,796	A	12/2000	Zou	6,275,648	B1	8/2001	Knudson et al.
6,160,988	A	12/2000	Shroyer	6,279,029	B1	8/2001	Sampat et al.
6,163,316	A	12/2000	Killian	6,279,157	B1	8/2001	Takasu
6,163,345	A	12/2000	Noguchi et al.	6,285,685	B1	9/2001	Bum
6,166,730	A	12/2000	Goode et al.	6,286,005	B1	9/2001	Cannon
6,166,778	A	12/2000	Yamamoto et al.	6,286,140	B1	9/2001	Ivanyi
6,167,188	A	12/2000	Young et al.	6,286,142	B1	9/2001	Ehreth
6,169,542	B1	1/2001	Hooks et al.	6,288,716	B1	9/2001	Humpleman et al.
6,169,543	B1	1/2001	Wehmeyer	6,289,165	B1	9/2001	Abecassis
6,169,725	B1	1/2001	Gibbs et al.	6,289,346	B1	9/2001	Milewski et al.
6,169,844	B1	1/2001	Arai	6,292,624	B1	9/2001	Saib et al.
6,170,006	B1	1/2001	Namba	6,298,482	B1	10/2001	Seidman et al.
6,172,674	B1	1/2001	Etheredge	6,305,018	B1	10/2001	Usui et al.
6,172,677	B1	1/2001	Stautner et al.	6,310,886	B1	10/2001	Barton
6,177,931	B1	1/2001	Alexander et al.	6,311,011	B1	10/2001	Kuroda
6,178,446	B1	1/2001	Gerszberg et al.	6,312,336	B1	11/2001	Handelman et al.
6,181,335	B1	1/2001	Hendricks et al.	6,314,575	B1	11/2001	Billock et al.
6,181,867	B1	1/2001	Kenner et al.	6,317,881	B1	11/2001	Shah-Nazaroff et al.
6,182,094	B1	1/2001	Humpleman et al.	6,317,884	B1	11/2001	Eames et al.
6,184,877	B1	2/2001	Dodson et al.	6,317,885	B1	11/2001	Fries
6,184,878	B1	2/2001	Alonso et al.	6,320,588	B1	11/2001	Palmer et al.
6,185,360	B1	2/2001	Inoue et al.	6,321,318	B1	11/2001	Baltz et al.
6,186,287	B1	2/2001	Heidenreich et al.	6,323,911	B1	11/2001	Schein et al.
6,188,381	B1	2/2001	van der Wal et al.	6,324,338	B1	11/2001	Wood et al.
6,188,397	B1	2/2001	Humpleman	6,326,982	B1	12/2001	Wu et al.
6,192,340	B1	2/2001	Abecassis	6,327,049	B1	12/2001	Ohtsuka
6,195,501	B1	2/2001	Perry et al.	6,327,418	B1	12/2001	Barton
6,198,479	B1	3/2001	Humpleman et al.	6,331,877	B1	12/2001	Bennington et al.
6,199,076	B1	3/2001	Logan et al.	6,334,022	B1	12/2001	Ohba et al.
6,201,536	B1	3/2001	Hendricks et al.	6,335,963	B1	1/2002	Bosco
6,202,211	B1	3/2001	Williams, Jr.	6,336,099	B1	1/2002	Barnett et al.
6,202,212	B1	3/2001	Sturgeon et al.	6,337,715	B1	1/2002	Inagaki et al.
6,205,485	B1	3/2001	Kikinis	6,341,374	B2	1/2002	Schein et al.
6,208,335	B1	3/2001	Gordon et al.	6,344,939	B2	2/2002	Oguro
6,208,341	B1	3/2001	van Ee et al.	6,347,400	B1	2/2002	Ohkura et al.
6,208,384	B1	3/2001	Schultheiss	6,348,932	B1	2/2002	Nishikawa et al.
6,208,799	B1	3/2001	Marsh et al.	6,353,700	B1	3/2002	Zhou
6,209,129	B1	3/2001	Carr et al.	6,356,971	B1	3/2002	Katz et al.
6,209,130	B1	3/2001	Rector, Jr. et al.	6,357,042	B2	3/2002	Srinivasan et al.
6,212,327	B1	4/2001	Berstis et al.	6,357,043	B1	3/2002	Ellis et al.
6,212,553	B1	4/2001	Lee et al.	6,359,636	B1	3/2002	Schindler et al.
6,216,264	B1	4/2001	Maze et al.	6,359,661	B1	3/2002	Nickum
6,219,489	B1	4/2001	Ohta et al.	6,363,525	B1	3/2002	Dougherty et al.
				6,366,890	B1	4/2002	Usrey
				6,367,080	B1	4/2002	Enomoto et al.
				6,370,688	B1*	4/2002	Hejna, Jr. 725/101
				6,373,528	B1	4/2002	Bennington et al.

(56)

References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

6,374,406	B2	4/2002	Hirata	6,588,013	B1	7/2003	Lumley et al.
6,377,745	B2	4/2002	Akiba et al.	6,594,699	B1	7/2003	Sahai et al.
6,378,130	B1	4/2002	Adams	6,598,228	B2	7/2003	Hejna, Jr.
6,388,714	B1	5/2002	Schein et al.	6,600,503	B2	7/2003	Stautner et al.
6,389,593	B1	5/2002	Yamagishi	6,601,074	B1	7/2003	Liebenow
6,392,710	B1	5/2002	Gonsalves et al.	6,601,237	B1	7/2003	Ten Kate et al.
6,393,430	B1	5/2002	Van Ryzin	6,603,488	B2	8/2003	Humpleman et al.
6,396,544	B1	5/2002	Schindler et al.	6,611,654	B1	8/2003	Shteyn
6,396,546	B1	5/2002	Alten et al.	6,611,842	B1	8/2003	Brown
6,397,080	B1	5/2002	Viktorsson et al.	6,611,958	B1	8/2003	Shintani et al.
6,400,407	B1	6/2002	Zigmond et al.	6,614,987	B1	9/2003	Ismail et al.
6,401,242	B1	6/2002	Eyer et al.	6,622,171	B2	9/2003	Gupta et al.
6,405,370	B1	6/2002	Jarrell	6,622,304	B1	9/2003	Carhart
6,405,371	B1	6/2002	Oosterhout et al.	6,622,306	B1	9/2003	Kamada
6,408,435	B1	6/2002	Sato	6,630,954	B1	10/2003	Okada
6,408,437	B1	6/2002	Hendricks et al.	6,631,523	B1	10/2003	Matthews, III et al.
6,411,696	B1	6/2002	Iverson et al.	6,637,029	B1	10/2003	Maissel et al.
6,412,110	B1	6/2002	Schein et al.	6,661,468	B2	12/2003	Alten et al.
6,418,556	B1	7/2002	Bennington et al.	6,665,869	B1	12/2003	Ellis et al.
6,419,137	B1	7/2002	Marshall et al.	6,668,377	B1	12/2003	Dunn
6,421,067	B1	7/2002	Kamen et al.	6,670,971	B1	12/2003	Oral et al.
6,425,000	B1	7/2002	Carmello et al.	6,671,882	B1	12/2003	Murphy et al.
6,434,524	B1	8/2002	Weber	6,675,385	B1	1/2004	Wang
6,434,614	B1	8/2002	Blumenau	6,675,386	B1	1/2004	Hendricks et al.
6,437,836	B1	8/2002	Huang et al.	6,678,004	B1	1/2004	Schultheiss et al.
6,441,832	B1	8/2002	Tao et al.	6,678,462	B1	1/2004	Chihara
6,442,332	B1	8/2002	Knudson et al.	6,678,737	B1	1/2004	Bucher
6,445,306	B1	9/2002	Trovato et al.	6,681,396	B1	1/2004	Bates et al.
6,445,398	B1	9/2002	Gerba et al.	6,696,373	B2	2/2004	Kinn et al.
6,445,872	B1	9/2002	Sano et al.	6,698,020	B1	2/2004	Zigmond et al.
6,453,471	B1	9/2002	Klosterman	6,701,523	B1	3/2004	Hancock et al.
6,456,621	B1	9/2002	Wada et al.	6,701,527	B2	3/2004	Schein et al.
RE37,881	E	10/2002	Haines	6,704,028	B2	3/2004	Wugofski
6,463,206	B1	10/2002	Yuen et al.	6,704,931	B1	3/2004	Schaffer et al.
6,463,585	B1	10/2002	Hendricks et al.	6,711,622	B1	3/2004	Fuller et al.
6,469,753	B1	10/2002	Klosterman et al.	6,718,552	B1	4/2004	Goode
6,470,497	B1	10/2002	Ellis et al.	6,721,954	B1	4/2004	Nickum
6,473,559	B1	10/2002	Knudson et al.	6,727,914	B1	4/2004	Gutta
6,477,579	B1	11/2002	Kunkel et al.	6,732,366	B1	5/2004	Russo
6,477,705	B1	11/2002	Yuen et al.	6,732,369	B1	5/2004	Schein et al.
6,480,667	B1	11/2002	O'Connor	6,732,372	B2	5/2004	Tomita et al.
6,480,889	B1	11/2002	Saito et al.	6,738,978	B1	5/2004	Hendricks et al.
6,486,892	B1	11/2002	Stern	6,741,617	B2	5/2004	Rosengren et al.
6,487,145	B1	11/2002	Berhan	6,742,183	B1	5/2004	Reynolds et al.
6,487,362	B1	11/2002	Yuen et al.	6,744,967	B2	6/2004	Kaminski et al.
6,493,875	B1	12/2002	Eames et al.	6,745,391	B1	6/2004	Macrae et al.
6,496,981	B1	12/2002	Wistendahl et al.	6,750,881	B1	6/2004	Appelman
6,498,895	B2	12/2002	Young et al.	6,754,904	B1	6/2004	Cooper et al.
6,499,138	B1	12/2002	Swix et al.	6,756,987	B2	6/2004	Goyins et al.
6,505,348	B1	1/2003	Knowles et al.	6,756,997	B1	6/2004	Ward, III et al.
6,507,953	B1	1/2003	Horlander et al.	6,760,537	B2	7/2004	Mankovitz
6,509,908	B1	1/2003	Croy et al.	6,760,538	B1	7/2004	Bumgardner et al.
6,515,680	B1	2/2003	Hendricks et al.	6,762,797	B1	7/2004	Pelletier
6,516,323	B1	2/2003	Kamba	6,766,100	B1	7/2004	Komar et al.
6,516,467	B1	2/2003	Schindler et al.	6,771,317	B2	8/2004	Ellis et al.
6,526,577	B1	2/2003	Knudson et al.	6,771,886	B1	8/2004	Mendelsohn
6,530,082	B1	3/2003	Del Sesto et al.	6,772,433	B1	8/2004	LaJoie et al.
6,530,083	B1	3/2003	Liebenow	6,785,720	B1	8/2004	Seong
6,532,589	B1	3/2003	Proehl et al.	6,788,882	B1	9/2004	Geer et al.
6,539,548	B1	3/2003	Hendricks et al.	6,792,197	B1	9/2004	Helmstetter
6,543,053	B1	4/2003	Li et al.	6,792,618	B1	9/2004	Bendinelli et al.
6,545,578	B2	4/2003	Yoshiyama	6,799,326	B2	9/2004	Boylan, III et al.
6,545,722	B1	4/2003	Schultheiss et al.	6,799,327	B1	9/2004	Reynolds et al.
6,546,399	B1	4/2003	Reed et al.	6,813,775	B1	11/2004	Finseth et al.
6,553,178	B2	4/2003	Abecassis	6,816,172	B1	11/2004	Iki et al.
6,557,031	B1	4/2003	Mimura et al.	6,816,904	B1	11/2004	Ludwig et al.
6,564,005	B1	5/2003	Berstis	6,820,278	B1	11/2004	Ellis
6,564,378	B1	5/2003	Satterfield et al.	6,822,661	B2	11/2004	Sai et al.
6,564,379	B1	5/2003	Knudson et al.	6,828,993	B1	12/2004	Hendricks et al.
6,564,383	B1	5/2003	Combs et al.	6,832,385	B2	12/2004	Young et al.
6,567,982	B1	5/2003	Howe et al.	6,837,791	B1	1/2005	McNutt et al.
6,571,279	B1	5/2003	Herz et al.	6,847,686	B2	1/2005	Morad et al.
6,571,390	B1	5/2003	Dunn et al.	6,850,693	B2	2/2005	Young et al.
6,577,735	B1	6/2003	Bharat	6,859,839	B1	2/2005	Zahorjan et al.
6,578,070	B1	6/2003	Weaver et al.	6,865,746	B1	3/2005	Herrington et al.
				6,868,225	B1	3/2005	Brown et al.
				6,868,551	B1	3/2005	Lawler et al.
				6,871,146	B1	3/2005	Kelly et al.
				6,871,186	B1	3/2005	Tuzhilin et al.

(56)

References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

6,882,299	B1	4/2005	Allport	7,343,616	B1	3/2008	Takahashi et al.
6,898,762	B2	5/2005	Ellis et al.	7,349,976	B1	3/2008	Glaser et al.
6,920,278	B1	7/2005	Yano et al.	7,356,246	B1	4/2008	Kobb
6,920,281	B1	7/2005	Agnibotri et al.	7,356,829	B1	4/2008	Terakado et al.
6,925,035	B2	8/2005	Ueki	7,363,645	B1	4/2008	Hendricks
6,925,567	B1	8/2005	Hirata et al.	7,369,749	B2	5/2008	Ichioka et al.
6,927,806	B2	8/2005	Chan	7,369,750	B2	5/2008	Cheng et al.
6,934,964	B1	8/2005	Schaffer et al.	7,392,532	B2	6/2008	White et al.
6,973,663	B1	12/2005	Brown et al.	7,403,693	B2	7/2008	Shteyn
6,973,669	B2	12/2005	Daniels	7,437,751	B2	10/2008	Daniels
6,983,478	B1	1/2006	Grauch et al.	7,454,515	B2	11/2008	Lamkin et al.
6,983,483	B2	1/2006	Maze et al.	7,477,832	B2	1/2009	Young et al.
6,985,188	B1	1/2006	Hurst, Jr.	7,480,929	B2	1/2009	Klosterman et al.
7,003,792	B1	2/2006	Yuen	7,493,641	B2	2/2009	Klosterman et al.
7,006,881	B1	2/2006	Hoffberg et al.	7,503,055	B2	3/2009	Reynolds et al.
7,013,339	B2	3/2006	Schwager et al.	7,519,268	B2	4/2009	Juen et al.
7,013,478	B1	3/2006	Hendricks et al.	7,529,465	B2	5/2009	Barton et al.
7,017,118	B1	3/2006	Carroll	7,533,400	B1	5/2009	Hailey et al.
7,017,171	B1	3/2006	Horlander et al.	7,540,010	B2	5/2009	Hanaya et al.
7,017,179	B1	3/2006	Asamoto et al.	7,542,320	B2	6/2009	Kitou
7,027,716	B1	4/2006	Boyle et al.	7,543,320	B2	6/2009	Schein et al.
7,028,323	B2	4/2006	Franken et al.	7,567,747	B2	7/2009	Hira
7,028,326	B1	4/2006	Westlake et al.	7,577,336	B2	8/2009	Srinivasan et al.
7,039,935	B2	5/2006	Knudson et al.	7,599,753	B2	10/2009	Taylor et al.
7,047,241	B1	5/2006	Erickson	7,603,685	B2	10/2009	Knudson et al.
7,047,549	B2	5/2006	Schein et al.	7,614,066	B2	11/2009	Urdang et al.
7,047,550	B1	5/2006	Yasukawa et al.	7,624,345	B2	11/2009	Nishina et al.
7,050,988	B2	5/2006	Atcheson et al.	7,624,412	B2	11/2009	McEvilly et al.
7,051,353	B2	5/2006	Yamashita et al.	7,650,621	B2	1/2010	Thomas et al.
7,058,635	B1	6/2006	Shah-Nazaroff et al.	7,665,109	B2	2/2010	Matthews, III et al.
7,069,576	B1	6/2006	Knudson et al.	7,673,315	B1	3/2010	Wong et al.
7,084,780	B2	8/2006	Nguyen et al.	7,689,995	B1	3/2010	Francis et al.
7,086,077	B2	8/2006	Giammaressi	7,707,617	B2	4/2010	Birleson
7,088,910	B2	8/2006	Potrebic et al.	7,721,307	B2	5/2010	Hendricks et al.
7,095,949	B2	8/2006	Okada	7,757,254	B2	7/2010	Shoff et al.
7,096,486	B1	8/2006	Ukai et al.	7,765,235	B2	7/2010	Day et al.
7,117,518	B1	10/2006	Takahashi et al.	7,770,196	B1	8/2010	Hendricks
7,124,424	B2	10/2006	Gordon et al.	7,777,816	B2	8/2010	Chang et al.
7,127,735	B1	10/2006	Lee et al.	7,778,158	B2	8/2010	Vogel et al.
7,134,131	B1	11/2006	Hendricks et al.	7,779,445	B2	8/2010	Ellis
7,143,430	B1	11/2006	Fingerman et al.	7,784,081	B2	8/2010	Hassell et al.
7,151,886	B2	12/2006	Young et al.	7,788,393	B2*	8/2010	Pickens et al. 709/231
7,152,236	B1	12/2006	Wugofski et al.	7,793,322	B2	9/2010	Hassell et al.
7,162,729	B2	1/2007	Schein et al.	7,802,285	B2	9/2010	Ellis et al.
7,165,098	B1	1/2007	Boyer et al.	7,823,055	B2	10/2010	Sull et al.
7,168,086	B1	1/2007	Carpenter et al.	7,827,585	B2	11/2010	Hassell et al.
7,171,677	B1	1/2007	Ochiai	7,859,571	B1	12/2010	Brown et al.
7,181,128	B1	2/2007	Wada et al.	7,870,585	B2	1/2011	Ellis et al.
7,185,355	B1	2/2007	Ellis et al.	7,873,760	B2	1/2011	Versteeg
7,187,847	B2	3/2007	Young et al.	7,895,625	B1	2/2011	Bryan et al.
7,188,356	B1	3/2007	Miura et al.	7,913,278	B2	3/2011	Ellis et al.
7,194,755	B1	3/2007	Nakata et al.	7,925,141	B2	4/2011	Geer et al.
7,200,859	B1	4/2007	Perlman et al.	7,962,935	B2	6/2011	Kurosaki et al.
7,207,055	B1	4/2007	Hendricks et al.	7,962,946	B2	6/2011	Creamer et al.
7,209,640	B2	4/2007	Young et al.	7,971,222	B2	6/2011	Ellis
7,218,839	B2	5/2007	Plourde, Jr. et al.	7,992,163	B1	8/2011	Jerding et al.
7,224,886	B2	5/2007	Akamatsu et al.	7,996,864	B2	8/2011	Yuen et al.
7,229,012	B1	6/2007	Enright et al.	8,001,564	B2	8/2011	Hassell et al.
7,229,354	B2	6/2007	McNutt et al.	8,006,263	B2	8/2011	Ellis et al.
7,231,175	B2	6/2007	Ellis	8,046,801	B2	10/2011	Ellis et al.
7,240,356	B2	7/2007	Iki et al.	8,051,450	B2	11/2011	Robarts et al.
7,243,139	B2	7/2007	Ullman et al.	8,060,905	B1	11/2011	Hendricks
7,243,364	B2	7/2007	Dunn et al.	8,069,460	B2	11/2011	Young et al.
7,260,564	B1	8/2007	Lynn et al.	8,073,921	B2	12/2011	Thomas et al.
7,266,833	B2	9/2007	Ward, III et al.	8,078,751	B2	12/2011	Janik et al.
7,272,298	B1	9/2007	Lang et al.	8,082,568	B2	12/2011	Ellis
7,277,859	B2	10/2007	Watanabe et al.	8,087,048	B2	12/2011	Hassell et al.
7,284,202	B1	10/2007	Zenith	8,091,110	B2	1/2012	Ellis et al.
7,287,267	B2	10/2007	Knudson et al.	8,112,776	B2	2/2012	Schein et al.
7,293,276	B2	11/2007	Phillips et al.	8,214,869	B2	7/2012	Day
7,293,279	B1	11/2007	Asmussen	8,265,458	B2	9/2012	Helmstetter
7,328,450	B2	2/2008	Macrae et al.	8,286,207	B1	10/2012	Schneidewend et al.
7,330,693	B1	2/2008	Goss	8,295,674	B2	10/2012	Sasaki et al.
7,334,090	B2	2/2008	Zellner	8,302,127	B2	10/2012	Klarfeld et al.
7,343,614	B1	3/2008	Hendricks et al.	8,363,679	B2	1/2013	Sorenson et al.
				8,370,884	B2	2/2013	Ellis
				8,381,249	B2	2/2013	Rasanen et al.
				8,397,255	B2	3/2013	Wachtfogel et al.
				8,478,750	B2	7/2013	Rao et al.

(56)

References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

8,528,019	B1	9/2013	Dimitrova et al.	2002/0191954	A1	12/2002	Beach et al.
8,613,024	B2	12/2013	Bovenschulte et al.	2002/0194585	A1	12/2002	Connelly
8,627,389	B2	1/2014	Craner	2002/0194596	A1	12/2002	Srivastava
8,707,366	B2	4/2014	Wong et al.	2002/0194598	A1	12/2002	Connelly
8,719,090	B2	5/2014	Lewis	2002/0194607	A1	12/2002	Connelly
8,732,757	B2	5/2014	Ward, III et al.	2002/0199185	A1	12/2002	Kaminski et al.
8,832,742	B2	9/2014	Rasanen et al.	2003/0005432	A1	1/2003	Ellis et al.
2001/0001160	A1	5/2001	Shoff et al.	2003/0005445	A1	1/2003	Schein et al.
2001/0004338	A1	6/2001	Yankowski	2003/0009766	A1	1/2003	Marolda
2001/0007147	A1	7/2001	Goldschmidt Iki et al.	2003/0012554	A1	1/2003	Zeidler et al.
2001/0013122	A1	8/2001	Hirata	2003/0012555	A1	1/2003	Yuen et al.
2001/0026533	A1	10/2001	Schwager	2003/0028878	A1	2/2003	Schein et al.
2001/0027555	A1	10/2001	Franken et al.	2003/0028889	A1	2/2003	McCoskey et al.
2001/0027562	A1	10/2001	Schein et al.	2003/0031465	A1	2/2003	Blake
2001/0028782	A1	10/2001	Ohno et al.	2003/0033601	A1	2/2003	Sakata et al.
2001/0029610	A1	10/2001	Corvin et al.	2003/0037336	A1	2/2003	Leftwich
2001/0034237	A1	10/2001	Garahi	2003/0040962	A1	2/2003	Lewis
2001/0042246	A1	11/2001	Yuen et al.	2003/0044165	A1	3/2003	Wood et al.
2001/0043700	A1	11/2001	Shima et al.	2003/0061610	A1	3/2003	Errico
2001/0043795	A1	11/2001	Wood et al.	2003/0066085	A1	4/2003	Boyer et al.
2001/0047298	A1	11/2001	Moore et al.	2003/0067554	A1	4/2003	Klarfeld et al.
2001/0049820	A1	12/2001	Barton	2003/0072556	A1	4/2003	Okujima et al.
2002/0009283	A1	1/2002	Ichioka et al.	2003/0084461	A1	5/2003	Hoang
2002/0013941	A1	1/2002	Ward et al.	2003/0088872	A1	5/2003	Maissel et al.
2002/0013949	A1	1/2002	Hejna	2003/0088873	A1	5/2003	McCoy et al.
2002/0026496	A1	2/2002	Boyer et al.	2003/0093329	A1	5/2003	Gutta
2002/0026644	A1	2/2002	Hatayama	2003/0097227	A1	5/2003	Bloch et al.
2002/0032907	A1	3/2002	Daniels	2003/0098891	A1	5/2003	Molander
2002/0040475	A1	4/2002	Yap et al.	2003/0099457	A1	5/2003	Takahashi et al.
2002/0042913	A1	4/2002	Ellis et al.	2003/0103088	A1	6/2003	Dresti et al.
2002/0042914	A1	4/2002	Walker et al.	2003/0110499	A1	6/2003	Knudson et al.
2002/0048448	A1	4/2002	Daniels	2003/0115602	A1	6/2003	Knee et al.
2002/0056098	A1	5/2002	White	2003/0118323	A1	6/2003	Ismail et al.
2002/0057892	A1	5/2002	Mano et al.	2003/0126607	A1	7/2003	Phillips et al.
2002/0057893	A1	5/2002	Wood et al.	2003/0131356	A1	7/2003	Proehl et al.
2002/0059599	A1	5/2002	Schein et al.	2003/0142957	A1	7/2003	Young et al.
2002/0059602	A1	5/2002	Macrae et al.	2003/0149975	A1	8/2003	Eldering et al.
2002/0059610	A1	5/2002	Ellis	2003/0149980	A1	8/2003	Hassell et al.
2002/0059626	A1	5/2002	Lemmons	2003/0149988	A1	8/2003	Ellis et al.
2002/0073424	A1	6/2002	Ward et al.	2003/0154485	A1	8/2003	Johnson et al.
2002/0076203	A1	6/2002	Takahashi	2003/0154486	A1	8/2003	Dunn et al.
2002/0083439	A1	6/2002	Eldering	2003/0159157	A1	8/2003	Chan
2002/0083455	A1	6/2002	Sato	2003/0163813	A1	8/2003	Klosterman et al.
2002/0087588	A1	7/2002	McBride et al.	2003/0164858	A1	9/2003	Klosterman et al.
2002/0090203	A1	7/2002	Mankovitz	2003/0165324	A1	9/2003	O'Connor et al.
2002/0092017	A1	7/2002	Klosterman et al.	2003/0167471	A1	9/2003	Roth et al.
2002/0095673	A1	7/2002	Leung et al.	2003/0188310	A1	10/2003	Klosterman et al.
2002/0100044	A1	7/2002	Daniels	2003/0188311	A1	10/2003	Yuen et al.
2002/0100052	A1	7/2002	Daniels	2003/0196201	A1	10/2003	Schein et al.
2002/0103920	A1	8/2002	Berkun et al.	2003/0196203	A1	10/2003	Ellis et al.
2002/0110353	A1	8/2002	Potrebic et al.	2003/0198462	A1	10/2003	Bumgardner et al.
2002/0112239	A1	8/2002	Goldman	2003/0204847	A1	10/2003	Ellis et al.
2002/0112249	A1	8/2002	Hendricks et al.	2003/0206719	A1	11/2003	Bumgardner et al.
2002/0116533	A1	8/2002	Holliman et al.	2003/0208756	A1	11/2003	Macrae et al.
2002/0116712	A1	8/2002	Schein et al.	2003/0208758	A1	11/2003	Schein et al.
2002/0118676	A1	8/2002	Tonnby et al.	2003/0208763	A1	11/2003	McElhatten et al.
2002/0124249	A1	9/2002	Shintani et al.	2003/0208767	A1	11/2003	Williamson et al.
2002/0124258	A1*	9/2002	Fritsch	2003/0210898	A1	11/2003	Juen et al.
2002/0129360	A1	9/2002	Lee	2003/0217057	A1	11/2003	Kuroiwa et al.
2002/0129368	A1	9/2002	Schlack et al.	2003/0226147	A1	12/2003	Richmond et al.
2002/0138840	A1	9/2002	Schein et al.	2003/0229900	A1	12/2003	Reisman
2002/0144279	A1	10/2002	Zhou	2004/0001690	A1	1/2004	Boston et al.
2002/0147975	A1	10/2002	Seo	2004/0003413	A1	1/2004	Boston et al.
2002/0147977	A1	10/2002	Hammett et al.	2004/0008971	A1	1/2004	Young et al.
2002/0154888	A1	10/2002	Allen et al.	2004/0010807	A1	1/2004	Urdang et al.
2002/0169712	A1	11/2002	Ginzboorg et al.	2004/0019900	A1	1/2004	Knightsbridge et al.
2002/0170068	A1	11/2002	Rafey et al.	2004/0031050	A1	2/2004	Klosterman
2002/0174424	A1	11/2002	Chang et al.	2004/0049787	A1	3/2004	Maissel et al.
2002/0174430	A1	11/2002	Ellis et al.	2004/0049794	A1	3/2004	Shao et al.
2002/0174433	A1	11/2002	Baumgartner et al.	2004/0060063	A1	3/2004	Russ et al.
2002/0184457	A1	12/2002	Yuasa et al.	2004/0070594	A1	4/2004	Burke
2002/0184626	A1	12/2002	Darbee et al.	2004/0073924	A1	4/2004	Pendakur
2002/0184629	A1	12/2002	Sie et al.	2004/0078809	A1	4/2004	Drazin
2002/0186958	A1	12/2002	Ikeda et al.	2004/0078815	A1	4/2004	Lemmons et al.
2002/0188944	A1	12/2002	Noble	2004/0078820	A1	4/2004	Nickum
				2004/0098744	A1	5/2004	Gutta
				2004/0103434	A1	5/2004	Ellis
				2004/0103439	A1	5/2004	Macrae et al.
				2004/0111742	A1	6/2004	Hendricks et al.

(56)

References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

2004/0111745	A1	6/2004	Schein et al.	2005/0271364	A1	12/2005	Collar
2004/0111756	A1	6/2004	Stuckman et al.	2005/0271365	A1	12/2005	Hisatomi
2004/0117845	A1	6/2004	Karaoguz et al.	2005/0271366	A1	12/2005	Wiinter et al.
2004/0125779	A1	7/2004	Kelton et al.	2005/0273819	A1	12/2005	Knudson et al.
2004/0128685	A1	7/2004	Hassell et al.	2005/0278741	A1	12/2005	Robarts et al.
2004/0128686	A1	7/2004	Boyer et al.	2005/0283796	A1	12/2005	Flickinger
2004/0128690	A1	7/2004	Zohar Ariely	2005/0283800	A1	12/2005	Ellis et al.
2004/0133655	A1	7/2004	Yen et al.	2005/0289618	A1	12/2005	Hardin
2004/0133907	A1	7/2004	Rodriguez et al.	2006/0010470	A1	1/2006	Kurosaki et al.
2004/0139465	A1	7/2004	Matthews et al.	2006/0031883	A1	2/2006	Ellis et al.
2004/0154040	A1	8/2004	Ellis	2006/0034341	A1	2/2006	Vasudevan et al.
2004/0156614	A1	8/2004	Bumgardner et al.	2006/0037044	A1	2/2006	Daniels
2004/0160862	A1	8/2004	Ueki	2006/0062550	A1	3/2006	Lee
2004/0163104	A1	8/2004	Schein et al.	2006/0064728	A1	3/2006	Son et al.
2004/0181814	A1	9/2004	Ellis et al.	2006/0075443	A1*	4/2006	Eckert H04N 7/17318 725/97
2004/0187150	A1	9/2004	Gonder et al.	2006/0083484	A1	4/2006	Wada et al.
2004/0187164	A1	9/2004	Kandasamy et al.	2006/0085825	A1	4/2006	Istvan et al.
2004/0194131	A1	9/2004	Ellis et al.	2006/0085826	A1	4/2006	Funk et al.
2004/0194138	A1	9/2004	Boylan et al.	2006/0111038	A1	5/2006	Tatsumi et al.
2004/0210932	A1	10/2004	Mori et al.	2006/0112410	A1	5/2006	Poli et al.
2004/0210935	A1	10/2004	Schein et al.	2006/0136965	A1	6/2006	Ellis et al.
2004/0221310	A1	11/2004	Herrington et al.	2006/0136966	A1	6/2006	Folk
2004/0257939	A1	12/2004	Kawamura	2006/0140584	A1	6/2006	Ellis et al.
2004/0261108	A1	12/2004	Yuen et al.	2006/0143665	A1	6/2006	Meek et al.
2004/0264920	A1	12/2004	Helmstetter	2006/0143669	A1*	6/2006	Cohen 725/90
2005/0015804	A1	1/2005	LaJoie et al.	2006/0146787	A1	7/2006	Wijnands et al.
2005/0015815	A1	1/2005	Shoff et al.	2006/0165379	A1	7/2006	Agnihotri et al.
2005/0025469	A1	2/2005	Geer et al.	2006/0168620	A1	7/2006	Schein et al.
2005/0028208	A1	2/2005	Ellis et al.	2006/0174270	A1	8/2006	Westberg et al.
2005/0028218	A1	2/2005	Blake	2006/0206912	A1	9/2006	Klarfeld et al.
2005/0044567	A1	2/2005	Young et al.	2006/0212904	A1	9/2006	Klarfeld et al.
2005/0050218	A1	3/2005	Sheldon	2006/0218601	A1	9/2006	Michel
2005/0055715	A1	3/2005	Minnick et al.	2006/0259949	A1	11/2006	Schaefer et al.
2005/0066353	A1	3/2005	Fransdonk	2007/0022032	A1	1/2007	Anderson et al.
2005/0080497	A1	4/2005	Rao	2007/0067800	A1	3/2007	Wachtfogel et al.
2005/0089022	A1	4/2005	Muhonen et al.	2007/0071399	A1	3/2007	Ellis
2005/0097622	A1	5/2005	Zigmond et al.	2007/0074245	A1	3/2007	Nyako et al.
2005/0105528	A1	5/2005	Kobayashi	2007/0094684	A1	4/2007	Schein et al.
2005/0120003	A1	6/2005	Drury et al.	2007/0101377	A1	5/2007	Six et al.
2005/0123001	A1	6/2005	Craven et al.	2007/0104456	A1	5/2007	Craner
2005/0129049	A1	6/2005	Srinivasan et al.	2007/0107010	A1	5/2007	Jolna et al.
2005/0138305	A1	6/2005	Zellner	2007/0116048	A1	5/2007	Addington
2005/0138660	A1	6/2005	Boyer et al.	2007/0121678	A1	5/2007	Brooks et al.
2005/0155056	A1	7/2005	Knee et al.	2007/0136751	A1	6/2007	Garbow et al.
2005/0157217	A1	7/2005	Hendricks	2007/0136753	A1	6/2007	Bovenschulte et al.
2005/0160283	A1	7/2005	Hirata	2007/0143813	A1	6/2007	Chen et al.
2005/0160458	A1	7/2005	Baumgartner	2007/0157241	A1	7/2007	Walker
2005/0160461	A1	7/2005	Baumgartner et al.	2007/0157242	A1	7/2007	Cordray et al.
2005/0183123	A1	8/2005	Lee et al.	2007/0180072	A1	8/2007	Siripunkaw et al.
2005/0188415	A1	8/2005	Riley	2007/0180465	A1	8/2007	Ou et al.
2005/0193015	A1	9/2005	Logston et al.	2007/0192812	A1*	8/2007	Pickens H04N 7/17318 725/94
2005/0193414	A1	9/2005	Horvitz et al.	2007/0204285	A1	8/2007	Louw
2005/0198006	A1	9/2005	Boicey et al.	2007/0204308	A1	8/2007	Nicholas et al.
2005/0198668	A1	9/2005	Yuen et al.	2007/0204311	A1	8/2007	Hasek et al.
2005/0204388	A1	9/2005	Knudson et al.	2007/0212023	A1	9/2007	Whillock
2005/0204393	A1	9/2005	Bopardikar et al.	2007/0220553	A1	9/2007	Branam et al.
2005/0213938	A1	9/2005	Ozawa et al.	2007/0245371	A1	10/2007	Quinard
2005/0216932	A1	9/2005	Danker	2007/0250863	A1	10/2007	Ferguson
2005/0227611	A1	10/2005	Ellis	2007/0266401	A1	11/2007	Hallberg
2005/0229214	A1	10/2005	Young et al.	2007/0271582	A1	11/2007	Ellis et al.
2005/0229215	A1	10/2005	Schein et al.	2008/0010655	A1	1/2008	Ellis et al.
2005/0234992	A1	10/2005	Haberman	2008/0013429	A1	1/2008	Chen et al.
2005/0235320	A1	10/2005	Maze et al.	2008/0022331	A1	1/2008	Barrett
2005/0235323	A1	10/2005	Ellis et al.	2008/0025304	A1*	1/2008	Venkataswami H04N 21/238 370/390
2005/0238168	A1	10/2005	Lee et al.	2008/0062990	A1*	3/2008	Oran H04L 1/1607 370/392
2005/0240962	A1	10/2005	Cooper et al.	2008/0066016	A1	3/2008	Dowdy et al.
2005/0240968	A1	10/2005	Knudson et al.	2008/0077957	A1	3/2008	Schein et al.
2005/0244138	A1	11/2005	O'Connor et al.	2008/0086747	A1	4/2008	Rasanen et al.
2005/0249130	A1	11/2005	Schutte et al.	2008/0092168	A1	4/2008	Logan et al.
2005/0251822	A1	11/2005	Knowles et al.	2008/0098431	A1	4/2008	Young et al.
2005/0251827	A1	11/2005	Ellis et al.	2008/0098436	A1	4/2008	White
2005/0265169	A1	12/2005	Yoshimaru et al.	2008/0115169	A1	5/2008	Ellis et al.
2005/0267819	A1	12/2005	Kaplan	2008/0170622	A1	7/2008	Gordon et al.
2005/0271357	A1	12/2005	Adler et al.	2008/0175143	A1	7/2008	Ansley
2005/0271363	A1	12/2005	Tanikawa	2008/0178221	A1	7/2008	Schein et al.

(56)

References Cited

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EP	0711073	5/1996	EP	1094665	A1	4/2001
EP	0711076	A2 5/1996	EP	1 099 339		5/2001
EP	0713334	5/1996	EP	1095504	A2	5/2001
EP	0 723369	A1 7/1996	EP	1099341	A1	5/2001
EP	0721253	A2 7/1996	EP	1107588	A2	6/2001
EP	0725539	A2 8/1996	EP	0 856 847		11/2001
EP	0737979	A2 10/1996	EP	1152605	A1	11/2001
EP	0737980	A2 10/1996	EP	1158793	A2	11/2001
EP	0 742669	11/1996	EP	1187467	A2	3/2002
EP	0744853	A2 11/1996	EP	1217787	A2	6/2002
EP	0744866	11/1996	EP	1 271 952		1/2003
EP	0752767	A2 1/1997	EP	1292137	A1	3/2003
EP	0753964	1/1997	EP	0936811	B1	5/2003
EP	0758833	A2 2/1997	EP	1355489	A2	10/2003
EP	0762657	A2 3/1997	EP	1377049	A1	1/2004
EP	0762751	A2 3/1997	EP	1427148	A1	6/2004
EP	0762756	A2 3/1997	EP	1473934		11/2004
EP	0763938	3/1997	EP	1 515 549		3/2005
EP	0 774 853	5/1997	EP	1 538 838		6/2005
EP	0 774 868	A1 5/1997	EP	1581001	A2	9/2005
EP	0772360	5/1997	EP	1613066	A2	1/2006
EP	0773682	A2 5/1997	EP	1667455	A1	6/2006
EP	0774866	A2 5/1997	EP	1763234	A2	3/2007
EP	0775417	A1 5/1997	EP	1796393	A1	6/2007
EP	0782332	A2 7/1997	EP	1940158	A2	7/2008
EP	0784405	7/1997	EP	2174484	A	4/2010
EP	0 789 488	8/1997	FR	2572235	A1	4/1986
EP	0 793 225	9/1997	FR	2579397	A2	9/1986
EP	0 795 994	9/1997	FR	2962895	A1	12/1991
EP	0797355	9/1997	FR	2 678 091		12/1992
EP	0801389	A2 10/1997	GB	1 554 411		10/1979
EP	0801390	A2 10/1997	GB	2034995	A	6/1980
EP	0 806 111	A1 11/1997	GB	2126002	A	3/1984
EP	0805594	A2 11/1997	GB	2164194	A	3/1986
EP	0806721	A1 11/1997	GB	2185670	A	7/1987
EP	0822713	2/1998	GB	2 210 526		6/1989
EP	0822718	2/1998	GB	2219886		12/1989
EP	0827340	A2 3/1998	GB	2 227 622		8/1990
EP	0 836 320	4/1998	GB	2 229 595		9/1990
EP	0 836 321	4/1998	GB	2 256 115		11/1992
EP	0 837599	A2 4/1998	GB	2256116	A	11/1992
EP	0834798	4/1998	GB	2256546	A	12/1992
EP	0843468	5/1998	GB	2265792		10/1993
EP	0 848 383	6/1998	GB	2275800		9/1994
EP	0848554	A2 6/1998	GB	2 286 754		8/1995
EP	0849948	6/1998	GB	2289782	A	11/1995
EP	0849958	6/1998	GB	2294173	A	4/1996
EP	0 852361	A2 7/1998	GB	2298544		9/1996
EP	0 854645	7/1998	GB	2 300 551	A	11/1996
EP	0851681	7/1998	GB	2309134	A	7/1997
EP	0852442	A1 7/1998	GB	2325537	A	11/1998
EP	0854654	7/1998	GB	2 346 251		8/2000
EP	0 858 223	A2 8/1998	GB	2 375 674	A	11/2002
EP	0872834	10/1998	HK	1022969	A1	4/2007
EP	0874524	10/1998	JP	58137334	A	8/1983
EP	0880856	A1 12/1998	JP	58196738	A	11/1983
EP	0 892 554	A2 1/1999	JP	58210776	A	12/1983
EP	0897242	A1 2/1999	JP	59141878	A	8/1984
EP	0905985	A2 3/1999	JP	60171685	A	9/1985
EP	0908049	A1 4/1999	JP	61050470	A	3/1986
EP	0 921 682	A2 6/1999	JP	61074476	A	4/1986
EP	0924927	6/1999	JP	62-060370		3/1987
EP	0932275	7/1999	JP	62060372		3/1987
EP	0935393	A2 8/1999	JP	62060378	A	3/1987
EP	0 940 983	9/1999	JP	62060384	A	3/1987
EP	0 945003	B1 9/1999	JP	63-054884	A	3/1988
EP	0940985	9/1999	JP	06392177		4/1988
EP	0944253	A1 9/1999	JP	63234679	A	9/1988
EP	0944257	A1 9/1999	JP	63-289619	A	11/1988
EP	0963119	A1 12/1999	JP	64013278	U	1/1989
EP	6969661	1/2000	JP	11-32311	A	5/1989
EP	0986046	A1 3/2000	JP	11-88280	A	7/1989
EP	0988876	A1 3/2000	JP	01209399	A	8/1989
EP	1014715	A2 6/2000	JP	1212986	A	8/1989
EP	1 059 749	12/2000	JP	01213853	A	8/1989
			JP	01307944	A	12/1989
			JP	02045495	A	2/1990
			JP	02048879	A	2/1990
			JP	0281385		3/1990

(56) References Cited					
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
JP	10-234007	9/1990	JP	08-331546 A	12/1996
JP	03-022770	1/1991	JP	09-009245	1/1997
JP	03059837 A	3/1991	JP	09037151 A	2/1997
JP	03063990 A	3/1991	JP	9037168	2/1997
JP	03215781 A	9/1991	JP	09037172 A	2/1997
JP	03226083	10/1991	JP	09 065300	3/1997
JP	03286483	12/1991	JP	09-070020	3/1997
JP	04079053	3/1992	JP	09-102827 A	4/1997
JP	04105285 A	4/1992	JP	11-512903	4/1997
JP	04227380	8/1992	JP	09-120686 A	5/1997
JP	04250760 A	9/1992	JP	09 148994	6/1997
JP	05101471	4/1993	JP	09 162818	6/1997
JP	05-183826	7/1993	JP	09-162821	6/1997
JP	05260400 A	10/1993	JP	09506226	6/1997
JP	05260554 A	10/1993	JP	09182035	7/1997
JP	05284437	10/1993	JP	09-214873	8/1997
JP	05-314186 B2	11/1993	JP	08314979 A	8/1997
JP	06-21907	1/1994	JP	09204286	8/1997
JP	06014129 A	1/1994	JP	9245467	9/1997
JP	04042454 B2	2/1994	JP	09-261609 A	10/1997
JP	06038165	2/1994	JP	09-279965 A	10/1997
JP	6046345 A	2/1994	JP	09259515 A	10/1997
JP	60-61935 A	3/1994	JP	09-298677	11/1997
JP	06069850 A	3/1994	JP	09289630	11/1997
JP	06-121262	4/1994	JP	09322213	12/1997
JP	06111413	4/1994	JP	1027076	1/1998
JP	06-124309	5/1994	JP	10-042235	2/1998
JP	06133334	5/1994	JP	10042242	2/1998
JP	06504165	5/1994	JP	10 065978	3/1998
JP	06-208500	7/1994	JP	10-093933	4/1998
JP	06-217271	8/1994	JP	10091534	4/1998
JP	06236592	8/1994	JP	10092161 A	4/1998
JP	06-261139 A	9/1994	JP	10093879	4/1998
JP	06243539	9/1994	JP	10093905	4/1998
JP	06303541	10/1994	JP	10093936	4/1998
JP	06-350546	12/1994	JP	10108122	4/1998
JP	07-021619	1/1995	JP	10112087	4/1998
JP	07020254 A	1/1995	JP	10-143340	5/1998
JP	07023356	1/1995	JP	10-143349	5/1998
JP	07-050259	2/1995	JP	10164487	6/1998
JP	07044910 A	2/1995	JP	10174037 A	6/1998
JP	07-076592	3/1995	JP	63141467 A	6/1998
JP	07-135621 A	5/1995	JP	10191221	7/1998
JP	07123326	5/1995	JP	10-228500	8/1998
JP	07-162776	6/1995	JP	10215440	8/1998
JP	07147657 A	6/1995	JP	10243309	9/1998
JP	07154349 A	6/1995	JP	10243344	9/1998
JP	07160732	6/1995	JP	10243352	9/1998
JP	07184131 A	7/1995	JP	10247344 A	9/1998
JP	07193762 A	7/1995	JP	10257400 A	9/1998
JP	07193763 A	7/1995	JP	10-289205	10/1998
JP	7212328	8/1995	JP	10-512420	11/1998
JP	07212331 A	8/1995	JP	11 032272	2/1999
JP	07212732 A	8/1995	JP	1169317	3/1999
JP	07230666 A	8/1995	JP	11-136615 A	5/1999
JP	07231437 A	8/1995	JP	11-136658	5/1999
JP	07-288759	10/1995	JP	11177682	7/1999
JP	07-298153	11/1995	JP	11177962 A	7/1999
JP	07-321748	12/1995	JP	11205711	7/1999
JP	07-336318	12/1995	JP	10-40057	8/1999
JP	08-018882 A	1/1996	JP	11-266414 A	9/1999
JP	08-056352	2/1996	JP	11261917 A	9/1999
JP	08032528 A	2/1996	JP	11295579	10/1999
JP	08032538	2/1996	JP	11-313280 A	11/1999
JP	08077763	3/1996	JP	11-317937 A	11/1999
JP	08-116495 A	5/1996	JP	11308561 A	11/1999
JP	08125497	5/1996	JP	11-353071 A	12/1999
JP	08130517 A	5/1996	JP	H11-341040 A	12/1999
JP	08180505	7/1996	JP	2000-004272 A	1/2000
JP	08506941	7/1996	JP	2000-013708	1/2000
JP	08-242436	9/1996	JP	2000-138886	5/2000
JP	08242313 A	9/1996	JP	2000-224533	8/2000
JP	08251122	9/1996	JP	2000-235546	8/2000
JP	08275077	10/1996	JP	2000216845 A	8/2000
JP	08317331	11/1996	JP	2000-261750 A	9/2000
			JP	2000-287179 A	10/2000
			JP	2000-306314	11/2000
			JP	2000-312333 A	11/2000
			JP	2000-339931 A	12/2000

(56) References Cited			WO	WO-8902682	A1	3/1989
			WO	WO-89/03085		4/1989
	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS		WO	WO-89/11199	A1	11/1989
			WO	WO-89/12370		12/1989
JP	2001-022282	A 1/2001	WO	WO-90/00847	A1	1/1990
JP	200186423	2/2001	WO	WO-90/01243	A1	2/1990
JP	2001-88372	3/2001	WO	WO-90/07844	A1	7/1990
JP	2001103404	A 4/2001	WO	WO-90/15507		12/1990
JP	2001-165669	6/2001	WO	WO-9100670		1/1991
JP	2001-167522	6/2001	WO	WO-91/07050	A1	5/1991
JP	2001167491	A 6/2001	WO	WO-91/08629	A1	6/1991
JP	2001-213595	8/2001	WO	WO-91/18476	A1	11/1991
JP	2001-257950	9/2001	WO	WO-92/04801		3/1992
JP	2002/010153	A 1/2002	WO	WO-92/17027		10/1992
JP	2002-063385	A 2/2002	WO	WO-9222983	A2	12/1992
JP	03286444	B2 5/2002	WO	WO-9304473		3/1993
JP	2002514794	A 5/2002	WO	WO-9305452	A1	3/1993
JP	2002-176610	A 6/2002	WO	WO-9308542		4/1993
JP	2002/185931	A 6/2002	WO	WO-93/10606	A1	5/1993
JP	2002/185951	A 6/2002	WO	WO-93/11638		6/1993
JP	2002/199318	A 7/2002	WO	WO-93/11639		6/1993
JP	2002-522977	A 7/2002	WO	WO-93/11640		6/1993
JP	2002-223425	8/2002	WO	WO-93/23957	A1	11/1993
JP	2002-279969	9/2002	WO	WO-9322877		11/1993
JP	2002-335463	A 11/2002	WO	W9-94/14283	A1	6/1994
JP	2002335473	A 11/2002	WO	WO-94/13107		6/1994
JP	2002-354354	A 12/2002	WO	WO-94/13284		6/1994
JP	2002369108	A 12/2002	WO	WO-94/14282	A1	6/1994
JP	2002374506	A 12/2002	WO	WO-94/14284	A1	6/1994
JP	2003067226	A 3/2003	WO	WO-94/14281	A1	6/1994
JP	2003076598	A 3/2003	WO	WO-94/15284		7/1994
JP	2003-162444	A 6/2003	WO	WO-94/16441	A1	7/1994
JP	2003169087	A 6/2003	WO	WO-9421085	A1	9/1994
JP	2003-189267	A 7/2003	WO	WO-94/23383	A1	10/1994
JP	2003-199004	A 7/2003	WO	WO-94/29811	A1	12/1994
JP	2003-209893	A 7/2003	WO	WO-95/01056		1/1995
JP	2003219340	A 7/2003	WO	WO-95/01058	A1	1/1995
JP	2003219367	A 7/2003	WO	WO-95/01059	A1	1/1995
JP	2003-304503	A 10/2003	WO	WO-95/02945	A1	1/1995
JP	2003-339000	A 11/2003	WO	WO-95/04431	A2	2/1995
JP	2004-07592	1/2004	WO	WO-95/06389	A1	3/1995
JP	2004-23326	1/2004	WO	WO-95/07003		3/1995
JP	2004-080083	A 3/2004	WO	WO-95/10910		4/1995
JP	2004-120038	A 4/2004	WO	WO-95/10916	A1	4/1995
JP	2004-159004	A 6/2004	WO	WO-95/11567		4/1995
JP	2004159318	A 6/2004	WO	WO-95/15657		6/1995
JP	2004-193920	A 7/2004	WO	WO-95/15658	A1	6/1995
JP	2004-343520	A 12/2004	WO	WO-95/16568	A1	6/1995
JP	2005-094175	A 4/2005	WO	WO-95/15649	A1	6/1995
JP	2005-117236	A 4/2005	WO	WO-95/19092	A1	7/1995
JP	2005115790	A 4/2005	WO	WO-95/18449		7/1995
JP	4410169	B2 12/2005	WO	WO-95/26095	A2	9/1995
JP	2006025444	A 1/2006	WO	WO-95/26608	A1	10/1995
JP	2006066968	A 3/2006	WO	WO-95/28055	A1	10/1995
JP	200753566	3/2007	WO	WO-95/28799	A1	10/1995
JP	1078328	5/2009	WO	WO-95/30961	A1	11/1995
JP	04276342	B2 6/2009	WO	WO-95/32585		11/1995
JP	2010506299	A 2/2010	WO	WO-95/32587		11/1995
JP	2010187389	A 8/2010	WO	WO-9531069		11/1995
JP	2011083034	4/2011	WO	WO-9532583	A1	11/1995
JP	5053378	B2 10/2012	WO	WO-9532584		11/1995
JP	05137104	B2 2/2013	WO	WO-95/33338	A1	12/1995
KR	19920015347	7/1995	WO	WO-96/07270	A1	3/1996
KR	1998025758	7/1998	WO	WO-96/08109	A1	3/1996
KR	1019970064188	5/1999	WO	WO-96/09721	A1	3/1996
KR	1999-0086454	12/1999	WO	WO-9608113	A1	3/1996
KR	1020000054561	9/2000	WO	WO-96/13932	A1	5/1996
KR	1020030029410	4/2003	WO	WO-96/13013	A1	5/1996
KR	2005-0108181	A 11/2005	WO	WO-96/13124	A1	5/1996
KR	2005-0113493	A 12/2005	WO	WO-96/13935	A1	5/1996
KR	1020087015347	4/2011	WO	WO-96/17467	A2	6/1996
SG	60981	12/1998	WO	WO-96/17473		6/1996
WO	WO-83/02208	A1 6/1983	WO	WO-96/20555		7/1996
WO	WO-86/01359	A1 2/1986	WO	WO-9621990	A2	7/1996
WO	WO-86/01962	3/1986	WO	WO-96/25821	A1	8/1996
WO	WO-87/03766	6/1987	WO	WO-96/26605		8/1996
WO	WO-88/01465	A1 2/1988	WO	WO-9627270	A1	9/1996
WO	WO-88/04057	A1 6/1988	WO	WO-9627982		9/1996
WO	WO-88/04507	6/1988	WO	WO-9627989		9/1996

(56)		References Cited					
			FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS	WO	WO-98/17064	A1	4/1998
WO	WO-96/31980	A1	10/1996	WO	WO-9816056		4/1998
WO	WO-96/32583	A1	10/1996	WO	WO-9817033	A1	4/1998
WO	WO-96/33572		10/1996	WO	WO-9818260	A1	4/1998
WO	WO-96/34467	A1	10/1996	WO	WO-98/20675	A1	5/1998
WO	WO-96/34486	A1	10/1996	WO	WO-9819459	A1	5/1998
WO	WO-96/34491	A1	10/1996	WO	WO-9821664	A1	5/1998
WO	WO-9633579		10/1996	WO	WO-9821877		5/1998
WO	WO-96/36172		11/1996	WO	WO-98/26584		6/1998
WO	WO-96/37075		11/1996	WO	WO-98/26594		6/1998
WO	WO-96/37983	A1	11/1996	WO	WO-98/27723		6/1998
WO	WO-9637996	A1	11/1996	WO	WO-9826528	A2	6/1998
WO	WO-96/38799	A1	12/1996	WO	WO-9826569	A2	6/1998
WO	WO-96/41418	A1	12/1996	WO	WO-9826596		6/1998
WO	WO-96/41477	A1	12/1996	WO	WO-98/28906	A2	7/1998
WO	WO-96/41478		12/1996	WO	WO-98/31148	A1	7/1998
WO	WO-9638962		12/1996	WO	WO-9831115	A2	7/1998
WO	WO-9641470	A1	12/1996	WO	WO-9831116	A2	7/1998
WO	WO-9641471	A1	12/1996	WO	WO-9834405	A1	8/1998
WO	WO-9641472		12/1996	WO	WO-9837694	A1	8/1998
WO	WO-97/02568	A1	1/1997	WO	WO-98/39893	A2	9/1998
WO	WO-97/02702	A2	1/1997	WO	WO-98/41020	A1	9/1998
WO	WO-97/04595	A1	2/1997	WO	WO-9838831	A1	9/1998
WO	WO-9705616		2/1997	WO	WO-98/43183	A1	10/1998
WO	WO-9707656		3/1997	WO	WO-98/47279		10/1998
WO	WO-97/12314	A1	4/1997	WO	WO-98/47290	A1	10/1998
WO	WO-97/12486		4/1997	WO	WO-98/48566	A2	10/1998
WO	WO-97/13368		4/1997	WO	WO-9843416	A1	10/1998
WO	WO-97/17774	A1	5/1997	WO	WO-9847283		10/1998
WO	WO-97/18670	A1	5/1997	WO	WO-9847287		10/1998
WO	WO-97/18675		5/1997	WO	WO-9847289		10/1998
WO	WO-97/19555	A1	5/1997	WO	WO-98/51076	A1	11/1998
WO	WO-97/19565		5/1997	WO	WO-98/53611	A1	11/1998
WO	WO-97/22207		6/1997	WO	WO-98/56172	A1	12/1998
WO	WO-9721291	A2	6/1997	WO	WO-98/56173	A1	12/1998
WO	WO-97/23997	A1	7/1997	WO	WO-98/56176	A1	12/1998
WO	WO-97/26612	A1	7/1997	WO	WO-9859478	A1	12/1998
WO	WO97/28499	A1	8/1997	WO	WO-99/01984	A1	1/1999
WO	WO-97/31480		8/1997	WO	WO-99/03267	A1	1/1999
WO	WO-9730546		8/1997	WO	WO-99/04561		1/1999
WO	WO-9731479	A1	8/1997	WO	WO-99/04570		1/1999
WO	WO-97/33434		9/1997	WO	WO-99/07142	A1	2/1999
WO	WO-97/34413		9/1997	WO	WO-99/14945	A1	3/1999
WO	WO-9732434	A1	9/1997	WO	WO-99/14947	A1	3/1999
WO	WO-9734414		9/1997	WO	WO-9911060	A1	3/1999
WO	WO-9735428	A1	9/1997	WO	WO-9912320	A1	3/1999
WO	WO-97/36422		10/1997	WO	WO-9912346	A2	3/1999
WO	WO-9737500	A1	10/1997	WO	WO-9918722		4/1999
WO	WO-9740623		10/1997	WO	WO-99/29109	A1	6/1999
WO	WO-97/41673	A2	11/1997	WO	WO-99/30491	A1	6/1999
WO	WO-97/42763		11/1997	WO	WO-99/31480	A1	6/1999
WO	WO-97/46943	A1	12/1997	WO	WO-9927681	A2	6/1999
WO	WO-97/47106		12/1997	WO	WO-9928897	A1	6/1999
WO	WO-97/47124		12/1997	WO	WO-99/33265	A1	7/1999
WO	WO-97/47143		12/1997	WO	WO-99/35584	A2	7/1999
WO	WO-97/48230		12/1997	WO	WO-99/35753	A2	7/1999
WO	WO-97/49237		12/1997	WO	WO-99/35845	A1	7/1999
WO	WO-97/49241		12/1997	WO	WO-99/38092	A1	7/1999
WO	WO-97/49242		12/1997	WO	WO-9935827	A1	7/1999
WO	WO-97/50250	A1	12/1997	WO	WO-9937045	A1	7/1999
WO	WO-97/50251		12/1997	WO	WO-9939466	A1	8/1999
WO	WO-9745786		12/1997	WO	WO-99/45700		9/1999
WO	WO-9746008		12/1997	WO	WO-99/45701	A1	9/1999
WO	WO-9746016		12/1997	WO	WO-99/45702		9/1999
WO	WO-9748228	A1	12/1997	WO	WO-99/52279		10/1999
WO	WO-9749057		12/1997	WO	WO-99/52285	A1	10/1999
WO	WO-9801995		1/1998	WO	WO-99/56466		11/1999
WO	WO-98/06098	A1	2/1998	WO	WO-99/56473	A1	11/1999
WO	WO-98/06219		2/1998	WO	WO-99/57837	A2	11/1999
WO	WO-98/07277	A1	2/1998	WO	WO-99/57859		11/1999
WO	WO-98/10589	A1	3/1998	WO	WO-99/60493	A1	11/1999
WO	WO-98/10598		3/1998	WO	WO-99/60783		11/1999
WO	WO-9812872		3/1998	WO	WO-99/60789		11/1999
WO	WO-98/14009	A1	4/1998	WO	WO-9960790		11/1999
WO	WO-98/16062		4/1998	WO	WO-99/64969	A2	12/1999
WO	WO-98/17063	A1	4/1998	WO	WO-99/66725		12/1999
				WO	WO-9965237	A1	12/1999
				WO	WO-9965244	A1	12/1999
				WO	WO-00/04706	A2	1/2000

(56)

References Cited

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

WO WO-00/04707 1/2000
 WO WO-00/04708 A1 1/2000
 WO WO-00/04709 A1 1/2000
 WO WO-0001149 A1 1/2000
 WO WO-0002385 A1 1/2000
 WO WO-00/07368 2/2000
 WO WO-00/08850 2/2000
 WO WO-00/08851 2/2000
 WO WO-00/08852 2/2000
 WO WO-0005885 A1 2/2000
 WO WO-0005889 A1 2/2000
 WO WO-00/11865 A1 3/2000
 WO WO-00/13415 A2 3/2000
 WO WO-00/16548 3/2000
 WO WO-00/17738 A1 3/2000
 WO WO-0011869 A1 3/2000
 WO WO-0013416 A1 3/2000
 WO WO-0016336 A1 3/2000
 WO WO-00/28379 A1 5/2000
 WO WO-00/28734 5/2000
 WO WO-00/28739 5/2000
 WO WO-00/30345 A1 5/2000
 WO WO-0027122 A1 5/2000
 WO WO-00/33208 A2 6/2000
 WO WO-00/33560 A2 6/2000
 WO WO-00/33573 A1 6/2000
 WO WO-00/33578 A1 6/2000
 WO WO-00/34891 A2 6/2000
 WO WO-0033160 A2 6/2000
 WO WO-0033224 A1 6/2000
 WO WO-0033565 6/2000
 WO WO-0035193 A1 6/2000
 WO WO-00/40012 A1 7/2000
 WO WO-00/040014 A1 7/2000
 WO WO-00/040026 A1 7/2000
 WO WO-00/44146 A1 7/2000
 WO WO-00/49801 A1 8/2000
 WO WO-00/51310 A1 8/2000
 WO WO-00/58214 A1 10/2000
 WO WO-00/58833 10/2000
 WO WO-00/58967 10/2000
 WO WO-00/59214 A1 10/2000
 WO WO-00/59223 10/2000
 WO WO-00/59230 A1 10/2000
 WO WO-00/59233 10/2000
 WO WO-00/62298 10/2000
 WO WO-00/62299 10/2000
 WO WO-00/62533 10/2000
 WO WO-00/67475 11/2000
 WO WO-00/74383 A1 12/2000
 WO WO-00/79798 12/2000
 WO WO-01/01677 A1 1/2001
 WO WO-01/06784 A2 1/2001
 WO WO-0103088 A1 1/2001
 WO WO-0110126 A1 2/2001
 WO WO-0110128 A1 2/2001
 WO WO-01/15438 A1 3/2001
 WO WO-01/22729 3/2001
 WO WO-01/35662 A1 5/2001
 WO WO-01/37549 A2 5/2001
 WO WO-01-46843 A2 6/2001
 WO WO-01/47238 6/2001
 WO WO-01/47249 6/2001
 WO WO-01/47257 6/2001
 WO WO-01/47273 6/2001
 WO WO-01/47279 6/2001
 WO WO-01/69929 A1 9/2001
 WO WO-01/76239 10/2001
 WO WO-01/76704 A2 10/2001
 WO WO-0176248 A2 10/2001
 WO WO-0182600 A2 11/2001
 WO WO-0189213 A1 11/2001
 WO WO-01/93588 A2 12/2001
 WO WO-01/98920 A1 12/2001
 WO WO-02/31731 A2 4/2002

WO WO-02/67579 A1 8/2002
 WO WO-02/69636 A1 9/2002
 WO WO-02/78317 10/2002
 WO WO-02/84992 A2 10/2002
 WO WO-03/005712 A1 1/2003
 WO WO-03/032634 A2 4/2003
 WO WO-03/041410 A1 5/2003
 WO WO-03043321 A1 5/2003
 WO WO-03047235 A2 6/2003
 WO WO-03/060157 A2 7/2003
 WO WO-03/098932 11/2003
 WO WO-04/002156 A1 12/2003
 WO WO-04/019602 A2 3/2004
 WO WO-04/940906 A2 5/2004
 WO WO-04/054264 6/2004
 WO WO-04/091217 A1 10/2004
 WO WO-04/100526 A2 11/2004
 WO WO-05/002214 A1 1/2005
 WO WO-05/003921 A2 1/2005
 WO WO-05/022764 A1 3/2005
 WO WO-05/027512 A1 3/2005
 WO WO-05/084031 A1 9/2005
 WO WO-05/091626 9/2005
 WO WO-05/101188 A2 10/2005
 WO WO-06/060157 A2 6/2006
 WO WO-06/113404 A2 10/2006
 WO WO-07078739 A2 7/2007
 WO WO-07/096815 A1 8/2007
 WO WO-07/106464 A2 9/2007
 WO WO-08/045305 A2 4/2008
 WO WO-09/014593 A2 1/2009

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Buckeye DVR User Manual”, Retrieved at <<http://www.buckeyecablesystem.com/downloads/User_Information/DVR_UserGuide.pdf>>, pp. 12.
 “SureWest DVR”, Retrieved at <<http://www.surewest.com/digital_tv/dvr/surewest_dvr_guide_fin.pdf>>, pp. 1-17.
 “The Direct TV HD DVR Review and Overview”, Retrieved at <<<http://www.tvzap.com/free-direct-tv-dvr-deal.php>>>, Sep. 25, 2008, pp. 2.
 The Guru, “How to Record and Save Programs on your Dish Network DVR”, Retrieved at <<<http://satellitetevguru.net/how-to-record-and-save-programs-on-your-dish-network-dvr/>>>, May 12, 2008, pp. 3.
 U.S. Appl. No. 60/019,351.
 U.S. Appl. No. 60/020,580.
 U.S. Appl. No. 60/024,435.
 U.S. Appl. No. 60/024,436.
 U.S. Appl. No. 60/024,452.
 U.S. Appl. No. 60/032,539.
 “2720R Satellite Receiver User’s Guide,” General Instrument, 1991, pp. 58-61.
 “A Wonderworld of Services,” The Sunday Times, Innovation section, p. 4, Jan. 7, 1996, 1 page.
 “Articles from PR Newswire”, Published Jun. 5, 1997, 19 pages.
 “Columbia House CD-ROM Direct: Detail Page,” accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19961221160255/http://www.columbiahouse.com/cd/cgis> . . . , copyright 1996, printed on Sep. 19, 2013, 1 page.
 “Columbia House CD-ROM Direct: Download Demos!,” accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19961221095819/http://www.columbiahouse.com/cd/cgis> . . . , copyright 1996, printed on Sep. 19, 2013, 3 pages.
 “Columbia House CD-ROM Direct: Member Center,” accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19961221085905/http://www.columbiahouse.com/repl/cd/> . . . , copyright 1996, printed on Sep. 19, 2013, 2 pages.
 “Columbia House CD-ROM Direct: Member Center,” copyright 1996, 1 page.
 “Columbia House CD-ROM Direct: The Connection,” accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19961221100721/http://www.columbiahouse.com/repl/cd/> . . . , copyright 1996, printed on Sep. 20, 2013, 1 page.

(56)

References Cited

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"Columbia House CD-ROM Direct: The Connection," accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19961223152924/http://www.columbiahouse.com/repl/cd/> . . . , copyright 1996, printed on Sep. 20, 2013, 1 page.

"Columbia House Laser Disc Club: FAQ Answers," accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19961223165516/http://www.columbiahouse.com/repl/lc/t/> . . . , copyright 1996, printed on Sep. 20, 2013, 5 pages.

"Columbia House Laser Disc Club: Join The Club," accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19961221094037/http://www.columbiahouse.com/repl/lc/t/> . . . , copyright 1996, printed on Sep. 20, 2013, 2 pages.

"Columbia House Music Club: Join The Club," accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19961221091101/http://www.columbiahouse.com/repl/mc/> . . . , copyright 1996, printed on Sep. 20, 2013, 2 pages.

"Columbia House Music Club: Search," accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19961221114653/http://www.columbiahouse.com/repl/mc/> . . . , copyright 1996, printed on Sep. 19, 2013, 1 page.

"Columbia House Music Club: Shopping Cart," accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19961221120941/http://www.columbiahouse.com/mc/cgis/> . . . , copyright 1996, printed on Sep. 19, 2013, 1 page.

"Columbia House Video Club: Essential Collection," accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19961221131908/http://www.columbiahouse.com/vc/cgis/j/> . . . , copyright 1996, printed on Sep. 20, 2013, 1 page.

"Comdex—Mitsubishi Previews 40-Inch DiamondWeb TV," Newsbytes, Nov. 19, 1996, Abstract, 2 pages.

"Computer Network: Current Status and Outlook on Leading Science and Technology," Bureau of Science & Technology (Japan), vol. 1, Dec. 1986, 326 pages.

"Cool Websites: [2 Star Edition]," Houston Chronicle, Houston, Texas, Jul. 11, 1996, p. 3, Abstract.

"Creation-Modification of the Audio Signal Processor Setup for a PC Audio Editor," IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, vol. 30, No. 10, Mar. 1988, pp. 367-376.

"D2B-Home Bus Für Audio and Video," Selektor, Apr. 1990, pp. 10, 12. (English language translation attached) 8 total pages.

"DAVIC 1.0 Specifications", Part 1, "Description of DAVIC Functionalities," Revision 3.2, Digital Audio-Visual Council, Jul. 10, 1995, 61 pages.

"Description of Digital Audio-Visual Functionalities (Technical Report)," Digital Audio-Visual Council (DAVIC), 1.3.1 Part 1:1998, 86 pages.

"Does NBC Get It," Aug. 14, 1995, retrieved from the internet at <http://www.open4success.org/db/bin19/019687.html>, retrieved on Dec. 11, 2013, 1 page.

"Don Imus: The Thinking Man's Shock Jock", Broadcasting Cable, Jun. 13, 1994, 6 pages.

"Electronic Program Guide via Internet," Research Disclosure, Kenneth Mason Publications, Hampshire, GB, vol. 385, No. 2, May 1, 1996, ISSN: 0374-4353, 1 page.

"Enhanced Content Specification," "ATVEF," from the internet at <http://www.atvef.com-library-spec.html>, printed Aug. 22, 2001, the document bears a Copyright date of 1998, 1999, 2000, 41 pages.

"European Telecommunications Standards: Digital Broadcasting Systems for Television Sound and Data Services; Specification for Service Information (SI) in Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB) Systems," European Telecommunications Standards Institute, Dec. 1994, ETS 300 468, 64 pages.

"Facsimile Transmission," NHK Research Monthly Report, Dec. 1987 (Unknown author), 78 pages.

"GameSpot: Allied General—Download It Now!!!!," accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19970206133452/http://www.gamespot.com/strategy/allie/> . . . , copyright 1997, printed on Sep. 19, 2013, 1 page.

"GameSpot: Allied General at a Glance," accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19970205153530/http://www.gamespot.com/strategy/allie/> . . . , copyright 1996, printed on Sep. 19, 2013, 1 page.

"GameSpot's Downloads for Allied General," accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19970205060703/http://www.gamespot.com/strategy/allie/> . . . , copyright 1997, printed on Sep. 19, 2013, 1 page.

"Gateway Destination: The PC for the Office and the Family Room," PC Magazine, First Looks section, pp. 39-41, Jun. 11, 1996.

"General Instrument Features the Latest Interactive, Revenue-Generating Applications on its Advanced Analog CFT-2200 Platform at the National Cable Television Association's Show," PR Newswire—NY May 4, 1998, 2 pages.

"Getting Started" Installation Guide, "Using StarSight 1" Manual, and Remote Control "Quick Reference Guide." Undated, 93 pages.

"Hobbes' Internet Timeline 10.2," by Robert H'obbes' Zakon, from the internet at <http://www.zakon.org/robert/internet/timeline/>, printed from the internet on Sep. 13, 2012, 29 pages.

"Information Technology—Generic Coding of Moving Pictures and Associated Audio Information—Part 6: Extensions for DSM-CC," International Standard First Addition, Sep. 1, 1998 (626 pages).

"Interactive Computer Conference Server," IBM Technical Bulletin, vol. 34, No. 7A, Dec. 1991, pp. 375-377.

"Interactivity for the Passive," published in Dec. 6, 1993 issue of Forbes, 5 pages.

"Interface Device for Conventional TVs to Improve Functionality," IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, vol. 36, No. 7, Jul. 1993, pp. 53-54.

"Internet User Forecast by Country," Computer Industry Almanac—Press Release, from the internet at <http://www.c-i-a.com/internetusersexec.html>, printed from the internet on Sep. 13, 2012, 3 pages.

"IS-60.3 Physical Layer and Medium Specifications. Part 3—CS Physical Layer & Medium Specification," CX Specification, Revised Mar. 19, 1992, Table of Contents and pp. 1-41 (45 pages).

"List-Mania," published in May 1992 issue of Video Review, 5 pages.

"MSI Datacasting Systems," TV Communications Journal, 2 pages, Jan. 1973.

"Open TV Launches OpenStreamer™ Technology for Broadcasters to Deliver First Ever Real-Time Digital Interactive Television," from the internet at http://www.opentv.com-news-openstreamer_press_final.htm, printed on Jun. 28, 1999, the document bears a copyright date of 1999, 2 pages.

"Prevue Channel Sep. 1, 1995 (part 1)," PrevueGuide, from the internet at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVul78nH6RY>, retrieved on Nov. 26, 2013, 1 page.

"Prevue Networks and OpenTV(R) Agree to Work Together on Deploying Interactive Program Guides Worldwide," from the internet at <http://www.opentv.com-news-prevuefinal.htm>, printed on Jun. 28, 1999, 2 pages.

"Prevue Online Debuts Local Listings for 250 Systems; System-Specific Listings Include Multimedia Features—Free Build Acceleration," PR Newswire, Jun. 5, 1997, 2 pages.

"Prevue Online", Dec. 28, 1996, extract from web.archive.org, printed on Nov. 18, 2014, <http://www.prevue.com>, 1 page.

"Probe XL Brochure, Auto Tote Systems Inc.," (Newark, Delaware) (undated) 57 pgs.

"Step Up to the Superhighway," The Sunday Times, Innovation section, p. 6, Jan. 7, 1996.

"Student.Net TV Search & Remind," from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19970124213237/http://www.student.net/tv/> and <http://web.archive.org/web/19970124214926/www.student.net/tv/serch.cgi?searchTerm=Fri> . . . , printed on May 12, 2005, 5 pages.

"Switched Digital Video & Cable's Looming Bandwidth Crisis: Executive Summary," Heavy Reading, vol. 5, No. 16, Dec. 2007, 4 pages. [http://www.heavyreading.com/details.asp?sku_id=2014&skuitem_itemid=1063&promo_code=&aff_code=&next_url=%2Fdefault.asp%3F].

(56)

References Cited

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Technological Examination & Basic Investigative Research Report on Image Databases," Japan Mechanical Engineering Organization Int'l Society for the Advancement of Image Software, Japan, Mar. 1988, 127 pages.
- "Technology: Turn on, tune in and print out—An experimental interactive television service is set to alter our viewing habits," *Financial Times* (London), Oct. 14, 1993, p. 11.
- "The Columbia House Video Club: Download Software," accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19961223163101/http://www.columbiahouse.com/repl/vc...>, copyright 1996, printed on Sep. 19, 2013, 1 page.
- "The History Behind Broadcast—SmarTV (1989)," Broadcast Technologies, from the internet at <http://www.broadcast.com/smartv.html>, Jul. 1989, pp. 1-6, printed from the internet on Aug. 31, 2005.
- "The New Media and Broadcast Policy: An Investigation & Research Conference Report on Broadcasting Diversification," Radio Regulatory Bureau, Japan Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications, Mar. 1982, 114 pages.
- "Today's Stop: What's on Tonite," Oct. 3, 1995, retrieved from the internet at <http://internettourbus.com/arch/1995/TB100395.TXT>, retrieved on Dec. 9, 2013, 3 pages.
- "TV Listings Functional Spec.," Time Video Information Services, Inc., undated, 11 pages.
- "Welcome to Columbia House Online," accessed from the internet at <http://web.archive.org/web/19961221085121/http://www.columbiahouse.com/>, copyright 1996, printed on Sep. 19, 2013, 1 page.
- "What's New @ Prevue Online—Real™ Video," May 2, 1997, extract from web.archive.org, printed on Nov. 18, 2014, <http://www.pvue.com/scripts/whatsnew.asp>, 5 pages.
- "What's on Tonite!," Jan. 28, 1995, retrieved from the internet at <http://www.library.georgetown.edu/newjour/publication/whats-tonite-tm>, retrieved on Dec. 11, 2013, 9 pages.
- "Yearling's Free Personalised TV Guide," from the internet at <http://www.yearling.com/>, Dec. 30, 1996, 15 pages.
- A Financial Times Survey: Viewdata (Advertisement), *Financial Times*, Mar. 20, 1979.
- Abarca, C. et al., Telecommunications Information Networking Architecture Consortium "TINA-C Deliverable" Service Architecture, Version 5.0, Jun. 16, 1997, 168 pages.
- ACM Multimedia 93 Proceedings, A Digital On-Demand Video Service Supporting Content-Based Queries, Little et al. pp. 427-436, Jul. 1993.
- Addressable Converters: A New Development at CableData, *Via Cable*, vol. 1, No. 12, Dec. 1981, 11 pages.
- Advanced Analog Systems—Addressable Terminals General Instrument Corp. of Horsham, Pennsylvania (URL:<http://www.gi.com/BUSAREA/ANALOG/TERMINAL/WATCH/watch.html>) Printed from the Internet on Mar. 4, 1999, 1 page.
- Advertisement for "TV Decisions," *Cable Vision*, Aug. 4, 1986, 3 pages.
- Aho, Debra, "New Delphi Ads Push Envelope: Starting Visuals From Upstart Agency Go Too Far for One Paper's Tastes," *Advertising Age* 0.0, May 30, 1994, p. 16, Abstract (2 pages).
- Alexander, Michael "Visualizing cleared-off desktops," *Computerworld*, May 6, 1991, p. 20.
- Andrews, "A Chip That Allows Parents to Censor TV Sex and Violence," *The New York Times*, Sunday, Jul. 18, 1993, 2 pages.
- Antonoff, M., "Stay Tuned for Smart TV," *Popular Science*, Nov. 1990, pp. 62-65.
- Arango et al., "The Touring Machine System," *Communications of the ACM*, Jan. 1993, vol. 36, No. 1, pp. 68-77.
- Intel InterCast's Website from Archive. Org, "How Does It Work?," <<https://web.archive.org/web/19990429214537/www.intercast.com/intercast/howitwks.htm>>, Accessed on Jul. 8, 2008, 2 pages.
- Intel InterCast's Website from Archive. Org, "What Is It?," <<http://web.archive.org/web/19990422195517/www.inercast.com/intercast/whatisit.htm>>, Accessed on Jul. 8, 2008, 1 page.
- Armstrong, "Channel-Surfing's next wave: Henry Yuen's interactive TV guide takes on TCI and Viacom," *BusinessWeek*, Jul. 31, 1995, 3 pages.
- Arnold, "Britain to get wired city—via telephone," *Electronics*, Mar. 4, 1976, at 76.
- Automating in a digital world, servers lead the way into the new realm of DTV, Broadcasting and Cable, published Nov. 24, 1997, 5 pages.
- Bach U et al, "Multimediales-TV-Geraet," *Radio Fernsehen Elektronik*, De, Veib, Verlag, Technik, Berlin, vol. 45, No. 9, Aug. 1, 1996, pp. 28, 30-31, XP 000636538, ISSN: 1436-1574 (Translation, pp. 1-5).
- Bach U et al, "Multimedia-Terminal ALS Endgeraet," *Funkschau*, De, Franzis-Verlag K.G. Munchen, vol. 68, No. 6, Mar. 1, 1996, pp. 70-75, XP 000556486, ISSN: 0016-2841 (Translation, pp. 1-7).
- Bach, U. et al., "Multimedia TV Set, Part 1" *Radio-Fernsehen Elektronik (RFE)*, Sep. 1996, pp. 28, 30, 31. (English language translation attached).
- Bach, U. et al., "Multimedia TV Set, Part 2 and Conclusion," *Radio-Fernsehen Elektronik (RFE)*, Oct. 1996, pp. 38-40. (English language translation attached.).
- Bacon, "Concurrent Systems," 2nd Ed, Addison Wesley Longman Ltd., 59 pages, 1998.
- Baer, R.H, "Innovative Add-On TV Products," *IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics*, vol. CE-25, Nov. 1979, pp. 765-771.
- Bell Atlantic Buys Cable TV Company for \$22bn, *Financial Times* (London), Oct. 14, 1993 p. 65.
- Bensch, U., "VPV Videotext Programs Videorecorder," *IEEE Paper*, Jun. 1988, pp. 788-792.
- Berniker, "TV Guide going online", *Broadcasting & Cable*, pp. 49-52 (Jun. 13, 1994).
- Berniker, M., "DEC Develops Server/Set-Top Alliance: Company Wants to Insure Compatibility for Next Generation of TV Sets," Dec. 5, 1994, 1 page.
- Bestler, Caitlin "Flexible Data Structures and Interface Rituals for Rapid Development of OSD Applications," Proceedings from the Eleven Technical Sessions, 42nd Annual Convention and Exposition and Exploration of the NCTA, San Francisco, CA Jun. 6-9, 1993, pp. 223-236. Jun. 6, 1993.
- Blahut et al., "Interactive Television," Proceedings of the IEEE, Jul. 1995, 17 pages.
- Bolle, et al., "Video Query: Research Directions," *IMB Journal of Research and Development* 42, 2: ProQuest p. 233, Mar. 1998.
- Bowen et al., The Datacycle Architecture, *Communications of the ACM*, vol. 35, No. 12 pp. 71-81, Dec. 1992.
- Boyd-Merritt, "Television wires two-way video," *Electronic Engineering Times*, Apr. 25, 1994, 3 pages.
- Brochure, "A New Approach to Addressability," *CableData*, undated, 9 pages.
- Brochure, "Westar and Videotoken Network Present the CableComputer," Revised Aug. 15, 1985, 41 pages.
- Brochure, Time Inc., "Now, Through the Advances of the Computer Age, You Can Get the Information You Want, When You Want It. Instantly and Conveniently, on Your Home TV Screen," Time Teletext, Time Video Information Services, Inc., undated, (pp. V 79167-79175).
- Brochure, VTN "Videotoken Network, New Dimension Television," Dec. 1985, 10 pages.
- Brody H., Information highway: The Home Front, *Technology Review*, vol. 96:6 (Aug./Sep. 1993) p. 30, 7 pages.
- Brown, "The Next Step: Searchable Television," *Broadcasting & Cable*, 128, 22: ProQuest, p. 30, May 25, 1998.
- Brugliera, "Digital On-Screen Display—A New Technology for the Consumer Interface," Symposium Record Cable Sessions, 18th International Television Symposium and Technical Exhibition, Montreux, Switzerland, Jun. 10-15, 1993, pp. 572-586, Jun. 11, 1993.
- Buchholz et al., "Revolution auf dem Bildschirm—Die neuen Medien Videotext und Bildschirmtext," Wilhelm Goldmann Verlag, Munich, Germany, copyright 1979, pp. 24-33 and 36-39 (English language translation attached).
- Business Wire, Gemstar Adopts Shareholder Rights Plan and Amendments to Articles and Memorandum of Association, Jul. 12, 1998, 2 pages.

(56) **References Cited**

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Bwanausi, D., 'Daily News' Zones Into New Editions, ADWEEK Western Edition, Sep. 17, 1990, 2 pages.
- Cable Computer User's Guide, Rev. 1, Dec. 1985, 4 pages.
- Cable Data, "What's a software company doing manufacturing addressable converters?" (2011), p. 331, 10 pages.
- Cable Television Equipment, Jerrold Communications Publication, dated 1992 and 1993, pp. 8-2.1 to 8-6 and 8-14.1 to 8-14.3.
- CableData, Roseville Consumer Presentation, Mar. 1986, 12 pages.
- Carne, E.B., "The Wired Household," *IEEE Spectrum*, vol. 16 No. 10, Oct. 1979, pp. 61-66.
- Case 4: 11-cv-06591-PJH, Complaint for Declaratory Relief (plaintiff), dated Dec. 21, 2011, 16 pages.
- Chan, Patrick P., "Learning Considerations in User Interface Design: The Room Model," Publication of the Software Portability Laboratory, University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, Jul. 1984, 52 pages.
- Chang, Yee-Hsiang et al., "An Open-Systems Approach to Video on Demand," *IEEE Communications Magazine*, May 1994, pp. 68-80.
- Chawathe, Y., et al., "A Proxy Architecture for Reliable Multicast in Heterogeneous Environments", *ACM Multimedia '98*, Bristol, UK, pp. 151-159, 1998.
- Chen et al., "Real Time video and Audio in the World Wide Web," Proc. 4th World Wide Web Conference, 1995, 15 pages.
- Cheng et al., "Extended Relational Database Technology for New Applications," *IBM Systems Journal*, vol. 33, No. 2 (1994), 16 pages.
- Cherrick, S. et al., Individually addressable receiver with interactive channel guide display, VCR, and cable box control, *IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics*, 40:3 (1994), pp. 317-328.
- Christodoulakis, Steven and Graham, Stephen "Browsing Within Time-Driven Multimedia Documents," publication of the Institute for Computer Research, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada Jul. 1988 pp. 219-227.
- Cleland, Kim, "Look Out MSN, Here Comes MCI," *Advertising Age*, vol. 66, No. 32, Aug. 14, 1995, p. 19 (2 pages).
- CNN Tech: Sonicblue revives ReplayTV, articles.cnn.com, Sep. 10, 2001, retrieved from the internet http://articles.cnn.com/2001-09-10/tech/replay.tv.idg_1_replaytv-sonicblue-digital-video?_s=PM:Tech, 2 pages.
- Compton et al., "Internet CNN Newsroom: a digital video news magazine and library," Proc. of the Intl. Conf. on Multimedia Computing and Systems. Washington, May 15-18, 1995; [Proceedings of the International Conference on Multimedia Computing and Systems], Los Alamitos, IEEE Comp. Soc. Press, US, May 15, 1995 (May 15, 1995), pp. 296-301, XP010154611.
- Computer Science: An Overview, 5th Edition, Addison Wesley, ISBN 0-8053-4632-5, pp. 25 to 28 (undated).
- Results listing from web.archive.org showing the archive date of Oct. 9, 1997 as the archived date of document, 1 page.
- Costello, "VideoGuide vs. StarSight—Going Screen-to-Screen," Dealerscope Consumer Electronics Marketplace 38.1, Copyright North American Publishing Company, Jan. 1996, 4 pages.
- Costello, M., On-screen TV program guides, *Stereo Review*, 60:8 (Aug. 1995), 3 pages.
- Cox, J. et al., "Extended Services in A Digital Compression System," Proceedings from Eleven Technical Sessions: 42nd Annual Convention and Exposition of the National Cable Television Association, Jun. 1993, pp. 185-191.
- Daily, Mack, "Addressable Decoder with Downloadable Operation," Proceedings from the Eleven Technical Sessions, 42nd Annual Convention and Exposition of the NCTA, Jun. 6-9, 1993, pp. 82-89.
- Damouny, N.G., "Teletext Decoders-Keeping Up With the Latest Advances," *IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics*, vol. CE-30, No. 3, Aug. 1984, pp. 429-435.
- Dan et al., "Evolution and Challenges in Multimedia," *IBM Journal of Research and Development*, 42, 2: ProQuest p. 177, Mar. 1998.
- Davidson, Ken, "CEBus: A New Standard in Home Automation" *Circuit Cellar Ink*, pp. 40-52 (1989).
- Day, "The Great PC/TV Debate," *OEM Magazine*, Jul. 1, 1996, 6 pages.
- December, J., "Understanding the Potential of Java and the Web", Presenting Java, published Sep. 20, 1995, 219 pages.
- Derwent Abstracts, RD 385002 A, "Electronic Program Guide System via Internet Uses Television Programs Displayed on Internet Pages and Associates it With Program Label and On-Screen Icons to Remotely Program and Control TV Receiver w.r.t. Selected Program," published May 10, 1996 (2 pages).
- Dial M for Movie, *Periodical Funkschau*, vol. 11/1994, pp. 78-79 (English language translation attached).
- Dialing the printed page, *ITT in Europe Profile*, 11/Spring 1977, 2 pages.
- Dias, D. "A Scalable and Highly Available Web Server", *IEEE, Proceedings of COMPCON '96*, p. 85-92, 1996.
- Dickson, G., "KPTV Gets on the Sony Digital Train," *Broadcasting & Cable*, 2 pages, Jan. 8, 1996.
- Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); DVB specification for data broadcasting, European Telecommunications Standards Institute, Draft EN 301 192 V1.2.1 (Jan. 1999), 33 pages.
- Dinwiddie et al., "Combined-User Interface for Computers, Television, Video Recorders, and Telephone, Etc.," *IP.com Prior Art Database Bulletin*, Aug. 1, 1990, 3 pages.
- DIRECTV Digital Satellite Receiver—Operating Instructions, Sony Electronics Inc., 60 pages. (2001).
- DIRECTV Plus2 System, Thompson Consumer Electronics, Inc., 2 pages (1999).
- DIRECTV Receiver—Owner's Manual, DIRECTV, Inc., 119 pages (2002).
- DIRECTV Receiver with TiVo Digital Satellite Receiver/Recorder SAT-T60—Installation Guide, Sony Corporation, 43 pages (2000).
- DIRECTV Receiver with TiVo Installation Guide, Philips, TiVo Inc., 68 pages (2000).
- DIRECTV Receiver with TiVo Viewer's Guide, Tivo Inc., Sony Corp., 152 pages (1999, 2000).
- DiRosa, S. "Pinochle's BIGSURF Netguide", Jul. 1995, vol. 3.1, pp. 260-270 (27 total pages).
- DiRosa, S., "BIGSURF Netguide," Jul. 1995, vol. 3.1 (Sections 18, 21, and 28—renumbered as pp. 1-27).
- DishPro Satellite System—User's Guide, Dish Network, 144 pages (Sep. 1, 2001).
- Dr. Dobb's, "Implementing a Web Shopping Cart," from the internet at <https://www.drdoobs.com/article/print?articleId=184409959&siteSect...>, Sep. 1, 1996, printed from the internet on Sep. 13, 2012, 15 pages.
- Eckhoff, "TV Listing Star on the Computer," *Central Penn Business Journal*, High Beam Research, 4 pages (Mar. 15, 1996).
- Edwardson, S.M., & Gee, A., "CEEFAX: A Proposed New Broadcasting Service," *Journal of the SMPTE*, Jan. 1974, vol. 83 No. 1, pp. 14-19.
- Eitz, Gerhard, "Zukünftige Informations—Und Datenangebote Beim Digitalen Fernsehen—EPG Und "Lesezeichen"," *Rundfunktechnische Mitteilungen*, vol. 41, pp. 67-72, Jun. 1997 (English language translation attached).
- Electronic Program Guide via Internet, Research Disclosure, Kenneth Mason Publications, Hampshire, GB Nr. 385 (May 1996) p. 276, ISSN:0374-4353.
- Electronic Programme Guide (EPG); Protocol for a TV Guide using electronic data transmission by European Telecommunication Standards Institute, May 1997, Valbonne, France, publication No. ETS 300 707, 89 pages.
- Fall 2001 TiVo Service Update with Dual Tuner!, TiVo Inc., 9 pages (2001).
- Fall, K., A Peer-to-Peer I/O System in Support of I/O Intensive Workloads, PhD Dissertation, University of California, San Diego (1994) 133 pages.
- Federighi, C. et al. "A Distributed Hierarchical Storage Manager for a Video-on-Demand System", *Storage and Retrieval for Image and Video Databases II, IS&T/SPIE, Symp. on Elec. Imaging Sci. & Tech.*, San Jose, CA, pp. 1-13, Feb. 1994.
- Fox, A., et al., Adapting to Network and Client Variation Using Infrastructural Proxies: Lessons and Perspectives, *Personal Communications IEEE*, pp. 10-19 (Aug. 1998) (15 pages).

(56)

References Cited

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Fry et al., "Delivering QoS Controlled Continuous Media on the World Wide Web," Proceedings of the 4th International IFIP Workshop on QoS, Paris, Mar. 6-8, 1996, 12 pages.
- FTP file listing of doc/resource-guide/front-matter at ftp.cs.toronto.edu (undated), 1 page.
- Furht et al., Design issues for interactive television systems, Computer, vol. 28:5 (May 1995), pp. 25-39.
- Garneau, "Information Highway in Quebec," Editor & Publisher, vol. 127, No. 5, Jan. 29, 1994 (4 pages).
- Gavron, Jacquelyn, Moran, Joseph, How to Use Microsoft Windows NT 4 Workstation, 1996, entire document, pp. 1-5.
- Gemstar Buys VideoGuide Stake, Consumer Electronics, Feb. 26, 1996, 2 pages.
- Gemstar Development Corporation, VCR plus +, 1990, 4 pages.
- Goff, Leslie, "Subs Find Lots of Program Guides Online," Multichannel News, vol. 17, No. 19, May 6, 1996, p. 38, Abstract (3 pages).
- Goldberg, "A 35 inch Zenith TV premieres Star Sight's onscreen guide," Video, 1 page (Apr. 1995).
- Gondow et al., "The Architecture of Communication Migration and Media State Management for Distributed Applications on Wearable Networks," Information Processing Society of Japan 61st National Conference, Oct. 3-5, 2000, (with English language translation), 8 pages.
- Growing US interest in the impact of viewdata, Computing Weekly, Jul. 20, 1978, 1 page.
- Hallenbeck et al., "Personal Home TV Programming Guide," Digest of Technical Papers of the International Conference on Consumer Electronics, Jun. 6-8, 1990, pp. 310-311.
- Han et al., "Dynamic Adaptation in an Image Transcoding Proxy for Mobile Web Browsing," IEEE Personal Communications, Dec. 1998, pp. 8-17.
- Harada, Mamoru et al., "Internet de teledi housou ga hajimaru," ("Television Broadcasting Starts with the Internet"), Nikkei Electronics, Japan, Nikkei BP, No. 653, Jan. 15, 1996, pp. 67-75.
- Hartwig, Rautenberg, Bollmann, "Broadcasting and Processing of Program Guides for Digital TV," SMPTE Journal, pp. 727-732, Oct. 1997.
- Hauptmann et al., "News on Demand," News-on-Demand: An Application Informedia® Technology D-Lib Magazine, (Sep. 13, 1995), XP002675162, Retrieved from the Internet: URL: <http://www.dlib.org/dlib/september95/nod/page3/html> [retrieved on May 2, 2012], 1 page.
- Healey, J., "Smart TV Recorders Get Another Player", San Jose Mercury News (California), Sep. 11, 1998, 2 pages.
- Hedger, J., "Telesoftware: Home Computing Via Broadcast Teletext," IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics, vol. CE-25, No. 3, Jul. 1979, pp. 279-287.
- Hirtz Gentlemen: et al., "Open TV: Betriebssystem Fuer Interaktives Fernsehen," Fernseh Und Kinotechnik, de vde Verlag GMBH, Berlin, vol. 50, No. 3, Mar. 1, 1996, pp. 84-89, XP 000581417, ISSN: 0015-0142 (Translation, pp. 1-9).
- Hitachi Consumer Electronics Co., Ltd., Certification of market introduction in 1993 of Hitachi Projection TV Model 55EX7K, 1 page.
- Hitachi Projection Color TV Operating Guide, for Models 55EX7K, 50EX6K, 50ES1 B-K, and 46EX3B-4K, undated, 38 pages.
- Hitachi Service Manual, No. 0021, Projection Color Television, Models 55EX7K, 50EX6K, 50ES1 B-K, 46EX3B-4K, and 46EX3BS-4KS, Aug. 1993, 1 page.
- Hoarty, W. Leo, "Multimedia on Cable Television Systems," Symposium Record Table TV Sessions, 18th International Television Symposium and Technical Exhibition, Montreux, Switzerland, Jun. 10, 1993, pp. 555-567.
- Hobbes Internet Timeline, Mar. 22, 2007, 17 pages.
- Hodge, W. et al., Video on demand: Architecture, Systems, and Applications, Selected Papers from the SMPTE Advanced Television and Electronic Imaging Conference, Feb. 4, 1994, pp. 120-132.
- Hofmann et al., "Videotext Programmirt Videorecorder," Rundfunktechnische Mitteilungen, Nov.-Dec. 1982, pp. 254-257 (translation attached).
- Hofmann, J., "The Consumer Electronic Bus: An Integrated Multi-Media LAN for the Home," International Journal of Digital and Analog Communication Systems, vol. 4, No. 2, 1991, pp. 77-86.
- Holland, "NAPLPS standard defines graphics and text communications," EDN, Jan. 10, 1985, at 179.
- Honey, is there anything good on the remote tonight? advertisement from Multichannel News, Broadband Week Section, p. 168, Nov. 30, 1998.
- Hong, et al. "A Networking Architecture for Mobility Services Using Mobile Agent Approach" Proceedings of the TINA '97—Global Convergence of Telecommunications and Distributed Object Computing 0-8186-8335-x/97, 1997 IEEE, 11 pages.
- How Evolve Works, from the Internet at <http://www.evolveproducts.com/network.html>, printed on Dec. 28, 1998, 1 page.
- Hua et al. "An adaptive hybrid technique for video multicast," Proceedings of the International Conference on Computer Communications and Networks, Lafayette, USA, Oct. 12, 1998, pp. 227-234, XP010587052.
- IBM Corporation "IBM VideoCharger for AIX Version 2.0" Streaming the power of video to your desktop, pp. 1-5 Visit the IBM VideoCharger Website at: www.software.ibm.com/data/videocharger/, undated, 5 pages.
- IBM Corporation, "IBM Video Charger Server", 2 pages, Jun. 1998.
- IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, vol. 33, No. 3B, published Aug. 1990, 3 pages.
- IEEE 1990 International Conference on Consumer Electronics Digest of Technical Papers, Table of Contents, Jun. 6-8, 1990, 14 pages.
- Iizuka, Honbashi, Kuwana, Building Internet TV Guide Service 1 and 2, the 53rd National Conference Proceedings, Japan, Information Processing Society of Japan, Sep. 6, 1996 p. 3-227 to 230.
- Ikejiri, Minoru et al., "Maruchimedia wo riido suru apurikeishon kaihatu," ("Application Development for Leading Multimedia"), Journal of NTT Technologies, Japan, The Telecommunications Association of Japan, vol. 7, No. 9, Sep. 1, 1995, pp. 48-55. (Concise Explanation included in IDS letter).
- Imke, S., Interactive Video Management and Production, Educational Technology Publications, May 1991, http://www.amazon.com/Interactive-Video-Management-Production-Steven/dp/0877782334/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1416426739&sr=8-1&keywords=interactive+video+management+and+production&pebp=1416426742553, 2 pages.
- Indiana Gazette, Published Feb. 16, 1991, Showing Uniden is on the Market with Included Price, 2 pages.
- Inouye et al., "System Support for Mobile Multimedia Applications", Proc. of the 7th Intl. Workshop on Network and Operating System Support for Digital Audio and Video, 1997, pp. 143-154.
- Instruction Manual Using StarSight 2, StarSight Telecast, Inc., 1994, 27 pages.
- Instructional Manual, "Sonic The Hedgehog," Sega of America, 1992, 11 pages.
- Irven, "Multi-Media Information Services: A Laboratory Study," IEEE Communications Magazine, vol. 26, No. 6, Jun. 1988, pp. 27-33 and 36-44.
- Ishii, Hiroshi et al., "Clearface: Translucent Multiuser Interface for TeamWorkStation," ECSCW, Sep. 1991, pp. 6-10.
- Ishii, Hiroshi et al., "Toward an Open Shared Workspace: Computer and Video Fusion Approach of Team Workstation," Communications of the ACM, Dec. 1991, vol. 34 No. 12, pp. 37-50.
- Isobe, T. et al., Interactivity in broadcasting and its Application to ISDB Service, IEEE Transactions on Broadcasting, vol. 42:3 (Sep. 1996), pp. 179-185.
- Jaidev, "XSLT—A Wired and Wireless Case Study," <http://csharpcomputing.com/XMLTutorial/Lesson15.htm>, 6 pages, printed Oct. 14, 2005.
- James, A., "Oracle—Broadcasting the Written Word," Wireless World, Jul. 1973, vol. 79, No. 1453, pp. 314-316.

(56)

References Cited

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Jini™ Architecture Overview, by Jim Waldo, from the Internet at <http://Java.sun.com/products/jini/whitepapers/architectureoverview.pdf/> printed on Jan. 25, 1999. The document bears a copyright date of 1998, 18 pages.
- Judice, C.N., "Move Over Cable, Here Comes Video Via Voice Lines," *Network World*, Sep. 1986, p. 26.
- JVC Service Manual, 27 Color Monitor-Receiver, Model AV-2771S (U.S.), Jul. 1991, 89 pages.
- Kai et al., Development of a Simulation System for Integrated Services Television, Report from Information Processing Society of Japan, Japan, Sep. 13, 1996, vol. 96, No. 90 p. 13-20.
- Karon, P., "Replay to Bow, Instant VCR", *Daily Variety*, Sep. 8, 1998, 2 pages.
- Karstad, K., "Microprocessor Control for Color-TV Receivers," *IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics*, vol. CE-26, May 1980, pp. 149-155.
- Karunanithi et al., "A Feature-Based Neural Network Movie Selection Approach," *Proc. Intl. Workshop on Applications of Neural Networks to Telecommunications*, Stockholm, Sweden, May 22-24, 1995, pp. 162-169.
- Katkere et al., "Interactive Video on WWW: Beyond VCR-like Interfaces," *Computer Networks and ISDN Systems*, vol. 28, Issue 11, 1996, pp. 1559-1572.
- Katsuhiko Ochiai (Random TV: Next-generation TV program watching system with random access media), *Information Processing Society of Japan, 56th National Conference Proceedings (3)* (1998, first part) Mar. 17, 1998 3-302 to 303 (English translation attached).
- Kembery, Network based video storage for retrieval over the ISDN, *International Conference on Storage and Recording Systems*, Apr. 5-7, 1994, pp. 124-128.
- Khoo et al., "An Expert System Approach to Online Catalog Subject Searching," *Information Processing & Management: An International Journal*, vol. 30, No. 2, 1994, pp. 223-238.
- Komarinski, Mark, Anonymous FTP p. 1, May 1, 1995 *Linux Journal*, entire document.
- Komarinski, Mark, Anonymous FTP p. 2, May 1, 1995 *Linux Journal*, entire document.
- Kornhaas, W., "Von der Textprogrammierung uber TOP zum Archivsystem," *Radio Fernsehen Elektronik*, vol. 40, No. 8, Aug. 30, 1991, pp. 465-468, XP 000240875 Veb Verlag Technik. Berlin, DE ISSN: 1436-1574.
- Large, "Throw away the books—Viewdata's coming," *Guardian*, Jan. 10, 1978. 1 page.
- Large, "Viewdata, the invention that brings boundless advice and information to the home, also sets a test for the Post Office," *Financial Guardian*, Jun. 29, 1978, 3 pages.
- Larsson, L. C., *Creating a Serials Database in Access: A Primer for Resource Center Managers*, Jun. 23, 1998, accessed Dec. 23, 2011 at <http://faculty.washington.edu/larsson/conf/aiha98/primer/reports.htm>, 22 pages.
- Leftwich, Jim & Schein, Steve, *StarSight Interactive Television Program Guide, Phase III, Functional/Interactional Architecture Specification Document*, Orbit Interaction, Palo Alto, California, undated, 36 pages.
- Leftwich, Jim, Lai, Willy & Schein, Steve, *StarSight Interactive Television Program Guide, Phase IV, Functional/Interactional Architecture Specification Document*, Orbit Interaction, Palo Alto, California, published before Apr. 19, 1995, 88 pages.
- Li, et al., "Distributed Multimedia Systems," *Proceedings of the IEEE*, vol. 85, No. 7, pp. 1063-1108 (Jul. 1997).
- Li, W. et al., *Vision: A Digital Library*, *Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Digital Libraries*, Mar. 20-23, 1996, pp. 19-27.
- Limongiello, et al. *An Experimental Open Architecture to Support Multimedia Services based on CORBA, Java and WWW Technologies*, TELECOM Italia Headquarters, Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 1997. 69-75. pp. 69-75.
- Listing of computer code for operating system within the Cable Computer in 1985 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 298), undated, 97 pages.
- Listing of computer code for Video HTU Program (Plaintiff's Exhibit 299), undated, 1 page.
- Lists> What's on Tonite TV Listings Internet Article, [Online], Jan. 28, 1995, XP002378869 Retrieved from the Internet: URL: www.scout.wisc.edu/Projects/PastProjects/NH/95-01-31/0018.html [retrieved on Apr. 28, 2006] *the whole document*.
- Little et al., "Prospects for Interactive Video-on-Demand," *IEEE Multimedia*, Fall 1994, pp. 14-24.
- Lloyd, "Impact of technology," *Financial Times*, Jul. 1978, 2 pages.
- Loen et al., "Subscriber Terminal Units for Video Dial Tone Systems," *IEEE Network*, Sep./Oct. 1995, pp. 48-57.
- Louth Automation website (www.louth.com) dated Aug. 1997, 6 pages.
- Lowenstein, R.L. and Aller, H.E., "The Inevitable March of Videotex," *Technology Review*, vol. 88, Oct. 1985, p. 22.
- Lynch's timeline of net related terms and concepts, Mar. 22, 2007, 8 pages.
- M-A-COM, Inc., "Videocipher II Satellite Descrambler Owner's Manual," dated Prior Feb. 1986, pp. 1-17.
- Mah et al., "Providing Network Video Service to Mobile Clients," 1993 *IEEE*, pp. 48-54.
- Mannes, G., "Smart Screens: Development of Personal Navigation Systems for TV Viewers," *Video Magazine*, Dec. 1993, 6 pages.
- Manual for Internet Explorer 4—Chapter 9—Browser Features and Functionality, Jan. 10, 2008, 34 pages.
- Mar. 19, 1985 letter from G. Knapp of CableData to R. Hansen of Weststar Communications, Inc. (Plaintiff's Exhibit 325), 6 pages.
- Markowitz, A. "Companies Jump on Interactive Bandwagon," *Discount Store News*, Dec. 6, 1993, pp. 4 and 131.
- McKenzie, G.A., "Oracle—An Information Broadcasting Service Using Data Transmission in the Vertical Interval," *Journal of the SMPTE*, Jan. 1974, vol. 83 No. 1, pp. 6-10.
- McMurray, "Overview of Dedicated Hosting," *Cloud Computing Talk*, 1 page, Apr. 24, 1997; retrieved from <http://noveltieshere.com/overview-of-dedicated-hosting>, Sep. 16, 2014, 1 page.
- McNab, R. et al., "A Distributed Digital Library Architecture Incorporating Different Index Styles," *IEEE International Forum on Research and Technology Advances in Digital Libraries*, Apr. 22-24, 8 pages (1998).
- Melton, "The Uniden Super 4800," *OnSat magazine*, Jun. 10-Jun. 16, 1990, pp. 2-4.
- Merrell, R.G., "Tac Timer," 1986 NCTA Technical Papers, pp. 203-206.
- Miller, M.D., "A Scenario for the Deployment of Interactive Multimedia Cable Television Systems in the United States in the 1990s," *IEEE*, vol. 82:(4) 1994, 5 pages.
- Model D9500 Switched Digital Video (SDV) Server, Scientific Atlanta, Apr. 2006. [http://www.cisco.com/en/US/prod/collateral/video/ps9159/ps9195/ps9258/product_data_sheet0900aecd806cec4a.pdf], 2 pages.
- Money, "Teletext and Viewdata," *Butterworth & Co. Ltd.*, London, 1979, 159 pages.
- Mosley, "NAPLPS chip sets, though scarce, satisfy limited US videotex demand," *EDN*, Mar. 21, 1985, at 57.
- Moss, L., 500 Channels Awe Advertisers, *Multichannel News*, p. 1A (Apr. 19, 1993), 4 pages.
- Motorola, Inc.; *Integrated Datacasting Solutions for Digital Television XP-002204351*; Jun. 1999, 13 pages.
- Network World, "NetWare users get audited," 11(17), 2 pages (Apr. 25, 1994).
- Neue, *Digitale Strategien Bericht Von Den 5. Dermastaedter Fernsehtagen, FKT Fernseh Und Kinotechnik*, vol. 49, No. 3, Mar. 1, 1995, pp. 135-139, XP000507348, Fachverlag Schiele & Schon GMBH., Berlin, DE ISSN: 140-9947.
- Neumann, Andreas, "WDR Online Aufbau Und Perspektiven Automatisierter Online-Dienste Im WDR," *Rundfunktechnische Mitteilungen*, vol. 41, pp. 56-66, Jun. 1997.
- Nguyen, Jim & Ran, Oz, "Evolving Switched Broadcast Beyond First Generation Deployments," *BigBandNet.com, SCTE Cable-Tec Expo Conference Presentation*, 2006. [http://www.bigbandnet.com/index.php/tech_whitepaper_evolve.html], 12 pages.
- Norton Backup, Version 1.0, User's Guide and reference, published in 1990 (chapters 3 and 4), 18 pages.

(56)

References Cited

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- O'Brien, Jr., T.E., "Physical and Media Specifications of the CXBus," *IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics*, vol. 37, No. 3, Aug. 1991, pp. 357-366.
- Ochiai et al., "@randomTV: A New TV System," NEC C&C Media Research Laboratories, Mar. 17, 1998, pp. 3-302-3-303.
- Ohyama et al., Teletext System, National Technical Report, vol. 27, No. 4, Aug. 1981 (includes English Translation), 91 pages.
- Okimi, Katsuya et al., "Shinban ISDN," ("New ISDN Edition"), Japan, Ohmsha, Ltd., First Edition, Oct. 5, 1995, pp. 261-285.
- Open TV fur interaktives Fernsehen, *Trend and Technik*, 9-95 RFE, p. 100. (English language translation attached).
- Owen, "How dial-a-fact is coming closer to home," *The Times*, Sep. 30, 1977, 2 pages.
- Owen, "Why the Post Office is so excited by its plans for a TV screen information service," *The Times*, Sep. 26, 1976, 4 pages.
- Paryzek, Chip & Adams, Michael, "Raising the Bar on SDV," *CedMagazine.com*, Oct. 1, 2006. [<http://www.cedmagazine.com/raising-the-bar-on-sdv.aspx>], 5 pages.
- Peddicord, Ross, "New on TV: You Bet Your Horse," *The Sun*, Baltimore Maryland Dec. 15, 1994, 1 pg.
- Periodical RFE, vol. 9'95, p. 100: Trend and Technology Open TV for Interactive Television; 4 pages.
- Personal Entertainment Guide-User's Guide, Version 1.0, Copyright 1991 by Lookahead Communications Inc., 82 pages.
- Pfister, Larry T., "Teletext: Its Time Has Come," Prepared for the IGC Videotext—Teletext Conference, Andover, Massachusetts, Dec. 14, 1982, pp. 1-11.
- Pohlman, House Calls, *Video Magazine*, vol. 20:6 (Oct. 1996), 2 pages.
- Poole, "Demand for Viewdata grows," *Sunday Times*, Feb. 10, 1977, 3 pages.
- Postel, J., Reynolds, J., Request for Comments: 959 File Transfer Protocol, Oct. 1985, entire document (70 pages).
- PR Newswire, NextLevel Systems, Inc. and nCUBE demonstrate their integrated near-video-on-demand solution on NextLevel's advanced analog CFT 2200 platform, Dec. 10, 1997, 3 pages.
- Premium Channels Publishing Company Inc., Premium channels publishing will market a weekly program guide listing pay TV, cable and broadcast offerings by daypart, *Cable Television Business*, Nov. 15, 1982, p. 194.
- Prevue Guide Brochure, Spring 1984, 2 pages.
- Prevue Guide Brochure, Spring 1994, 22 pages.
- Printout from Google News Archives, Mar. 22, 2007.
- Proceedings of Patent Infringement Action for European Patent Application No. 05077272.2, Jun. 12, 2009, 668 pages.
- Prodigy Launches Interactive TV Listing, Apr. 22, 1994, *Public Broadcasting Report*, 1 page.
- Program and System Information Protocol for Terrestrial Broadcast and Cable, ATSC, Dec. 23, 1997, 95 pages.
- PTV Recorder Setup Guide, Philips Electronics, TiVO Inc.(2000), 68 pages.
- Qayyum, "Using IVDS and VBI for Interactive Television," *IEEE*, Jun. 10, 1996, 11 pages.
- Rajapakshe et al., "Video on demand," (last modified Jun. 1995) <http://www-dse.doc.ic.ac.uk/~nd/suprise_95/Journal/vol4/shr/report.html>, 14 pages.
- Ramachandran, "Space-Time Memory: a parallel programming abstraction for interactive multimedia applications, *SIGPLAN Notices*", vol. 34:8 (Aug. 1999), pp. 183-192.
- Rath et al., "Set-Top Box Control Software: A Key Component in Digital Video," *Philips Journal of Research*, vol. 50, No. 1/2 1996, at 185.
- Rayers, D.J., "Telesoftware by Teletext," *1984 IEEE Conference Papers*, vol. 240, p. 323.
- Raz, Yaron, & Ronald, David, "What's Ahead for Switched Digital Video," *CedMagazine.com*, Dec. 1, 2006. [<http://www.cedmagazine.com/Article-What-is-ahead-switched-digital-video.aspx>], 2pages.
- RCA Satellite Receiver User's Guide, Thomson Multimedia Inc. (2001), 80 pages.
- Reaching your subscribers is a complex and costly process—until now, from the Internet at <http://www.evolveproducts.com/info.html>, printed on Dec. 28, 1998, 1 page.
- Re-Exam Documents for 90/013,279, filed Jun. 13, 2014, U.S. Pat. No. 7,543,320, 88 pages.
- Re-Exam Documents for 90/013,283, filed Jul. 2, 2014, U.S. Pat. No. 7,162,729, 94 pages.
- Replay TV 5000 series manual, 2002, entire document (86 pages).
- Research Disclosure, No. 329, Sep. 1991, Havant GB, p. 657, XP226205, "Installation of consumer apparatus".
- Rewind, replay and unwind with new high-tech TV devices, by Lawrence J. Magid, *LA Times*. This document was printed from the Internet on Jun. 6, 1999 and bears a date of May 19, 1999, 4 pages.
- RFC 765—File Transfer Protocol Specification, Jun. 1980, 70 pages.
- Rogers, C., "Telcos vs. Cable TV: The Global View With Markets Converging and Regulatory Barriers Falling, Service Carriers Are Ready to Rumble," *Data Communications*, vol. 24, No. 13, pp. 75, 76, 78, and 80, Sep. 21, 1995, 8 pages.
- Rohde, "Bank Breaks the Database Rules," *Network World*, An International Data Group Publication, vol. 11, No. 17, 2 pages, Apr. 25, 1994.
- Roizen, Joseph "Teletext in the USA," *Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers Journal*, Jul. 1981, pp. 602-610.
- Rosch, "New data and information system set for commercial market trial," *Telephony*, Mar. 20, 1978, at 96.
- Rovira, Luis et al., "Switched Digital Video," *Cable360.net*, Feb. 1, 2006. [<http://www.cable360.net/technology/emergingtech/14909.html>], 4 pages.
- Rowe, L., et al., A Continuous Media Player, Proc. 3rd Int. Workshop on Network and OS Support for Digital Audio and Video (Nov. 1992), 11 pages.
- Rudnick, U.S. Appl. No. 09/283,681, filed Apr. 1, 1999, entitled Interactive Television Program Guide System Having Graphic Arrangements of Program Event Regions (35 pages).
- Ruffler et al., "InfoRadio on Demand, WebTV and digiTaz—Telecommerce Case Studies," 3rd International Workshop on Community Networking, May 23-24, 1996, 8 pages.
- Rumbaugh, "Controlling Propagation of Operations using Attributes on Relations," 3rd Annual Conference on Object-Oriented Programming Systems, Languages, and Applications (OOPSLA 88), San Diego, CA, pp. 285-296, Sep. 25-30, 1988.
- Ryan, "Interactive TV Takes a Corporate Twist," *Electronic Engineering Times*, Jul. 10, 1995, 3 pages.
- Ryan, K., "Free Interactive TV Guide," *Google Newsgroup*, Alleged Date Sep. 29, 1995, 1 page.
- Saito, Takeshi, et al., "Homenetwork Architecture Considering Digital Home Appliance," Technical Committee meeting of The Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers (IEICE), Japan, Nov. 6, 1997, vol. 97, No. 368, p. 57-64. (English translation attached).
- Sandringham, St. John "Dress rehearsal for the PRESTEL show," *New Scientist*, Jun. 1, 1978, at 586.
- Sandsta et al., "Design and Implementation of the Elvira Video Server," Norwegian Computer Science Conference NIK'96 (Norsk Informatikkonferanse), 1996, pp. 259-270.
- Sanyo Technical Report, No. 44, vol. 22, No. 1, Feb. 1990, 10 pages.
- Savage, "Internet's 'What's on Tonight!' Tells You Just That and More," *The News, InfoWatch*, May 29, 1995, 1 page.
- Schauer: Internet Article, [Online] Sep. 28, 1995 (Sep. 28, 1995), XP002378870, Retrieved from the Internet: URL: www.vision2020.moscow.com/Archives/1995/9509/0058.html> [retrieved on Apr. 28, 2006] *the whole document* (1 page).
- Schepp, Brad et al., "The Complete Guide to CompuServe," Chapter 7, "Iquest and General Information Gathering," pp. 211-258, (McGraw-Hill Osborne Media, Har/Dis edition 1990).
- Schlender, B.R., "Couch Potatoes! Now It's Smart TV," *Fortune*, Nov. 20, 1989, pp. 111-116.
- Schmuckler, Eric, "A marriage that's made in cyberspace (television networks pursue links with online information services)," May 16, 1994, *Mediaweek*, v4, n20, p. 22 (3), 5 pages.
- Scully S., Digital Librarian Could Prove PPV Boon, *Broadcasting & Cable*, Jun. 7, 1993, p. 97.

(56)

References Cited

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Scully, "Turner backs violence guidelines," HighBeam Research, Broadcasting & Cable (1993), 2 pages.
- Scully, S., For some, interactive future is now, Broadcast & Cable, Jun. 1993, pp. 77-78.
- Sealfon, Peggy, "High Tech TV," Photographic, Dec. 1984, 2 pages. Selected pages from the "BBC Online—Schedules" web page. This web page is located at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schedules/> (as printed from the Internet on Oct. 19, 1999 and being dated as early as May 24, 1997), 6 pages.
- Sharpless et al., "An advanced home terminal for interactive data communication," Conf. Rec. Int. Conf. Commun. ICC '77, IEEE, Jun. 12-15, 1977, at 19.6-47.
- Sheth, A., C. Bertram and K. Shah (1999). "VideoAnywhere: A system for Searching and Managing Distributed Video Assets." SIGMOD Record 28(1): 104-109, 6 pages.
- Singru et al., "Framework for Interactive Video-on-Demand Service", Proc. of the IEEE 14th Annual Intl. Phoenix Conf. on Computer and Communications, 1995, pp. 636-642.
- Sistla et al., "Temporal Triggers in Active Databases," IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering, vol. 7, No. 3, Jun. 1995, 16 pages.
- Smith et al., "Transcoding Internet Content for Heterogeneous Client Devices", Proc. IEEE Int. Conf. on Circuits and Syst. (ISCAS), May 1998, pp. 599-602.
- Smith, John R., "Digital Video Libraries and the Internet", IEEE Communications Magazine, 1999, vol. 37, pp. 92-97.
- SONICblue Incorporated: ReplayTV 4000 User Guide 12.17 , Chapter Five: Networking, Sep. 10, 2001; retrieved from the internet: <http://www.digitalnetworksna.com/support/replaytv/downloads/ReplayTV4000UserGuide.12.17.pdf>, 13 pages.
- Sony Digital Satellite Receiver Operating Instructions, SATA1, 92 pages (1995).
- Sony Digital Satellite System DirecTV, USSB (May 1995), 6 pages.
- Sony SLV-7601IF et al. operating instructions (Sony 2") , published in 1995, 68 pages.
- Sorce et al., "Designing a Broadband Residential Entertainment Service: A Case Study," GTE Laboratories Incorporated, undated, pp. 141-148.
- Spangler, Todd, "How Time Warner Austin Did Switched Digital," Multichannel News, Jun. 21, 2007. [<http://www.multichannel.com/article/CA6454447.html>] (2 pages).
- Start Here, Sony, TiVo and DIRECTV (undated), 8 pages.
- Startup puts MPEG-2 encoder in fast forward, EE Times (undated), 3 pages.
- Statement in an Examination Report dated Aug. 2, 1999 for a counterpart foreign application filed in New Zealand in which the foreign Examiner alleges that he has used "the Internet to access television listings for BBC World television as far back as mid 1996 . . .", 2 pages.
- Stickland, "It's a common noun," The Economist, Jun. 5, 1978, 1 page.
- Stokes, "The viewdata age: Power to the People," Computing Weekly, Jan. 1979.
- Submission by Velocity in European patent No. 1099341 (Mar. 19, 2010) (6 pages).
- Sun's Next Steps in Digital Set-Tops, article in Cablevision, p. 56, Nov. 16, 1998, 1 page.
- Sunada, K. et al., "Teletext Color Television Receiver Model C-29M950, C26M940," NEG Home Electronics, NEG Giho, 1987, 16 pages.
- SuperGuide/Uniden 4800, "A Quick Guide to Programming the Uniden 4800—Dealer Set-Up Manual," undated, 8 pages.
- SuperGuide/Uniden 4800, "A User's Guide to SuperGuide's™ Features," undated, 12 pages.
- Sussman, A. "GTE Tunes in to Home TV Shopping," PC Week, Jun. 28, 1988, p. C15. (IDS Feb. 6, 2014).
- Tech Notes: Product Updates from M-A-COM Cable Home Group, "Videocipher Owner's Manual Update," Issue No. 6, Feb. 1986, 19 pages.
- Technical White Paper, "Open TV™ Operating Environment," (© 1998 OpenTV Inc.), pp. 1-12.
- Tedesco, R., "WebTV Clicks on 'TV Guide'," Broadcasting & Cable, vol. 127, No. 3, Jan. 20, 1997, p. 56.
- Tedesco, R., Thomson to produce RCA NC box for NetChannel, Broadcasting & Cable, 127:30, Jul. 21, 1997, p. 100.
- Tedesco, R., TV-Net vendors resist the marketing Web, Broadcasting & Cable, 127:21 (May 19, 1997), p. 55.
- Teletext presents the alternative view, Financial Times, Oct. 24, 1977, 2 pages.
- Teraoka et al., "Host Migration Transparency in IP networks: The VIP Approach" ACM SIGCOMM—Computer Communication Review, ACM Press, New York, NY, USA, Jan. 1993, pp. 45-65.
- The clickTV television program guide website of TVData of Queensbury, New York. This website is located at www.clicktv.com (as printed from the Internet on Aug. 13, 1997/Sep. 1, 1998), 5 pages.
- The Evolve EZ Guide. The Remote Control, from the Internet at <http://www.evolveproducts.com/display2.html>, printed on Dec. 28, 1998, 1 page.
- The InfoBeat television program guide website of InfoBeat, Inc. This website is located at www.infobeat.com (as printed from the Internet on Dec. 8, 1997), 46 pages.
- The New York Times Website Article, "2 Makers Plan Introductions of Digital VCR", by John Markoff, Mar. 29, 1999. (2 pages).
- The television program guide website of Gist Communications, Inc. of New York, New York. This website is located at www.gist.com (as printed from the Internet on Aug. 14, 1997), 133 pages.
- The television program guide website of TV Guide Entertainment Network. This website is located at www.tvguide.com (as printed from the Internet on Aug. 14-18, 1997), 139 pages.
- Thibadeau, "The Question of Standard for Digital Interactive Television," Research Paper, 19 pages (Nov. 1993).
- Third Party Submission Under 37 CFR 1.290 filed Jul. 31, 2013, U.S. Appl. No. 13/181,915 Concise Description of Relevance, (30 pages).
- Thomas, "Electronic Program Guide Applications—The Basics of System Design," NCTA Technical Papers, 1994, pp. 15-20.
- Three men on a Viewdata bike, The Economist, Mar. 25, 1978, 2 pages.
- Time Warner Signs Tulsa Firm to Provide Cable Program Guide, Journal Record, May 25, 1994, 2 pages.
- Tolenkin, D., "Determining Navigation Needs," Telemedia Week, undated, 1 page.
- Transcript of the Deposition of John Roop*, Oct. 1996, pp. 186-187.
- Tsao, S. and Y. Huang, An Efficient Storage in Near Video-on-Demand Systems, IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics, vol. 44:1 (Feb. 1998), p. 27-32.
- Tsao, S., et al., A Novel Data Placement Scheme on Optical Discs for Near-VOD Servers, Interactive Distributed Multimedia Systems and Telecommunications Services Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 1309 (1997), pp. 133-142.
- TV Guide Magazine dated Feb. 4-10, 1989 (excerpts), 4 pages.
- TV Guide movie database Internet web pages printed on Aug. 12, 1999 (9 pages).
- TV Guide on Screen Prior Use Transcript of Proceedings, "Violence on Television," House of Representatives, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, Jun. 25, 1993, 36 pages.
- TV Guide Online Set for Fall, Entertainment Marketing Letter, Aug. 1994, 1 page.
- Ueda, Hirota et al., "Impact: An Interactive Natural-Motion-Picture Dedicated Multi-Media Authoring System," Communications of the ACM, Mar. 1991, pp. 343-350.
- Uniden®, UST-4800 Super, Integrated Receiver/Descrambler, Preliminary Reference Manual, Nov. 12, 1991, 80 pages.
- Uniden®, UST-4800, Integrated Receiver/Descrambler, Installation Guide, copyright 1990, 60 pages.
- Uniden®, UST-4800, Integrated Receiver/Descrambler, Operating Guide, copyright 1990, 24 pages.

(56)

References Cited

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

United Media Enterprises, United Media Enterprises (New York, NY) affiliate 'TV Watch/DIP' now provides a monthly satellite print guide with schedules for all satellite and pay services, *Satellite News*, Dec. 24, 1980, p. 7.

User's Guide RCA Color TV with TV Plus + Guide, 1997, 88 pages. Using StarSight 2, published before Apr. 19, 1995, 29 pages.

UVSG Offers System-Specific Web Site Development for OPS, press release of United Video Satellite Group, Apr. 12, 1996, 2 pages.

UVSG Teams With Microsoft on Internet Information Server, press release of United Video Satellite Group, Feb. 22, 1996, 2 pages.

Various publications of Insight Telecast, 1992 and 1993, 10 pages.

Veith, R.H., "Television's Teletext," Elsevier Science Publishing Co., Inc, 1983, pp. 13-20,41-51.

Venditto, G., *Prodigy for Dummies*, IDG Books, pp. 57-63, 213 (1995).

Verknuepfung von TV mit INternet, *Funkschau*, De, Franzis—Verlag K.G. Munchen, vol. 68, No. 18 Aug. 16, 1996, pp. 70-71, XP 000631189, ISSN: 0016-2841 (Translation, pp. 1-3).

Verma, D., "Content Distribution Networks—An Engineering Approach", p. 24-49, 2002 (16 pages).

Videocipher Stipulation, May 1996, 5 pages.

VideoGuide, *VideoGuide User's Manual*, 1995, pp. 1-28.

Viewdata and its potential impact in the USA: Final Report/vol. One, The UK Experience, Link and Butler Cox & Partners Limited, Oct. 1978, 129 pages.

Viewdata moves in US but GEC may lose out, *Computing Weekly*, Jan. 25, 1978, 1 page.

Viewdata Service Terminal Specification, British Post Office, Issue 5, Aug. 1978, 57 pages.

VPS weiterentwickelt: Service Uber Videotext, *Funkschau Recorder-Programmierung*, Nov. 1986, pp. 40-43 with English translation.

Web TV and Its Consumer Electronics Licenses debut First Internet Television Network and Set Top Box, Jul. 10, 1996 <[http:// www.ohlfs.com/keith/self/webtv/home/HTML/home.license.html](http://www.ohlfs.com/keith/self/webtv/home/HTML/home.license.html)>, 6 pages.

Wedlund, Elin and Henning Schulzrinne, *Mobility Support using SIP*, § 4, ACM, copyright ACM Aug. 1999, 7 pages.

Whale, "Identification of Program Similarity in Large Populations," *The Computer Journal*, vol. 33, No. 2, 1990, pp. 140-146.

What is Jini?, from the Internet at <http://java.sun.com/products/jini/whitepapers/whatsjini.pdf>, printed on Jan. 25, 1999, 4 pages.

Whitehorn, "Viewdata and you," *Observer*, Jul. 30, 1978, 1 page.

Why Jini Now?, from the internet at <http://java.sun.com/products/jini/whitepapers/whyjini.pdf>, printed on Jan. 25, 1999. The document bears a copyright date of 1998, 16 pages.

Willcox, "WebTV Hardware Suppliers Set Complete Related Roster," *Twice*, Sep. 29, 1997, at p. 34.

Williams, David M., and Perry, Burt, "Rich Online Services as the Archetype for Interactive TV," *Cable '94*, Proceedings from Twelve Technical Sessions, 43rd Annual Convention and Exposition of the National Cable Television Association, May 22-25, 1994, New Orleans, LA., Technical Paper Compiled by Katherine Rutkowski, National Cable, XP008161201, pp. 21-35.

Wilson, Programme delivery control for simplified home video recording, *IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics*, vol. 37:4 (Nov. 1991), pp. 737-745.

Windows 98 Feature Combines TV, Terminal and the Internet, *New York Times*, Aug. 18, 1998, 1 page.

Wittig, H. et al., "Intelligent Media Agents in Interactive Television Systems," Proceedings of the International Conference on Multimedia Computing and Systems, Los Alamitos, CA, US, May 15, 1995 (May 15, 1995),—May 18, 1995. (May 18, 1995) pp. 182-189, XP00603484 p. 183, left hand column, paragraph 2, p. 184, right-hand column, paragraph 2 figure 4.

Wolfe, Alexander, "Beyond the SIPC," *Electronic Engineering Times*, No. 910, Jul. 15, 1996, p. 41, Abstract (2 pages).

Wolfe, Alexander, "Microsoft Poses PC Specs.," *Electronic Engineering Times*, Jul. 8, 1996, Abstract (2 pages).

Yarrow, "The Media Business; Pay-Per-View Television is Ready for Takeoff," *The New York Times*, Archives, Nov. 14, 1988, 3 pages.

Yoshiaki, Kurata; Syun no Video Kyoyu Site wo Tettei Koryaku Mezase! YourTube Expert (Thorough Analysis of Video Sharing Site in Trend), *MacPeople*, ASCII, Oct. 1, 2006, vol. 12, No. 10, pp. 201-207. Translation not available. (Concise Explanation included in IDS letter.)

Yoshida, "Interactive TV a Blur," *Electronic Engineering Times*, Jan. 30, 1995, 2 pages.

Youtube Website, "YouTube Homepage, Categories browsing", pp. 1-4, (Aug. 26, 2006) <http://web.archive.org/web/20060826163534/youtube.com/index>.

Zahariadis et al., "Interactive Multimedia Services to Residential Users," *IEEE Communications Magazine*, 1997, vol. 35, pp. 61-68.

* cited by examiner

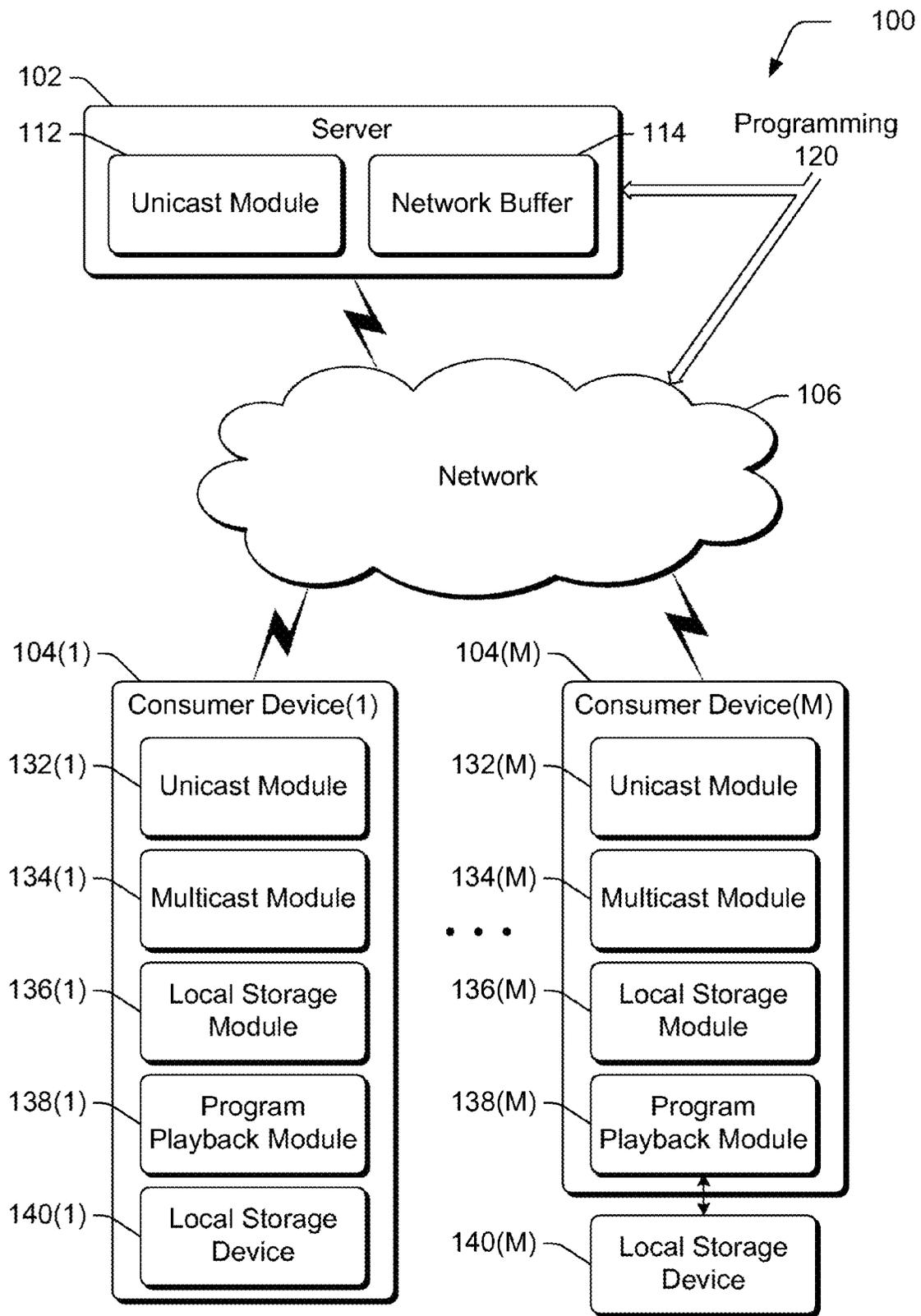


Fig. 1

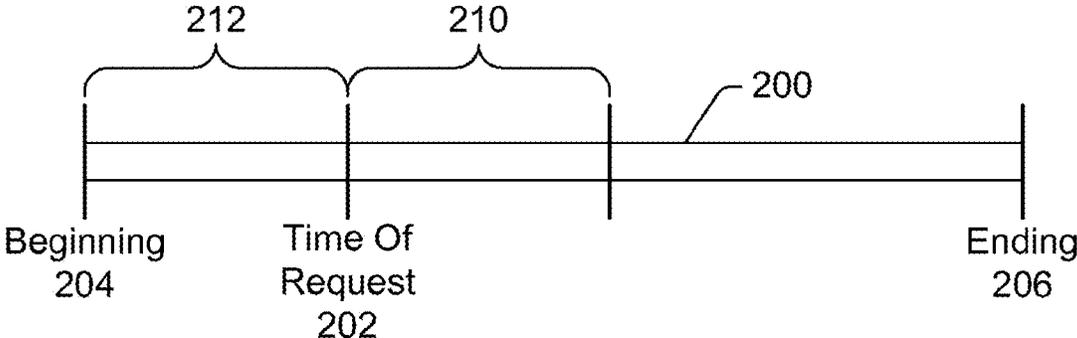


Fig. 2

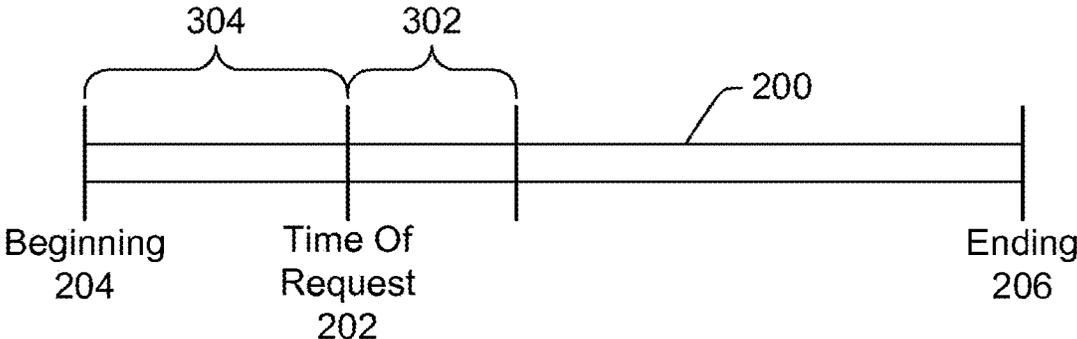


Fig. 3

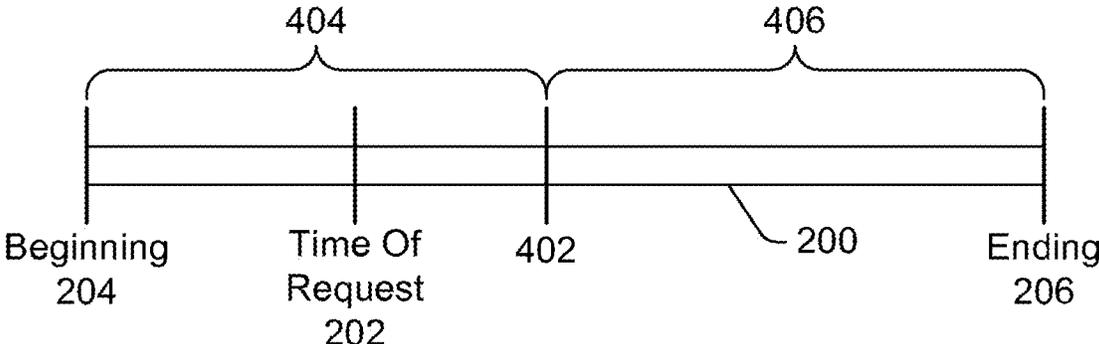


Fig. 4

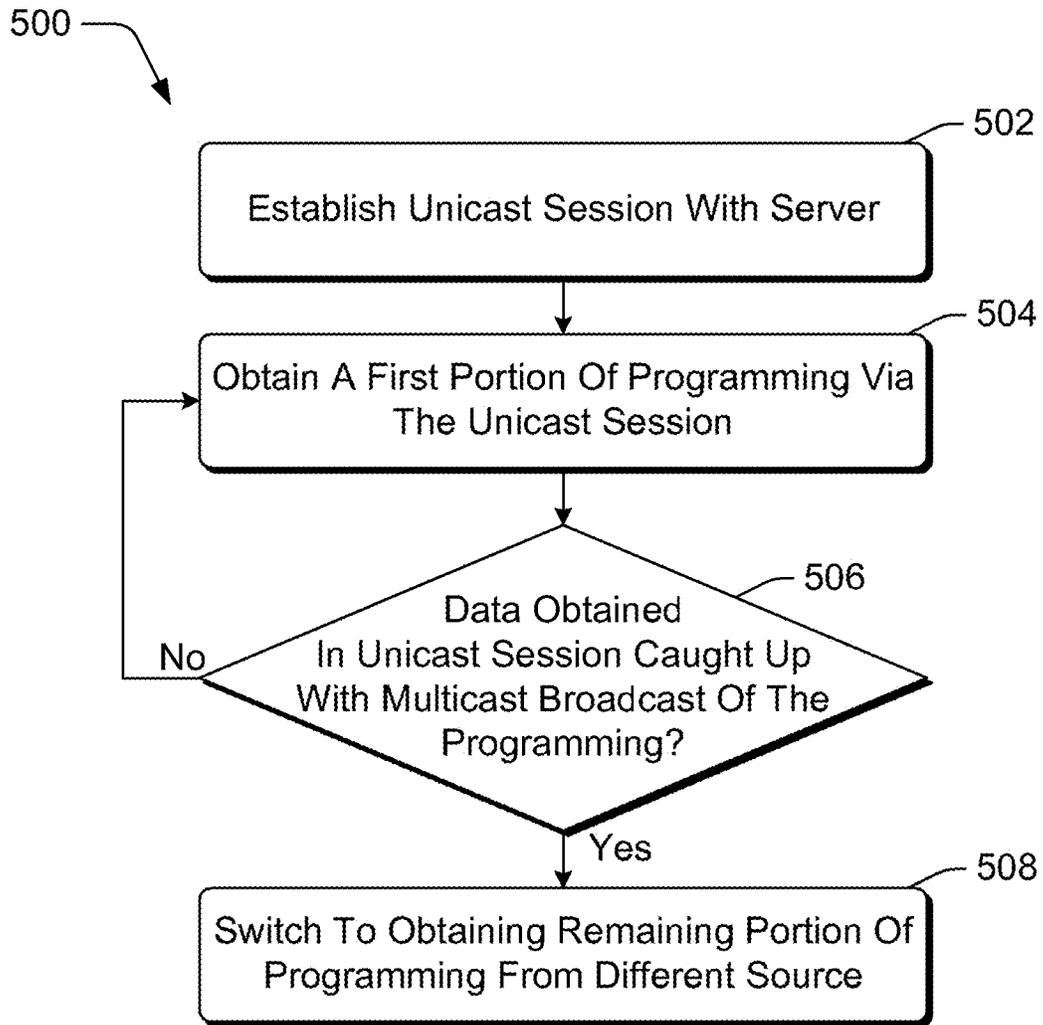


Fig. 5

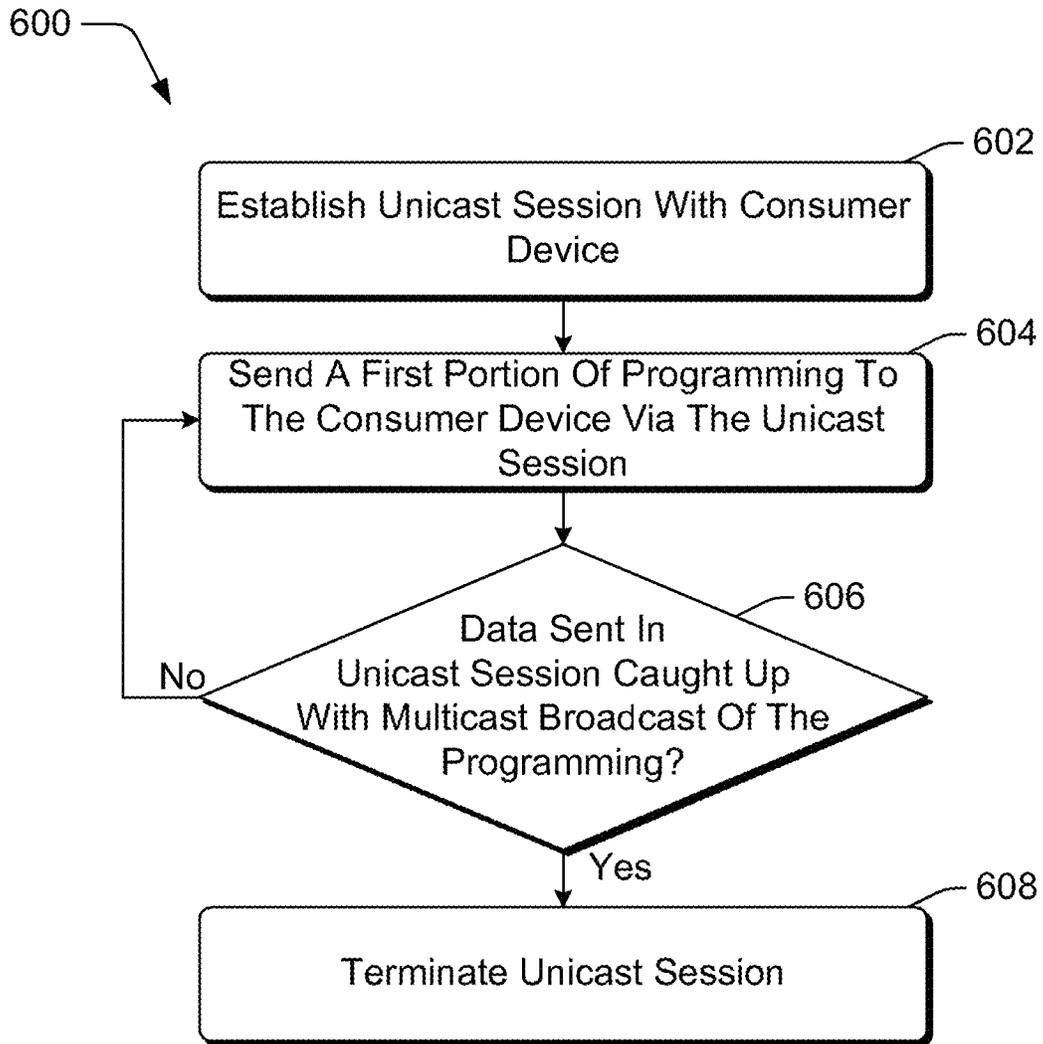


Fig. 6

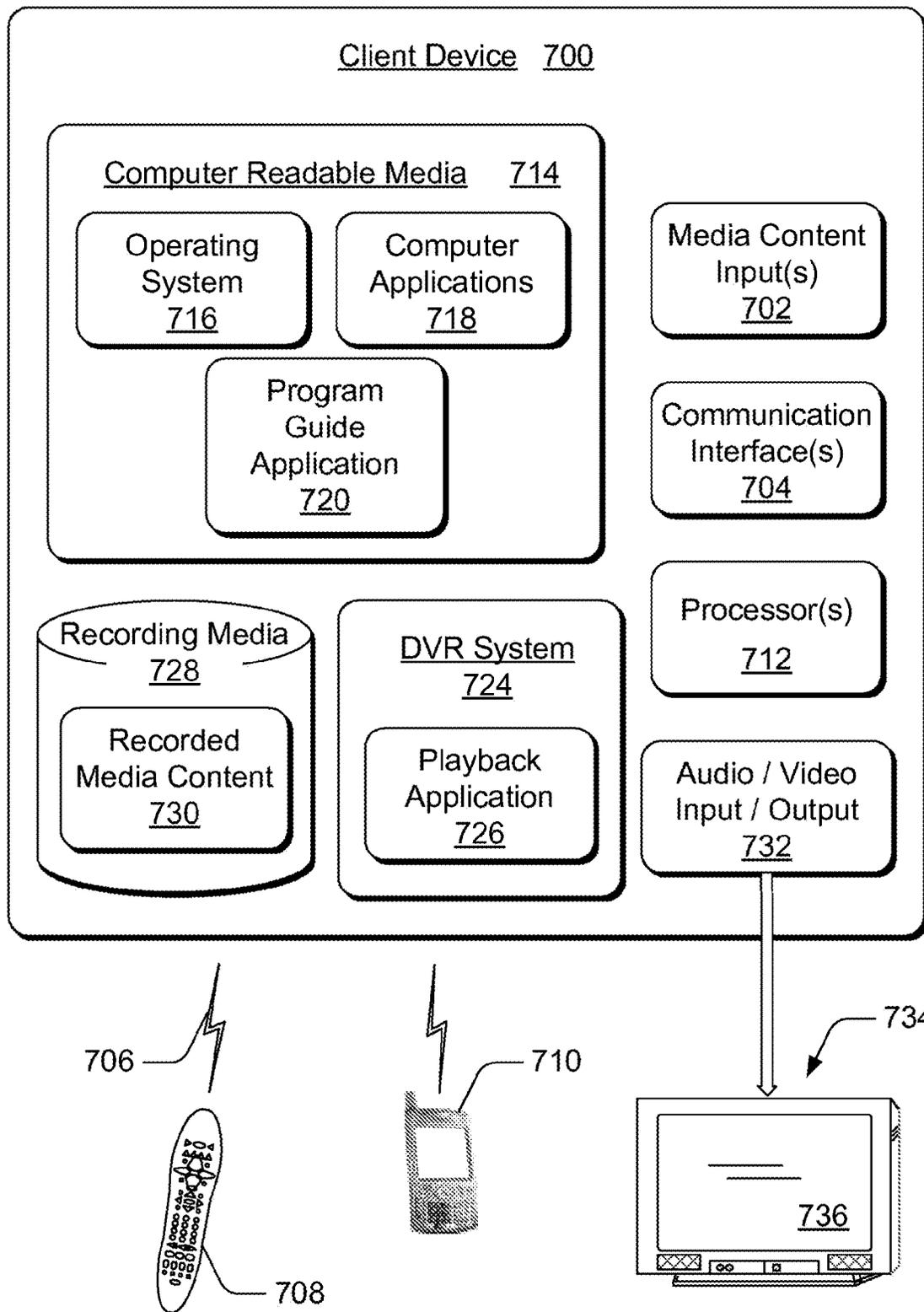


Fig. 7

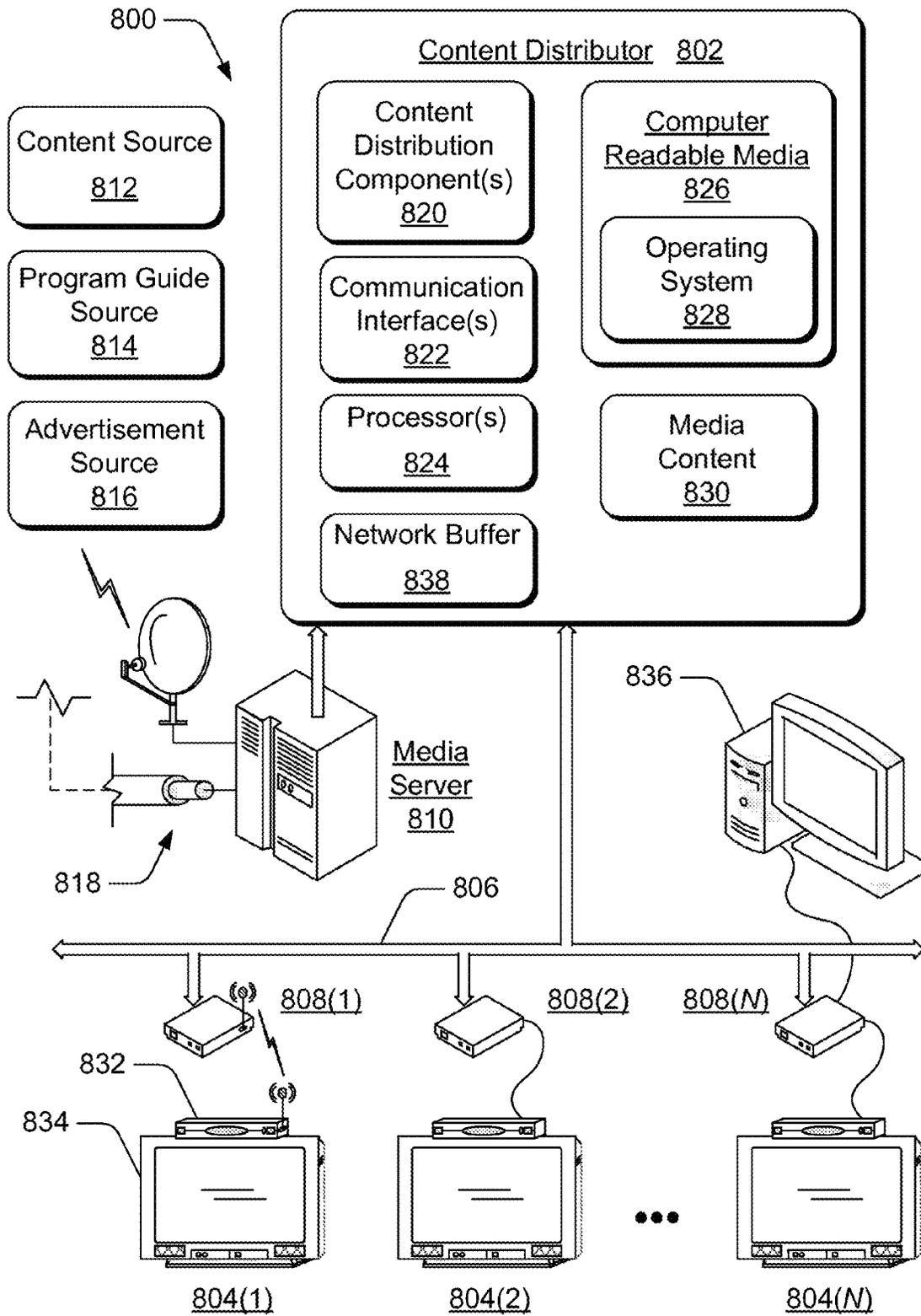


Fig. 8

REDUCING UNICAST SESSION DURATION WITH RESTART TV

Matter enclosed in heavy brackets [] appears in the original patent but forms no part of this reissue specification; matter printed in italics indicates the additions made by reissue; a claim printed with strikethrough indicates that the claim was canceled, disclaimed, or held invalid by a prior post-patent action or proceeding.

RELATED U.S. APPLICATION DATA

This application is a reissue application of U.S. Pat. No. 10,063,934, which issued based upon U.S. patent application Ser. No. 12/277,797, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

BACKGROUND

Television viewing and recording technology has been continually advancing, with hundreds of channels, digital video recorders (DVRs), and video-on-demand programs finding their way into many homes. Despite such advances, problems still remain. One such problem is that although some systems may allow different users to begin watching the same program at different times, this can result in situations where many dedicated sessions are established between a program server and each of multiple individual users' systems for the same program. This can thus result in increased resource requirements and costs for servers and other components, and thus the overall cost of the television viewing system.

SUMMARY

This Summary is provided to introduce a selection of concepts in a simplified form that are further described below in the Detailed Description. This Summary is not intended to identify key features or essential features of the claimed subject matter, nor is it intended to be used to limit the scope of the claimed subject matter.

In accordance with one or more aspects, a first portion of programming aired prior to a first time is obtained via a unicast session with a server. The first portion includes previously aired programming. A switch is made, after programming data received via the unicast session catches up to a multicast broadcast of the programming, to obtaining a remaining portion of the programming from a different source other than the server.

In accordance with one or more aspects, a first portion of programming aired prior to a first time is sent to a consumer device via a unicast session with the consumer device. The first portion of programming includes previously aired programming. The unicast session is terminated after programming data sent to the consumer device via the unicast session catches up to a multicast broadcast of the programming.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The same numbers are used throughout the drawings to reference like features.

FIG. 1 illustrates an example system implementing the reducing unicast session duration with restart TV in accordance with one or more embodiments.

FIGS. 2, 3, and 4 illustrate different examples of the reducing unicast session duration with restart TV in accordance with one or more embodiments.

FIG. 5 is a flowchart illustrating an example process for reducing unicast session duration with restart TV in accordance with one or more embodiments.

FIG. 6 is a flowchart illustrating another example process for reducing unicast session duration with restart TV in accordance with one or more embodiments.

FIG. 7 illustrates various components of an example client device that can implement one or more embodiments of the reducing unicast session duration with restart TV.

FIG. 8 illustrates an example entertainment and information system in which one or more embodiments of the reducing unicast session duration with restart TV can be implemented.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Reducing unicast session duration with restart TV is discussed herein. In accordance with one or more embodiments, when a user requests to have audio/video programming played back that is already being aired, the programming is transmitted to the user's device via a combination of a unicast session and a multicast broadcast. A first portion of the programming, including a portion that was broadcast prior to the user's request, is obtained by the user's device via a unicast session with a server maintaining a copy of the programming. Concurrently, the remaining portion of the programming can optionally be recorded by the user's device via the multicast broadcast. Once the data sent to the user's device via the unicast session catches up to the data in the program being currently multicast broadcast, the unicast session is terminated. The remainder of the programming can then be played back at the user's device from another source, such as from the recording on the user's device, or from the multicast broadcast.

FIG. 1 illustrates an example system **100** implementing the reducing unicast session duration with restart TV in accordance with one or more embodiments. System **100** includes a server **102** that can communicate with one or more (M) consumer devices **104(1-M)** via a network **106**. Network **106** can be a variety of different networks, including the Internet, a local area network (LAN), a cellular or other wireless phone network, a public telephone network, an intranet, other public and/or proprietary networks, combinations thereof, and so forth. In one or more embodiments network **106** is implemented to include an Internet Protocol (IP)-based network that facilitates programming content distribution and data communication between the server **102** and any number of consumer devices **104**. An IP-based network is a network that supports communication among devices using IP, such as IP version 4 (IPv4, such as discussed in IETF RFC 791), as well as other versions such as IP version 6 (IPv6).

Server **102** includes a unicast module **112** and a network buffer **114**. Although server **102** is illustrated as including both module **112** and buffer **114**, alternatively module **112** and buffer **114** can be implemented in different servers. Server **102** can be implemented as one or more computing devices. Additionally, although a single server **102** is illustrated in FIG. 1, alternatively multiple servers can communicate with consumer devices **104** via network **106**.

Generally, server **102** receives programming **120** in the form of a multicast broadcast from one or more sources as the programming is aired by the source(s). Server **102** stores the aired programming as programming data in network

buffer 114. This programming data stored in buffer 114 is then made accessible to consumer devices 104 after (and during) airing of the programming so that the programming can be obtained and played back (and/or stored) by consumer devices 104. This allows a user of a device 104 to request playback of a particular program after the program has begun airing, and have the portion of the program that has already aired transferred to the device 104 from network buffer 114. This functionality allowing playback of a program that has already begun airing is also referred to as restart TV, as it allows a user to restart playback of particular programming from the beginning of the programming (e.g., restart playback of a particular television program from the beginning of the television program).

Programming 120 can also be distributed directly to consumer devices 104 via network 106. Programming 120 is typically a multicast broadcast of programming data. A multicast broadcast refers to the transmission of programming in a one-to-many configuration, where one source can broadcast the same data to multiple recipients concurrently. Different channels carrying different programming are typically multicast broadcast by one or more sources, and individual consumer devices 104 can tune to particular channels in order to obtain the programming being broadcast on the tuned-to channel.

Programming 120 includes audio and/or video programs from one or more sources, such as a satellite operator, a network television operator, a cable operator, and so forth. Programming 120 can be received from the sources via a variety of different transmission media, such as satellite transmission, radio frequency transmission, cable transmission, and so forth. Optionally, a content distributor (not shown in FIG. 1) receives programming 120 from the various sources and converts programming 120 into an appropriate format for a multicast broadcast via network 106. Alternatively, one or more sources can directly broadcast programming 120 via network 106 without using such a content distributor. The airing or broadcasting of programming refers to the transmitting of the programming by a source via any transmission media.

Programming 120 can include a variety of different television programs having a variety of different lengths, such as television sitcoms, news broadcasts, documentaries, cartoon shows, movies, and so forth. These programs can optionally include advertisements as well. Any program that can be aired by a source can be included as a program of programming 120.

Programming 120 is stored in network buffer 114. In one or more embodiments, all programs received as programming 120 by server 102 are stored in network buffer 114 at least temporarily. Alternatively, server 102 can optionally impose one or more filters to restrict which programs are stored in network buffer 114. Network buffer 114 stores programs at least temporarily, and the duration of this temporary storage can vary. For example, the duration can be 4 hours, 48 hours, 72 hours, 1 week, and so forth. It is to be appreciated that the exact duration of this temporary storage can vary by implementation and based on the desires of an operator of server 102.

Unicast module 112 manages unicast sessions between consumer devices 104 via which programming stored in network buffer 114 can be sent. A unicast session refers to a one-to-one configuration in which a dedicated communication session between server 102 and one consumer device 104 is established. Programming data from network buffer 114 can be sent to the one consumer device 104 via this dedicated communication session, but no other consumer

device receives the programming data via this dedicated communication session. Unicast module 112 can typically manage multiple unicast sessions concurrently. However, each of these multiple unicast sessions would be to a different consumer device 104 or would be independent unicast sessions to the same device 104, even if the same programming data were being communicated in the multiple unicast sessions.

It should be noted that each unicast session typically involves a dedicated server and also relies on having access to a particular quality of service for network path resources. An operator of server 102 typically plans network and server capacity to meet a peak demand. This can result in significant resource needs for the unicast sessions as deployments scale to serve large numbers of users.

As discussed in more detail below, unicast module 112 receives a request from a consumer device 104 for programming that is currently being aired. Unicast module 112 establishes a unicast session with the requesting consumer device 104, and a portion of the program that has already been aired is sent to the consumer device 104 from network buffer 114 via the unicast session. Once the data that is sent via the unicast session catches up to the data being broadcast as programming 120, consumer device 104 switches to obtaining the remaining portions of the programming from a different source. This different source could be, for example, the source of programming 120 as programming 120 is being multicast broadcast, or from a local storage device of the consumer device 104 as discussed in more detail below.

Each consumer device 104 can be a variety of different types of devices. For example, a consumer device 104 can be a desktop computer, a mobile station, an entertainment appliance, a television, a portable computer, a television set-top box, a cellular or other wireless phone, a gaming system, an automotive computer, and so forth. Thus, consumer devices 104 may range from a full resource device with substantial memory and processor resources (e.g., personal computers, game consoles) to a low-resource device with limited memory and/or processing resources (e.g., traditional set-top boxes, hand-held game consoles).

Each consumer device 104 includes a unicast module 132, a multicast module 134, a local storage module 136, and a program playback module 138. It is also to be appreciated that a consumer device 104 can include multiple unicast modules 132, multiple multicast modules 134, multiple local storage modules 136, and/or multiple program playback modules 138. Unicast module 132 communicates with unicast module 112 of server 102 to establish a unicast session between server 102 and consumer device 104. Unicast module 132 also manages obtaining data from server 102 (the programming data from network buffer 114) via the unicast session. Unicast module 132 forwards the data obtained via the unicast session to program playback module 138 for playback, and/or to local storage module 136 for storage. In one or more embodiments, unicast module 132 initiates establishing the unicast session with module 112 in response to a user request received at consumer device 104 for a particular program to be played back and/or recorded, as discussed in more detail below.

Multicast module 134 manages obtaining programming 120 as the programming 120 is being multicast broadcast. Multicast module 134 receives programming 120 via network 106, and forwards the data obtained from the multicast broadcast to program playback module 138 for playback, and/or to local storage module 136 for storage.

Local storage module **136** manages the storage of programming data on a local storage device of consumer device **104**. Module **136** can implement, for example, a digital video recorder (DVR). In one or more embodiments this local storage device is included as part of consumer device **104** (e.g., an internal disk drive of consumer device **104**). An example of such a local storage device is shown as storage device **140(1)**. Alternatively, this local storage device can be coupled to consumer device **104**, such as via a bus (e.g., an IEEE 1394 bus, a universal serial bus (USB), a wireless universal serial bus (wireless USB), etc.), via a local network (e.g., a LAN), and so forth. An example of such a local storage device is shown as storage device **140(M)**. Programming that is obtained by unicast module **132** and/or multicast module **134** can be stored in the local storage device **140** by local storage module **136**.

Program playback module **138** manages the playback of programming by consumer device **104**. Consumer device **104** can include display and/or audio playback components via which programming is played back, or alternatively consumer device **104** can output a signal to one or more other components or devices which in turn can display and/or audibly playback the programming. The video content of programming can be played back on any type of television, monitor, LCD, projector, or similar television-based display system that renders video and/or image data. The audio content of programming can be played back on any type of television, stereo, or similar television-based audible playback system that renders audio data.

The programming played back by program playback module **138** can be programming received from unicast module **132**, programming received from multicast module **134**, and/or programming retrieved from a local storage device **140** by local storage module **136**. Playback module **136** can playback programs that have been received in their entirety, as well as portions of programs (e.g., one part of a program can be played back while one or more other parts of the program are being received from multicast module **134** or unicast module **132**).

Users can input requests to consumer devices **104** for programming to be played back and/or recorded in a variety of different manners. In one or more embodiments, an electronic programming guide (EPG) is displayed to the user. The EPG includes a listing of various programs that are available, and optionally other information such as a channel on which the programs are available, a time at which the programs are aired, summary information describing the programs, and so forth. The user can navigate through the EPG in any of a variety of conventional manners (e.g., using directional keys on a remote control device) to select a particular program that he or she desires to have recorded. Alternatively, such requests can be input in other manners, such as selection of a program from a drop-down menu, inputting text identifying the program, selecting of one or more channel identifiers on a remote control (e.g., entering a channel number on the remote control), and so forth. Additionally, requests can optionally be forwarded to consumer device **104** from another device. For example, a user of a handheld device or cellular phone can send a request to consumer device **104** to request playback and/or recording of particular programming.

During operation, a user of consumer device **104** can request particular programming **120**. This request can be a request to view and/or record the programming **120**. Additionally, this request can be a request to view a particular program, or alternatively to just watch whatever programming is currently being aired on a particular channel. Situ-

ations often arise where the user requests particular programming **120** after a particular program has already begun airing. In such situations, unicast module **132** establishes a unicast session with server unicast module **112** of server **102** in order to obtain the portion of the particular program that has already begun airing from network buffer **114**. Once the programming data obtained via the unicast session catches up to the programming data being multicast as programming **120**, the unicast session can be terminated and the remaining portion of the programming obtained via the multicast broadcast.

In situations where the user requests to view and/or record a particular program, then the previously aired portion of that program is obtained as the previously aired portion of the programming by unicast module **132** via a unicast session. The previously aired portion of a program is the portion of the program that was aired starting with the beginning of the program and spanning up to the time of the user request. The previously aired portion of the program can be readily identified by consumer device **104** and/or server **102** using programming guide data (e.g., EPG data) or other metadata associated with programming **120**.

In situations where the user requests to view and/or record a particular channel rather than requesting a particular program, the previously aired portion of the programming can be identified in different manners. In one or more embodiments, a current program being aired on the channel is identified and the previously aired portion of the programming is the previously aired portion of the identified program. The program can be identified in different manners, such as via programming guide data or other metadata associated with programming **120**.

In other embodiments, the previously aired portion of the programming is identified by going backwards in time from the point in time at which the request was received. For example, the previously aired portion of the program can be a certain amount of time before the point in time at which the request was received (e.g., the preceding 15 minutes, the preceding hour, etc.). By way of another example, the previously aired portion of the programming can be the programming received since a most recent particular interval before the point in time at which the request was received (e.g., the most recent time on the hour, the most recent time on the half-hour, and so forth). As a specific example, if the request was received at 5:37 pm, then the previously aired programming could be the programming from 5:30 pm to 5:37 pm, from 5:00 pm to 5:37 pm, from 4:00 pm to 5:37 pm, and so forth. It is further to be appreciated that the previously aired portion of the programming can alternatively be identified in other manners.

In one or more embodiments, the user request is a request to playback and/or record particular programming after the airing of the programming has already begun. This request can be made by the user in a variety of different manners. The request could be a specific "restart" request via which the user requests playback and/or recording of the programming even though airing of the programming has already begun. The "restart" request invokes the restart TV functionality discussed herein. The "restart" request could be input by the user in a variety of different manners, such as by pressing a "restart" key, selecting an on-screen "restart" menu option, selecting a program that has already begun airing from an electronic programming guide, other inputs, and so forth. Alternatively, the request could be inferred by other user inputs, such as tuning to a particular channel. For example, consumer device **104** can be configured so that whenever the user tunes to or otherwise requests program-

ming from certain channels, the tuning or other request is interpreted as a request to playback programming that has already begun airing. These certain channels can be set in different manners, such as via user preferences, device default settings, and so forth.

By way of yet another example, the “restart” request can be inherently input when a user enters a “rewind” or “skip back” command (e.g., presses a “rewind” or “skip back” button on a remote control). In response to such a command, the programming will be played back rolling backwards, using first any portion already captured on local storage device **140** and then continuing with a portion received via a unicast session with server **102**. In one or more embodiments, the user can rewind up to the earliest point of time of programming available on server **102** (e.g., 4 hours ago) or up to a point that is the beginning of the current program. When the user reaches that point the programming received via the unicast session with server **102** automatically starts playing (in the normal forward direction). If the user were to enter a “fast forward” or “skip” command, playback of the programming at a faster rate would continue with programming received via the unicast session with server **102** until the data received via the unicast session catches up to the multicast broadcast (or to data stored on local storage device **140**).

The user request could also be a request automatically input on behalf of the user, or inherent in some other request or situation. For example, a “restart” request can be incorporated into a recovery process in which a portion of the programming was missed due to a failure or other problem (e.g., a device or system crashes). As part of the recovery process, a “restart” request is included so that the missed portion of the programming can be obtained via a unicast session with server **102**.

As indicated above, once the programming data obtained via the unicast session catches up to the programming data being multicast as programming **120**, the unicast session can be terminated and the remaining portion of the programming can be obtained from another source. The manner in which the unicast session catches up to the programming data being multicast as programming **120** can vary. Generally, the data being received via the unicast session catching up to the multicast broadcast refers to the situation where the data from the unicast session is the same as the data being multicast broadcast.

In the discussions herein, reference is made to bandwidth and the amount of bandwidth available to the consumer devices **104**. Generally, the amount of bandwidth available to a particular consumer device **104** refers to the amount of data that the particular device **104** can receive. Bandwidth is oftentimes expressed in megabits per second (Mbps), although other units of measure can alternatively be used. The amount of data that a device **104** can receive can vary based on the particular device, the location of the device, a type of network the device is coupled to, other data being transferred to the device, and so forth.

In one or more embodiments, consumer device **104** obtains the previously aired portion of the programming via the unicast session concurrently with obtaining at least a portion of the remaining portion of the programming being multicast as programming **120**. In such embodiments, it is assumed that consumer device **104** has sufficient bandwidth to obtain the portions of the program via the unicast session and the multicast broadcast concurrently. By way of example, assume that programming is played back at consumer device **104** at a rate of 1 Mbps, and that consumer device **104** has 2 Mbps of available bandwidth. Accordingly,

the previously aired programming is transferred to consumer device **104** via the unicast session at a rate of 1 Mbps, and the multicast broadcast of the remaining portion of the programming is broadcast at a rate of 1 Mbps. Accordingly, in this example consumer device **104** would use the available 2 Mbps of bandwidth in order to concurrently obtain both the previously aired programming and the remaining programming. In this example, the unicast session catches up to the multicast broadcast at the time in the programming that consumer device **104** began obtaining the remaining portion of the program via the multicast broadcast.

FIG. 2 illustrates an example of the reducing unicast session duration with restart TV in accordance with one or more embodiments. FIG. 2 illustrates an example situation where the previously aired portion of the programming is obtained via the unicast session concurrently with obtaining at least a portion of the remaining portion of the programming. In the example of FIG. 2, programming **200** is represented by a bar. A request to playback and/or record programming **200** after it has begun airing is received at time **202**. A previously aired portion of the programming spanning from a programming beginning time **204** and the time **202** of the request is transferred to the consumer device via a unicast session. This beginning time **204** can be a time at which a particular program began airing, or alternatively this previously aired portion can be identified in other manners as discussed above.

The remaining portion of the programming **200**, spanning from time **202** to the programming ending time **206** is transferred to the consumer device via the multicast broadcast. The programming ending time **206** refers to the time at which the consumer device stops recording and/or playing back the programming **200** being received. This programming ending time **206** can be identified in different manners, such as being the time at which airing of a particular program requested by the user ends, being the time at which the user changes channels, and so forth.

The example of FIG. 2 assumes that the previously aired programming is obtained by the consumer device at the same rate as the programming is played back by the consumer device. Accordingly, for an amount of time **210** after the time **202** of the request, the previously aired portion of the programming is obtained via the unicast session concurrently with obtaining the remaining portion of the programming via the multicast broadcast. The amount of time **210** is approximately equivalent to the amount of time **212** between the beginning time **204** and the time **202** of the request.

As the multicast broadcast is obtained, it is stored on a local storage device by the consumer device (e.g., by a local storage module **136** of FIG. 1). In response to the request received at time **202**, playback of programming **200** at the consumer device begins at beginning time **204** using the programming data obtained via the unicast session. After amount of time **212** elapses, the playback of programming **200** at the consumer device continues using the data from the multicast broadcast that was stored on the local storage device. Accordingly, the unicast session can be terminated after the amount of time **212** elapses as the unicast session has caught up with the multicast broadcast. The remaining portion of programming **200** is played back from the multicast broadcast data stored on the local storage device by the consumer device. The duration of the unicast session can thus be reduced because the remaining portion of programming **200** is obtained via the multicast broadcast.

It should also be noted that, in the example of FIG. 2, after the unicast session is terminated the remaining portion of

programming 200 is typically played back from the local storage device of the consumer device. As the user requested playback of the programming 200 after the programming 200 had already begun airing, the user is essentially watching a delayed version of programming 200 (delayed relative to the time the programming 200 is aired). Accordingly, after the unicast session is terminated, part of programming 200 previously recorded by the consumer device from the multicast broadcast is played back, while concurrently portions of programming 200 being multicast broadcast are recorded for subsequent playback.

Returning to FIG. 1, situations can arise where consumer device 104 has additional bandwidth beyond that used for the unicast session and the multicast broadcast. In such situations, the previously aired programming can be transferred to consumer device 104 via the unicast session at a rate that is faster than the rate at which the programming is played back. This transferring of the data at a faster rate allows the previously aired portion of the programming to catch up to the multicast broadcast more quickly, and allows the unicast session to thus be terminated more quickly.

By way of example, assume that programming is played back at consumer device 104 at a rate of 1 Mbps, and that consumer device 104 has 3 Mbps of available bandwidth. The remaining portion of the programming is multicast broadcast at a rate of 1 Mbps. The previously aired portion of the programming is obtained via the unicast session at a rate up to the 2 Mbps available bandwidth, allowing the previously aired portion of the program to be obtained at twice the rate as it is played back. Accordingly, in this example consumer device 104 would use the available 3 Mbps of bandwidth in order to concurrently obtain both the previously aired programming and the remaining programming. In this example, the unicast session catches up to the multicast broadcast at a time in the programming prior to the time at which consumer device 104 began obtaining the remaining portion of the program via the multicast broadcast.

FIG. 3 illustrates an example of the reducing unicast session duration with restart TV in accordance with one or more embodiments. FIG. 3 illustrates an example situation where the previously aired portion of the programming is obtained via the unicast session concurrently with obtaining at least a portion of the remaining portion of the programming, and where consumer device 104 has additional bandwidth beyond that used for the unicast session and the multicast broadcast. In the example of FIG. 3, programming 200 is represented by a bar. A request to playback and/or record programming 200 after it has begun airing is received at time 202. A previously aired portion of programming 200 spanning from a programming beginning time 204 and the time 202 of the request is transferred to the consumer device via a unicast session. The remaining portion of programming 200, spanning from time 202 to the programming ending time 206 is transferred to the consumer device via the multicast broadcast. These times 202, 204, and 206 are those discussed above with reference to FIG. 2.

In FIG. 3, at least part of the remaining portion of the programming is obtained by the consumer device concurrently with the unicast session. The example of FIG. 3 assumes that the previously aired programming is obtained by the consumer device at a rate that is faster than the rate at which the programming is played back by the consumer device. Accordingly, for an amount of time 302 after the time 202 of the request, the previously aired portion of the programming 200 is obtained via the unicast session concurrently with obtaining the remaining portion of the pro-

gramming 200 via the multicast broadcast. The amount of time 302 is less than the amount of time 304 between the beginning time 204 and the time 202 of the request because of the faster transfer rate.

As the multicast broadcast is obtained, it is stored on a local storage device by the consumer device (e.g., by a local storage module 136 of FIG. 1). Additionally, the excess bandwidth is used by the unicast session to transfer portions of programming 200 beginning at time 202 working backwards towards beginning time 204. These portions transferred in the excess bandwidth are also stored on the local storage device by the consumer device (e.g., by a local storage module 136 of FIG. 1).

In response to the request received at time 202, playback of programming 200 at the consumer device begins at beginning time 204 using the programming data obtained via the unicast session. After the part of programming 200 that was originally aired between time 204 and time 202 has been transferred via the unicast session (the amount of time 302), playback of programming 200 at the consumer device continues using the data stored on the local storage device of the consumer device. This playback from the local storage device begins using the data that was stored from the unicast session (the data transferred in the excess bandwidth), then continues using the data from the multicast broadcast. Accordingly, the unicast session can be terminated after the amount of time 302 elapses as the unicast session has caught up with the multicast broadcast. The duration of the unicast session can thus be reduced because the remaining portion of programming 200 is obtained via the multicast broadcast, and further because the excess bandwidth is used to obtain the previously aired portion of programming 200 more quickly.

Alternatively, the unicast session can be used to obtain the previously aired portion of the programming in other manners other than using the excess bandwidth to transfer portions of programming 200 beginning at time 202 working backwards towards beginning time 204. By way of example, the unicast session could use the excess bandwidth to generate a buffer locally on the consumer device (e.g., by local storage module 136 of FIG. 1). This buffer would be filled working forward from time 204 to time 202, until the unicast session catches up to the multicast broadcast. In this example, the previously aired programming is played back from the buffer on the consumer device rather than being played back as it is received in the unicast session.

Returning to FIG. 1, situations can arise where consumer device 104 does not have sufficient bandwidth to obtain both the previously aired programming via the unicast session and the remaining portion of the programming via the multicast broadcast concurrently. In such situations, consumer device 104 obtains the data for the programming via the unicast session until the data obtained via the unicast session catches up with the multicast broadcast. If there is sufficient bandwidth, the data can be transferred to consumer device 104 via the unicast session at a rate that is faster than the rate at which the programming is played back in order to catch up with the multicast broadcast quicker.

By way of example, assume that programming is played back at consumer device 104 at a rate of 1 Mbps, that the programming is multicast broadcast at a rate of 1 Mbps, and that consumer device 104 has 1.5 Mbps of available bandwidth. The previously aired portion of the programming is obtained via the unicast session at a rate up to the 1.5 Mbps available bandwidth. Additional portions of the programming aired after the request to playback and/or record the programming are also obtained via the unicast session. In

this example, the unicast session catches up to the multicast broadcast at a time in the programming after the time at which the user requested playback and/or recording of the programming.

FIG. 4 illustrates an example of the reducing unicast session duration with restart TV in accordance with one or more embodiments. FIG. 4 illustrates an example situation where the consumer device has insufficient bandwidth to obtain both the previously aired programming via the unicast session and the remaining portion of the programming via the multicast broadcast concurrently. In the example of FIG. 4, programming 200 is represented by a bar, the programming 200 having a beginning time 204 and an ending time 206. A request to playback and/or record programming after it has begun airing is received at time 202. These times 202, 204, and 206 are those discussed above with reference to FIG. 2.

In response to the request to playback and/or record programming 200 at time 202, transfer of a previously aired portion of the programming from programming beginning time 204 begins. The portion of programming 200 being multicast broadcast is not received and stored by the consumer device as there is insufficient bandwidth for the consumer device to do so.

If there is no excess bandwidth beyond the rate at which the consumer device plays back programming 200, then the unicast session typically does not catch up to the multicast session. However, if there is excess bandwidth beyond the rate at which the consumer device plays back programming 200, then the unicast session can catch up to the multicast broadcast, typically at some time after time 202. Whether the unicast session catches up to the multicast broadcast, and if so the exact time at which the unicast session catches up to the multicast broadcast, can vary based on the amount of excess bandwidth, the time 202 the request was received, and how much time remains between the time 202 the request was received and the programming ending time 206.

FIG. 4 illustrates one example where the consumer device has excess bandwidth beyond the rate at which the consumer device plays back programming 200. In this example, the unicast session catches up to the multicast broadcast at a time 402 that is later in programming 200 than the time 202 that the request was received. The consumer device stores on a local storage device (e.g., using a local storage module 136 of FIG. 1) portions of programming 200 obtained via the unicast session that are not yet played back. Once the unicast session catches up to the multicast broadcast, the consumer device begins storing the multicast data on the local storage device (e.g., using a local storage module 136 of FIG. 1). In this example, portion 404 of the programming is obtained via the unicast session, while portion 406 of the programming is obtained via the multicast broadcast. The duration of the unicast session can thus be reduced because of the excess bandwidth being used to obtain portions of programming 200 more quickly.

Thus, following this example in FIG. 4, in response to the request at time 202, playback of the programming begins with the programming being obtained via the unicast session. After the unicast session catches up to the multicast broadcast, playback of the programming continues using the data stored on the local storage device of the consumer device. This playback from the local storage device begins using the data that was stored from the unicast session (the data transferred in the excess bandwidth), then continues using the data from the multicast broadcast.

In alternate embodiments, situations where the consumer device has insufficient bandwidth to obtain programming

from the unicast session and the multicast broadcast concurrently are managed differently. By way of example, if the multicast broadcast protocol allows the multicast broadcast to be joined even if the consumer device has insufficient bandwidth, then the consumer device can obtain part of the programming via the multicast broadcast concurrently with obtaining part of the programming via the unicast session. Any parts of the multicast broadcast that could not be recorded due to the insufficient bandwidth can be obtained in other manners, such as via the unicast session, via another multicast broadcast, and so forth.

Various examples are discussed with reference to FIGS. 2-4 above. These examples refer to the playback of programming 200, although it is to be appreciated that the techniques discussed above can be used in situations where programming 200 is being recorded but not yet played back. In such situations, the data received via the unicast session is recorded to the local storage device of the consumer device rather than being played back. Subsequently, in response to a user request to playback the data, the programming data received via the unicast session and the multicast session is played back from the local storage device.

Also in the discussions of FIGS. 2-4, reference is made to a time 202 that a request is being received. It is to be appreciated that various actions based on time 202 are only approximations, and that various delays may be present with respect to time 202. For example, a delay (e.g., 300 milliseconds, 2 seconds, 5 seconds, etc.) may exist between the time the user physically inputs a request and the time the consumer device begins obtaining and recording the multicast broadcast.

As discussed above, a switch from obtaining data via the unicast session to obtaining data from another source is made when the unicast session catches up to the multicast broadcast. Generally, this catching up refers to the situation where the data received (or to be received) via the unicast session is the same as the data received (or to be received) via the multicast broadcast. This situation can be identified in a variety of different manners.

In one or more embodiments, the programming is separated into multiple pieces or packets each having an associated timestamp. This timestamp can be, for example, the time at which that piece or packet is to be played back relative to the other pieces or packets in the programming (e.g., a presentation timestamp), the time at which the piece or packet is to be sent to consumer devices relative to the other pieces or packets in the programming (e.g., a delivery timestamp), a specific date and/or time at which that piece or packet is to be played back, and so forth. When the timestamp for a piece or packet received via the unicast session is the same as the timestamp for a piece or packet being broadcast via the multicast broadcast, then the unicast session has caught up to the multicast broadcast. In one or more embodiments, this determination of when the timestamps are the same can be made by a server (e.g., server 102 of FIG. 1). Alternatively, the timestamps for pieces or packets being broadcast via the multicast broadcast can be made available to the consumer device, in which case the consumer device can make the determination.

FIG. 5 is a flowchart illustrating an example process 500 for reducing unicast session duration with restart TV in accordance with one or more embodiments. Process 500 is carried out by a consumer device, such as a device 104 of FIG. 1, and can be implemented in software, firmware, hardware, or combinations thereof. Process 500 is an example process for reducing unicast session duration with

13

restart TV. Additional discussions of reducing unicast session duration with restart TV are included herein with reference to different figures.

In process 500, a unicast session is established with a server (act 502). This unicast session is typically established in response to a request from a user of the consumer device to playback and/or record programming that has already begun airing. A first portion of programming is obtained via the unicast session (act 504). A check is made as to whether the data in the unicast session has caught up with the multicast broadcast of the programming (act 506), and this first portion continues to be obtained via the unicast session until the data in the unicast session catches up with the multicast broadcast of the programming. As discussed above, the point at which the unicast session catches up with the multicast broadcast of the programming can vary, based at least in part on the time when the request to playback and/or record the programming is received and the amount of bandwidth available to the consumer device. Also as discussed above, the unicast session can be determined to have caught up to the multicast session in a variety of different manners.

When the data obtained in the unicast session has caught up with the multicast broadcast of the programming, then the consumer device switches to obtaining the remaining portion of the programming from a different source (act 508). As discussed above, this different source could be a local storage device (e.g., a local DVR), or could be the multicast broadcast. As part of this switching, a request to terminate the unicast session can be sent to the server.

FIG. 6 is a flowchart illustrating an example process 600 for reducing unicast session duration with restart TV in accordance with one or more embodiments. Process 600 is carried out by a server, such as a server 102 of FIG. 1, and can be implemented in software, firmware, hardware, or combinations thereof. Process 600 is an example process for reducing unicast session duration with restart TV. Additional discussions of reducing unicast session duration with restart TV are included herein with reference to different figures.

In process 600, a unicast session is established with a consumer device (act 602). This unicast session is typically established in response to a request from a user of the consumer device to playback and/or record programming that has already begun airing. A first portion of programming is sent to the consumer device via the unicast session (act 604). This first portion continues to be sent via the unicast session until the data in the unicast session catches up with the multicast broadcast of the programming (act 606). As discussed above, the point at which the unicast session catches up with the multicast broadcast of the programming can vary, based at least in part on the time when the request to playback and/or record the programming is received and the amount of bandwidth available to the consumer device. Also as discussed above, the unicast session can be determined to have caught up to the multicast session in a variety of different manners.

When the data obtained in the unicast session has caught up with the multicast broadcast of the programming, then the unicast session is terminated (act 608). In one or more embodiments the server determines when the unicast session has caught up with the multicast broadcast of the program, and terminates the unicast session at that time. The server also optionally informs the consumer device that the unicast session is being terminated, and that the consumer device is to obtain the remaining portion of the programming from another source. In other embodiments, the consumer device determines when the unicast session has caught up with the

14

multicast broadcast of the program, and informs the server that the unicast session is to be terminated.

It should be noted that, in one or more embodiments various changes can be made to the particular programming that is obtained by the consumer device via the unicast session and/or the multicast broadcast. For example, if the user were to fast forward through part of the previously aired programming being obtained via the unicast session, then that part that is fast forwarded through would not need to be obtained via the unicast session, allowing the unicast session to catch up to the multicast broadcast sooner.

FIG. 7 illustrates various components of an example client device 700 that can be implemented as any form of a computing, electronic, or television client device to implement one or more embodiments of the reducing unicast session duration with restart TV. For example, client device 700 can be implemented as any of the consumer devices 104(1-M) shown in FIG. 1. In various embodiments, client device 700 can be implemented as any one or combination of a television client device, a gaming system, or as any other computing-based device, such as a desktop computer, a portable computer, a television set-top box, a digital video recorder (DVR), an appliance device, a gaming console, and/or as any other type of computing-based client device.

Client device 700 includes one or more media content inputs 702 that may include Internet Protocol (IP) inputs over which streams of media content (programming) are received via an IP-based network. These streams can be received via unicast sessions and/or multicast broadcasts as discussed above. Client device 700 further includes communication interface(s) 704 that can be implemented as any one or more of a serial and/or parallel interface, a wireless interface, any type of network interface, a modem, and as any other type of communication interface. A wireless interface enables client device 700 to receive control input commands 706 and other information from an input device, such as from remote control device 708, a portable computing-based device (such as a cellular phone) 710, or from another infrared (IR), 802.11, Bluetooth, or similar RF input device.

A network interface provides a connection between client device 700 and a communication network by which other electronic and computing devices can communicate data with device 700. Similarly, a serial and/or parallel interface provides for data communication directly between client device 700 and the other electronic or computing devices. A modem facilitates client device 700 communication with other electronic and computing devices via a conventional telephone line, a DSL connection, cable, and/or other type of connection.

Client device 700 also includes one or more processors 712 (e.g., any of microprocessors, controllers, and the like) which process various computer-executable instructions to control the operation of device 700, to communicate with other electronic and computing devices, and to implement embodiments of the local recording of previously aired programming. Client device 700 can be implemented with computer-readable media 714, such as one or more memory components, examples of which include random access memory (RAM), non-volatile memory (e.g., any one or more of a read-only memory (ROM), flash memory, EPROM, EEPROM, etc.), and a disk storage device. A disk storage device can include any type of magnetic or optical storage device, such as a hard disk drive, a recordable and/or rewriteable compact disc (CD), a DVD, a DVD+RW, and the like.

Computer-readable media **714** provides data storage mechanisms to store various information and/or data such as software applications and any other types of information and data related to operational aspects of client device **700**. For example, an operating system **716** and/or other computer applications **718** can be maintained as software applications with the computer-readable media **714** and executed on processor(s) **712** to implement embodiments of the local recording of previously aired programming.

Client device **700** can also include a program guide application **720** that is implemented to process program guide data and generate program guides for display. A program guide enables a viewer to navigate through an onscreen display and locate various media content such as broadcast programs, recorded programs, video-on-demand programs and movies, interactive game selections, network-based applications, and other media content of interest to the viewer.

Client device **700** can also include a DVR system **724** with playback application **726**, and recording media **728** to maintain recorded media content **730** that client device **700** downloads (or otherwise receives) and/or records. DVR system **724** can optionally include local storage module **136** of FIG. 1. Further, client device **700** may access or receive additional recorded media content that is maintained with a remote data store (not shown). Client device **700** may also receive media content from a video-on-demand server, or media content that is maintained at a broadcast center or content distributor that distributes the media content to subscriber sites and client devices. The playback application **726** is a video control application that can be implemented to control the playback of media content, the recorded media content **730**, and/or other video-on-demand media content, music, and any other audio, video, and/or image media content which can be rendered and/or displayed for viewing.

Client device **700** also includes an audio and/or video output **732** that provides audio and/or video data to an audio rendering and/or display system **734**. The audio rendering and/or display system **734** can include any devices that process, display, and/or otherwise render audio, video, and image data. Video signals and audio signals can be communicated from client device **700** to a display device **736** via an RF (radio frequency) link, S-video link, composite video link, component video link, DVI (digital video interface), analog audio connection, or other similar communication link. Alternatively, the audio rendering and/or display system **734** can be implemented as integrated components of the example client device **700**. Client device **700** along with the audio rendering and/or display system **734** is an example of a viewing system that can be implemented in a household viewing area for viewing television programs and/or receiving other television media content.

FIG. 8 illustrates an example entertainment and information system **800** in which one or more embodiments of the reducing unicast session duration with restart TV can be implemented. System **800** facilitates the distribution of media content, program guide data, and advertising content to multiple viewers and to multiple viewing systems. System **800** includes a content distributor **802** and any number "N" of client systems **804(1-N)** each configured for communication via a communication network **806**. Each client system **804(1-N)** is an example of the consumer devices **104(1-M)** described with reference to FIG. 1. Each of the client systems **804(1-N)** can receive data streams of media content, program content, program guide data, advertising content,

closed captions data, and the like from content server(s) of the content distributor **802** via the communication network **806**.

The communication network **806** can be implemented as any one or combination of a wide area network (e.g., the Internet), a local area network (LAN), an intranet, an IP-based network, a broadcast network, a wireless network, a Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) network infrastructure, a point-to-point coupling infrastructure, or as any other media content distribution network. Additionally, communication network **806** can be implemented using any type of network topology and any network communication protocol, and can be represented or otherwise implemented as a combination of two or more networks. A digital network can include various hardwired and/or wireless links **808(1-N)**, routers, gateways, and so on to facilitate communication between content distributor **802** and the client systems **804(1-N)**.

System **800** includes a media server **810** that receives media content from a content source **812**, program guide data from a program guide source **814**, and advertising content from an advertisement source **816**. In one or more embodiments, the media server **810** represents an acquisition server that receives the audio and video media content from content source **812**, an EPG server that receives the program guide data from program guide source **814**, and/or an advertising management server that receives the advertising content from the advertisement source **816**.

The content source **812**, the program guide source **814**, and the advertisement source **816** control distribution of the media content, the program guide data, and the advertising content to the media server **810** and/or to other servers. The media content, program guide data, and advertising content can be distributed via various transmission media **818**, such as satellite transmission, radio frequency transmission, cable transmission, and/or via any number of other wired or wireless transmission media. In this example, media server **810** is shown as an independent component of system **800** that communicates the program content, program guide data, and advertising content to content distributor **802**. In an alternate implementation, media server **810** can be implemented as a component of content distributor **802**.

Content distributor **802** is representative of a headend service in a content distribution system, for example, that provides the media content, program guide data, and advertising content to multiple subscribers (e.g., the client systems **804(1-N)**). The content distributor **802** can be implemented as a satellite operator, a network television operator, a cable operator, and the like to control distribution of media content, program and advertising content, such as movies, television programs, commercials, music, and other audio, video, and/or image content to the client systems **804(1-N)**.

Content distributor **802** includes various content distribution components **820** to facilitate media content processing and distribution, such as a subscriber manager, a device monitor, and one or more content servers. The subscriber manager manages subscriber data, and the device monitor monitors the client systems **804(1-N)** (e.g., and the subscribers), and maintains monitored client state information.

Although the various managers, servers, and monitors of content distributor **802** (to include the media server **810** in one or more embodiments) are described as distributed, independent components of content distributor **802**, any one or more of the managers, servers, and monitors can be implemented together as a multi-functional component of content distributor **802**. Additionally, any one or more of the managers, servers, and monitors described with reference to

system **800** can implement features and embodiments of the reducing unicast session duration with restart TV.

The content distributor **802** includes communication interface(s) **822** that can be implemented as any type of interface to communicate and receive data from client devices of the television system, including unicast sessions and/or multicast broadcasts as discussed above. The content distributor **802** also includes one or more processors **824** (e.g., any of microprocessors, controllers, and the like) which process various computer-executable instructions to control the operation of content distributor **802**. The content distributor **802** also includes a network buffer **838** that operates analogous to network buffer **114** of FIG. 1, temporarily storing programs received from content source **812** (e.g., via media server **810**). The content distributor **802** can be implemented with computer-readable media **826** which provides data storage to maintain software applications such as an operating system **828** and media content **830** for distribution to the client systems **804(1-N)**.

The client systems **804(1-N)** can each be implemented to include a client device **832** and a display device **834** (e.g., a television, LCD, and the like). A client device **832** of a respective client system **804** can be implemented in any number of embodiments, such as a set-top box, a digital video recorder (DVR) and playback system, an appliance device, a gaming system, and as any other type of client device that may be implemented in an entertainment and information system. In an alternate embodiment, client system **804(N)** is implemented with a computing device **836** as well as a client device. The computing device **836** is an example of a connected data store that can record and maintain media content for a client device. Additionally, any client device **832** of a respective client system **804** can implement features and embodiments of the reducing unicast session duration with restart TV as described herein.

Generally, any of the functions or techniques described herein can be implemented using software, firmware, hardware (e.g., fixed logic circuitry), manual processing, or a combination of these implementations. The terms “module” and “component” as used herein generally represent software, firmware, hardware, or combinations thereof. In the case of a software implementation, the module or component represents program code that performs specified tasks when executed on a processor (e.g., CPU or CPUs). The program code can be stored in one or more computer-readable memory devices, further description of which may be found with reference to FIGS. 7 and 8. The features of the local recording of previously aired programming techniques described herein are platform-independent, meaning that the techniques can be implemented on a variety of commercial computing platforms having a variety of processors.

Although the subject matter has been described in language specific to structural features and/or methodological acts, it is to be understood that the subject matter defined in the appended claims is not necessarily limited to the specific features or acts described above. Rather, the specific features and acts described above are disclosed as example forms of implementing the claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A method implemented in a consumer device, the method comprising:

receiving a request at a first time for programming that has already begun to [air] *transmit*, wherein the programming is scheduled for transmission to a plurality of [users] *user devices* during a scheduled time interval, and wherein the first time corresponds to a point after a beginning time of the scheduled time interval;

determining the beginning time of the scheduled time interval;

obtaining by the consumer device, based on determining the beginning time, via a unicast session with a server, a first portion of the programming [aired] *transmitted* prior to the first time, the first portion including previously [aired] *transmitted* programming, wherein the previously [aired] *transmitted* programming corresponds to programming transmitted to [a] *the* plurality of [users] *user devices* starting from the beginning time of the scheduled time interval, and wherein the first portion is obtained as a first plurality of packets, each packet of the first plurality of packets having a presentation timestamp that indicates a play time of media data that is associated with a corresponding packet of the first plurality of packets;

obtaining by the consumer device, via a multicast broadcast of the programming concurrently with obtaining the first portion by the consumer device via the unicast session, at least part of a remaining portion of the programming that [airs] *transmitted* after the first time, wherein initiating said obtaining the first portion of the programming and said obtaining the remaining portion of the programming begin together at the consumer device, and wherein the multicast broadcast is obtained as a second plurality of packets, each packet of the second plurality of packets having a presentation timestamp that indicates a play time of media data that is associated with a corresponding packet of the second plurality of packets;

[comparing a first presentation timestamp of a first packet of the first plurality of packets with a second presentation timestamp of a second packet of the second plurality of packets;]

determining[, based on the comparing,] whether [the] *a* first presentation timestamp of [the] *a* first packet of the first plurality of packets matches [the] *a* second presentation timestamp of [the] *a* second packet of the second plurality of packets;

in response to determining that the first presentation timestamp of the first packet of the first plurality of packets matches the second presentation timestamp of the second packet of the second plurality of packets, determining that the unicast session has caught up to the multicast broadcast; and

stopping the unicast session when the unicast session has caught up to the multicast broadcast, to obtain the programming data from the unicast session, and continuing to obtain via the multicast broadcast the remaining portion of the programming from a different source other than the server.

2. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising: storing at least the part of the remaining portion on a storage device of the consumer device; and wherein the stopping comprises terminating the unicast session.

3. A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the obtaining the first portion of programming comprises obtaining the first portion of the programming at a rate faster than a playback rate of the programming.

4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the stopping comprises terminating the unicast session.

5. A method as recited in claim 4, further comprising obtaining, via the unicast session with the server, an additional portion of programming [aired] *transmitted* after the

request for the programming is received but before the unicast session catches up to the multicast broadcast of the programming.

6. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the programming is scheduled for transmission during a plurality of scheduled time intervals, wherein the scheduled time interval is a first of the plurality of scheduled time intervals, further comprising:

selecting a second of the plurality of scheduled time intervals that precedes the first scheduled time interval; identifying a beginning time of the second scheduled time interval; and

wherein the obtaining comprises obtaining, via the unicast session, programming transmitted to [a] the plurality of [users] user devices starting from the beginning time of the second scheduled time interval.

7. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein:

the request for the programming is a user request to playback particular programming; and the obtaining and the stopping are performed in response to the user request.

8. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the stopping comprises sending a termination request to the server to terminate the unicast session.

9. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising playing back the first portion as the first portion is received via the unicast session, and playing back the remaining portion from the different source.

10. A method implemented in a computing device, the method comprising:

sending, to a consumer device via a unicast session with the consumer device, a first portion of programming [aired] transmitted prior to a first time that corresponds to a request to at least one of view or record the programming, the first portion including previously [aired] transmitted programming and being identifiable using metadata associated with the programming that indicates the previously [aired] transmitted programming spans from a beginning of the programming up to the first time that corresponds to the request to at least one of view or record the programming, wherein the programming is scheduled for transmission to a plurality of [users] user devices during a scheduled time interval, and wherein the first time corresponds to a point after a beginning time of the scheduled time interval, wherein the consumer device is initiated to obtain the first portion of the programming via the unicast session concurrently with obtaining a multicast broadcast of the programming via the multicast broadcast of the programming, wherein initiating said obtaining the first portion of the programming and said obtaining the multicast broadcast of the programming begin together at the consumer device, wherein the first portion is obtained as a first plurality of packets, each packet of the first plurality of packets having a presentation timestamp that indicates a play time of media data that is associated with a corresponding packet of the first plurality of packets, and the multicast broadcast is obtained as a second plurality of packets, each packet of the second plurality of packets having a presentation timestamp that indicates a play time of media data that is associated with a corresponding packet of the second plurality of packets, wherein the first portion corresponds to programming transmitted to [a] the plurality of [users] user devices starting from the beginning time of the scheduled time interval, and wherein the multicast broadcast of the programming is

configured for storage to enable playback by the consumer device after the first portion of the programming is played back by the consumer device;

[comparing a first presentation timestamp of a first packet of the first plurality of packets with a second presentation timestamp of a second packet of the second plurality of packets;]

determining[, based on the comparing,] whether [the] a first presentation timestamp of [the] a first packet of the first plurality of packets matches [the] a second presentation timestamp of [the] a second packet of the second plurality of packets;

in response to determining that the first presentation timestamp of the first packet of the first plurality of packets matches the second presentation timestamp of the second packet of the second plurality of packets, determining that the unicast session has caught up to the stored multicast broadcast of the programming; and stopping the unicast session when the unicast session has caught up to the stored multicast broadcast of the programming.

11. A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the terminating comprises terminating the unicast session in response to a termination request received from the consumer device to terminate the unicast session.

12. A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the sending comprising using excess bandwidth of the consumer device to send the first portion at a rate faster than a playback rate of the programming.

13. A method as recited in claim 10, further comprising sending, via the unicast session with the consumer device, an additional portion of programming [aired] transmitted after the first time but before the unicast session catches up to the multicast broadcast of the programming.

14. A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the request to view the programming comprises a request to restart a program at the consumer device, and wherein sending the first portion comprises sending the first portion in response to the request to restart the program.

15. A system for communication with a consumer device having a local storage device, the system comprising:

a server configured to establish a unicast session and/or a multicast broadcast with the consumer device, the server comprising:

memory circuitry configured to store content of the unicast session and/or the multicast broadcast for distribution to the consumer device; and

[control] processing circuitry configured to:

receive a request from the consumer device at a first time for programming that has already begun to [air] transmit, wherein the programming is scheduled for transmission to a plurality of [users] user devices during a scheduled time interval, and wherein the first time corresponds to a point after a beginning time of the scheduled time interval;

establish [a] the unicast session [with a] at the server based on the received request;

determine the beginning time of the scheduled time interval;

obtain, based on determining the beginning time, via the unicast session and in response to the request, a first portion of the programming that [aired] transmitted prior to a first time, the first portion including previously [aired] transmitted programming and being identifiable using metadata associated with the programming that indicates the previously [aired] transmitted programming spans from a beginning of

21

the programming up to the first time, wherein the first portion is obtained at a rate faster than a playback rate of the programming, and wherein the first portion is obtained for playback by the consumer device, wherein the first portion corresponds to programming transmitted to [a] the plurality of [users] user devices starting from the beginning time of the scheduled time interval, and wherein the first portion is obtained as a first plurality of packets, each packet of the plurality of packets having a presentation timestamp that indicates a play time of media data that is associated with a corresponding packet of the first plurality of packets;

obtain the first portion of the programming via the unicast session, together with obtaining and recording, via [a] the multicast broadcast of the programming, at least a first part of the multicast broadcast of the programming, at the consumer device, wherein the multicast broadcast is obtained as a second plurality of packets, each packet of the second plurality of packets having a presentation timestamp that indicates a play time of media data that is associated with a corresponding packet of the second plurality of packets;

[compare a first presentation timestamp of a first packet of the first plurality of packets with a second presentation timestamp of a second packet of the second plurality of packets;]

determine[, based on the comparing,] whether [the] a first presentation timestamp of [the] a first packet of the first plurality of packets matches [the] a second presentation timestamp of [the] a second packet of the second plurality of packets;

in response to determining that the first presentation timestamp of the first packet of the first plurality of packets matches the second presentation timestamp of the second packet of the second plurality of packets, determining that data obtained via the unicast session has caught up to the recorded multicast broadcast; and stop, based on determining that data obtained via the unicast session has caught up to the recorded multicast broadcast, obtaining via the unicast session, the first portion of the programming, and obtaining a remaining portion of the programming from [a] the local storage device of the consumer device on which the at least the first part of the multicast broadcast was recorded, wherein the remaining portion is obtained for playback by the consumer device.

16. The system defined by claim 15, wherein the [control] processing circuitry is configured to record a second part of the multicast broadcast on the local storage device while the first part of the multicast broadcast is being played back from the local storage device.

17. The system defined by claim 15, wherein the request for the programming corresponds to a user request, received by the consumer device, to restart a television program.

18. The method defined by claim 1, further comprising storing the first portion of the programming and the at least part of the remaining portion of the programming concurrently to memory.

19. The method defined by claim 10, wherein the first portion of the programming and the at least part of the remaining portion of the programming are stored concurrently to memory.

20. The system defined by claim 15, wherein the [control] processing circuitry is further configured to store the first

22

portion of the programming and the at least part of the remaining portion of the programming concurrently to memory.

21. A method for playing, on a media device, a portion of programming that was broadcast prior to a time at which the media device began playing the programming the method comprising:

beginning to obtain, at a first time, via a first stream, programming that is scheduled for broadcast during a scheduled time interval, wherein the first time corresponds to a point after a beginning time of the scheduled time interval;

receiving, at a second time later than the first time, a request for a portion of the programming that was broadcast prior to the first time;

in response to receiving the request:

obtaining, via a second stream, a first plurality of packets containing media data of a first portion of the programming that was broadcast prior to the first time, each packet of the first plurality of packets having a presentation timestamp that indicates a respective play time of media data;

continuing to obtain, via the first stream, the programming, wherein the first stream is obtained as a second plurality of packets, each packet of the second plurality of packets having respective a presentation timestamp that indicates a play time of media data;

in response to determining that a presentation timestamp of the most recently obtained packet of the second plurality of packets matches a presentation timestamp of a most recently obtained packet of the first plurality of packets, determining, when playing the programming, that the second stream has caught up to the first stream; and

in response to determining that the second stream has caught up to the first stream, ending obtaining the second stream, and continuing to obtain via the first stream a remaining portion of the programming;

wherein the first stream is a multicast broadcast and the second stream is a unicast session.

22. The method of claim 21, further comprising storing at least the part of the remaining portion on a storage device of the media device.

23. The method of claim 21, wherein obtaining the first portion of programming comprises obtaining the first portion of the programming at a rate faster than a playback rate of the programming.

24. The method of claim 21, wherein at least part of the first portion of programming is stored on a storage device of the media device.

25. The method of claim 21, further comprising:

obtaining, via the unicast session, an additional portion of programming that is broadcast after the request is received but before the unicast session catches up to the multicast broadcast of the programming.

26. The method of claim 21, wherein the programming is scheduled for transmission during a plurality of scheduled time intervals, wherein the scheduled time interval is a first of the plurality of scheduled time intervals, further comprising:

selecting a second of the plurality of scheduled time intervals that precedes the first scheduled time interval; identifying a beginning time of the second scheduled time interval; and

23

wherein the obtaining comprises obtaining, via the second stream, programming transmitted to a plurality of user devices starting from the beginning time of the second scheduled time interval.

27. The method of claim 21, wherein:
 the request for the programming is a user request to play particular programming; and
 the obtaining, via the second stream, and the ending of the second stream are performed in response to the user request.

28. The method of claim 21, wherein the ending comprises sending a termination request to a server to terminate the second stream.

29. The method of claim 21, further comprising playing the first portion as the first portion is received via the second stream and playing the remaining portion from the different source.

30. The method of claim 21, further comprising generating for display a notification to at least one of the plurality of user devices that the second stream is ending.

31. A system for playing a portion of programming that was broadcast prior to a time at which the media device began playing the programming, the system comprising:

a server configured to establish a second stream and/or a first stream with the media device, the server comprising:

memory circuitry configured to store content of the second stream and/or the first stream for distribution to the media device; and

processing circuitry configured to:

begin to obtain, at a first time, via the first stream, programming that is scheduled for broadcast during a scheduled time interval, wherein the first time corresponds to a point after a beginning time of the scheduled time interval;

receive, at a second time later than the first time, a request from the media device for a portion of the programming that was broadcast prior to the first time;

in response to receiving the request:

obtain, via the second stream, a first plurality of packets containing media data of a first portion of the programming that was broadcast prior to the first time, each packet of the first plurality of packets having a presentation timestamp that indicates a respective play time of media data;

continue to obtain, via the first stream, the programming, wherein the first stream is obtained as a second plurality of packets, each packet of the second plurality of packets having respective a presentation timestamp that indicates a play time of media data;

in response to determining that a presentation timestamp of the most recently obtained packet of the second plurality of packets matches a presentation timestamp of a most recently obtained packet of the first plurality of packets, determine, when

24

playing the programming, that the second stream has caught up to the first stream; and
 in response to determining that the second stream has caught up to the first stream, end obtaining the second stream, and continue to obtain via the first stream a remaining portion of the programming;
 wherein the first stream is a multicast broadcast and the second stream is a unicast session.

32. The system of claim 31, further comprising a storage device, wherein the processing circuitry is further configured to store at least the part of the remaining portion on the storage device.

33. The system of claim 31, wherein the processing circuitry configured to obtain the first portion of programming is further configured to obtain the first portion of the programming at a rate faster than a playback rate of the programming.

34. The system of claim 31, further comprising a storage device, wherein at least part of the first portion of programming is stored on the storage device.

35. The system of claim 31, wherein the processing circuitry is further configured to obtain, via the second stream, an additional portion of programming that is broadcast after the request is received but before the second stream catches up to the first stream of the programming.

36. The system of claim 31, wherein the programming is scheduled for transmission during a plurality of scheduled time intervals, wherein the scheduled time interval is a first of the plurality of scheduled time intervals, and wherein the processing circuitry is further configured to:

select a second of the plurality of scheduled time intervals that precedes the first scheduled time interval;

identify a beginning time of the second scheduled time interval; and

wherein the obtaining comprises obtaining, via the second stream, programming transmitted to a plurality of user devices starting from the beginning time of the second scheduled time interval.

37. The system of claim 31, wherein:

the request for the programming is a user request to play particular programming; and

the processing circuitry is further configured to perform the obtaining, via the second stream, and the ending of the second stream in response to the user request.

38. The system of claim 31, wherein the processing circuitry configured to end the second stream is further configured to send a termination request to a server to terminate the second stream.

39. The system of claim 31, wherein the processing circuitry is further configured to play the first portion as the first portion is received via the second stream and playing the remaining portion from the different source.

40. The system of claim 31, wherein the processing circuitry is further configured to generate for display a notification to at least one of the plurality of user devices that the second stream is ending.

* * * * *