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(54) **TARGETED ADVERTISING FOR BROADCASTED CONTENT**

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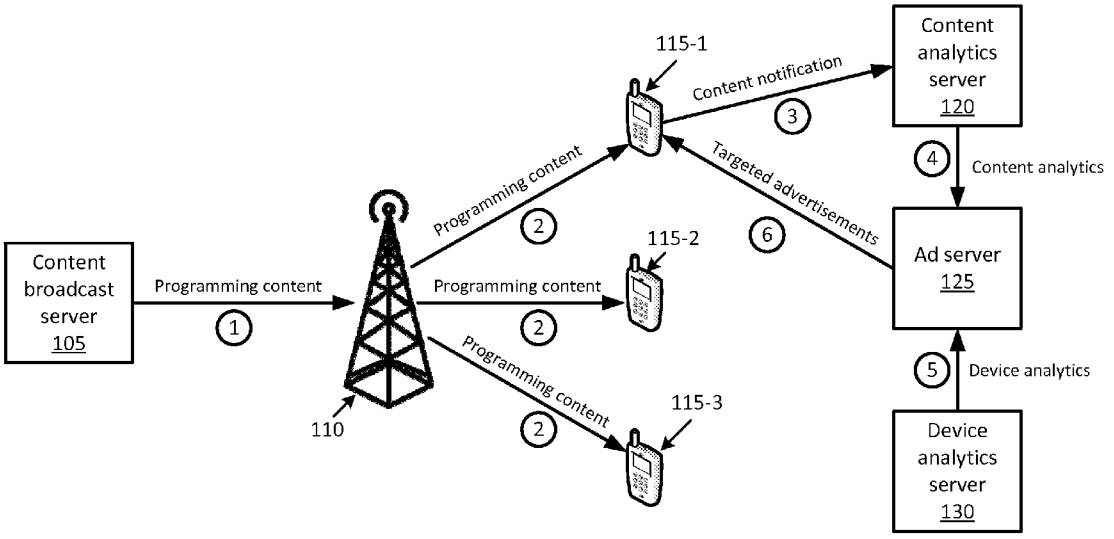
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A server device may broadcast programming content; identify a received indication that a particular user device has received the programming content; determine device analytics information regarding the particular user device; identify, based on the device analytics information, targeted advertising for the particular user device; and output, to the particular user device, the identified targeted advertising. A user device may receive broadcasted programming content; present the broadcasted programming content; output an indication that the broadcasted programming content is being presented; receive targeted advertising that was generated based on the outputted indication; and present the targeted advertising in conjunction with the broadcasted programming content.



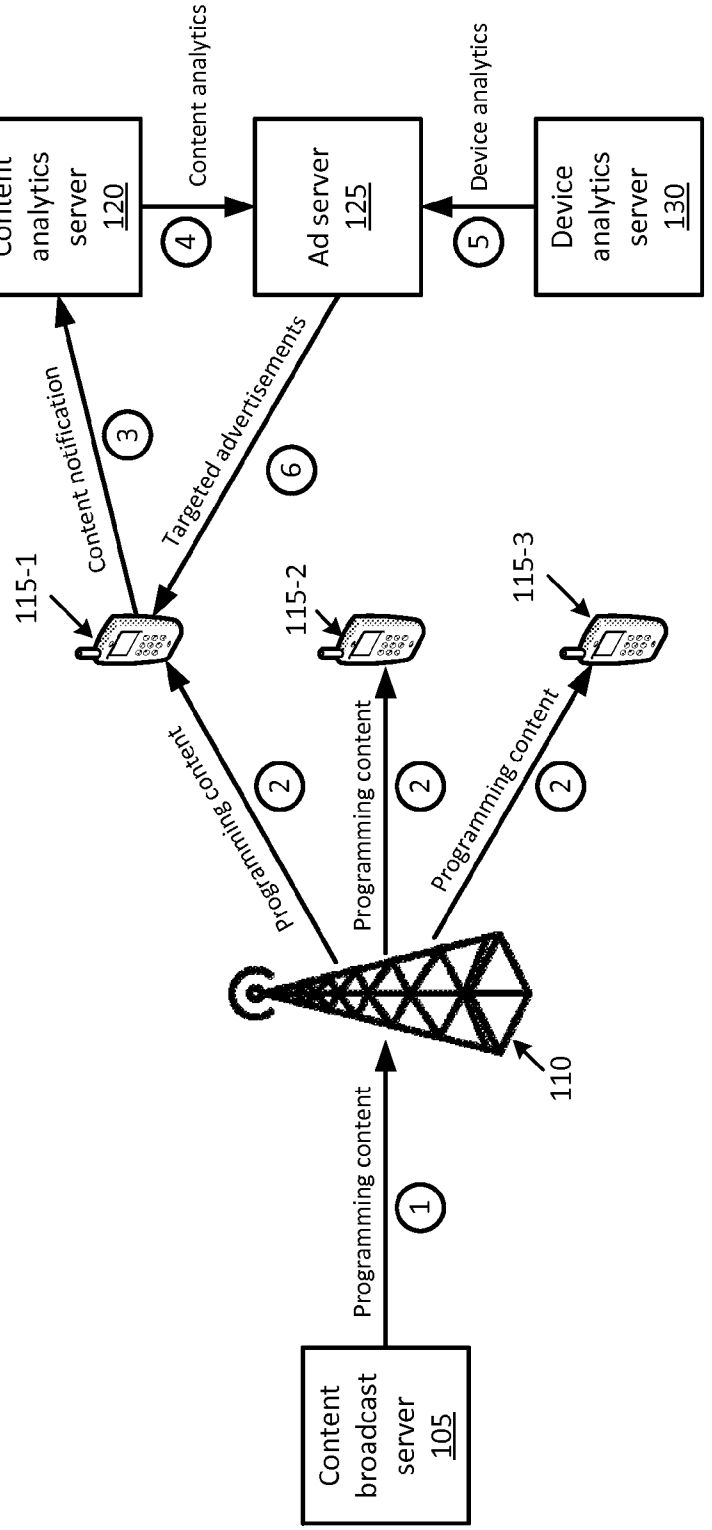

Content broadcast server 105
Programming content
1
110
Programming content
2
Programming content
2
Programming content
2
115-1
115-2
115-3
Content notification
3
Content analytics server 120
Content analytics
4
Ad server 125
Device analytics
5
Device analytics server 130
Targeted advertisements
6

FIG. 1

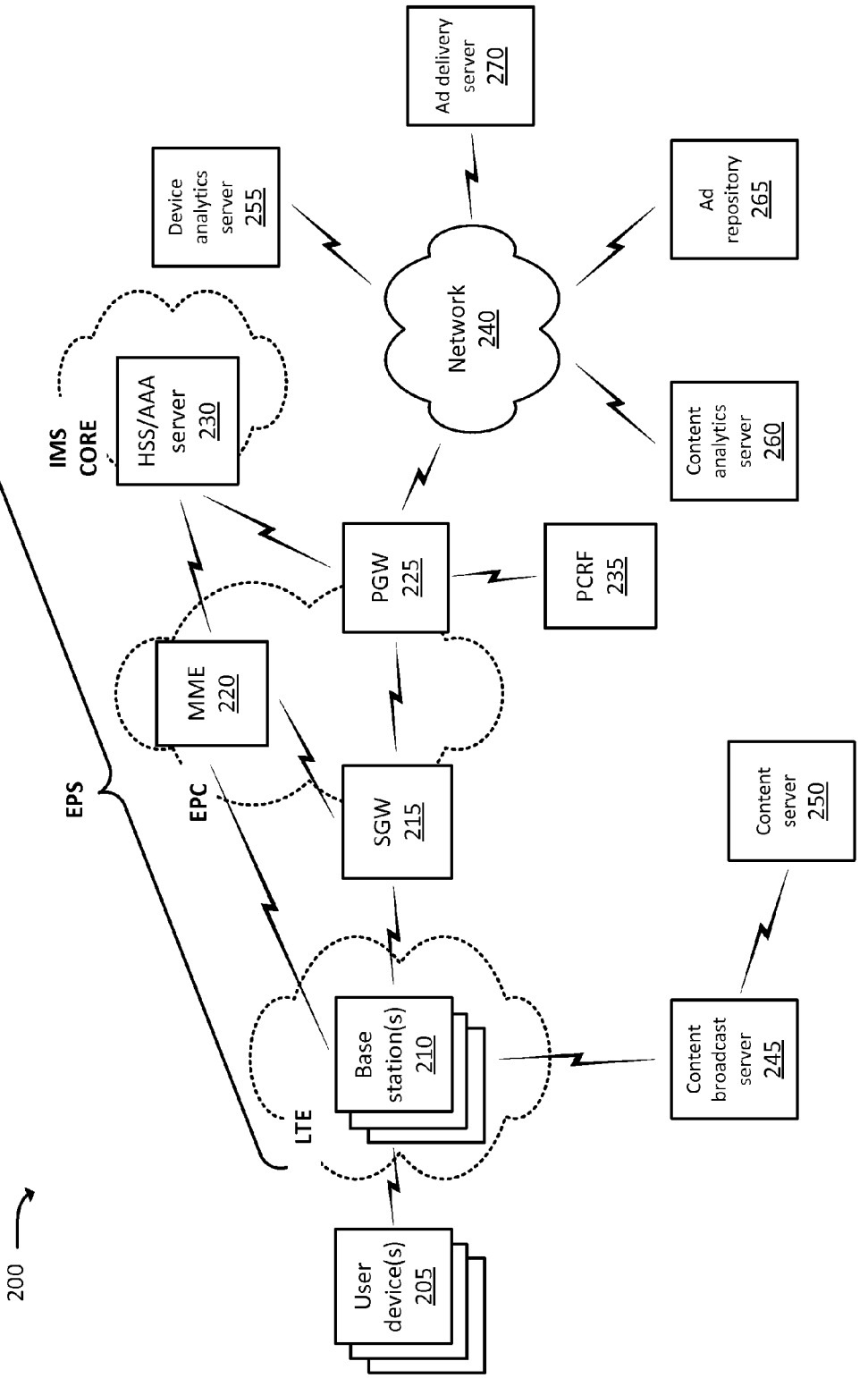

200
User device(s) 205
Base station(s) 210
LTE
EPS
EPC
MME 220
SGW 215
PGW 225
PCRF 235
IMS CORE
HSS/AAA server 230
Network 240
Content broadcast server 245
Content server 250
Device analytics server 255
Content analytics server 260
Ad repository 265
Ad delivery server 270

FIG. 2A

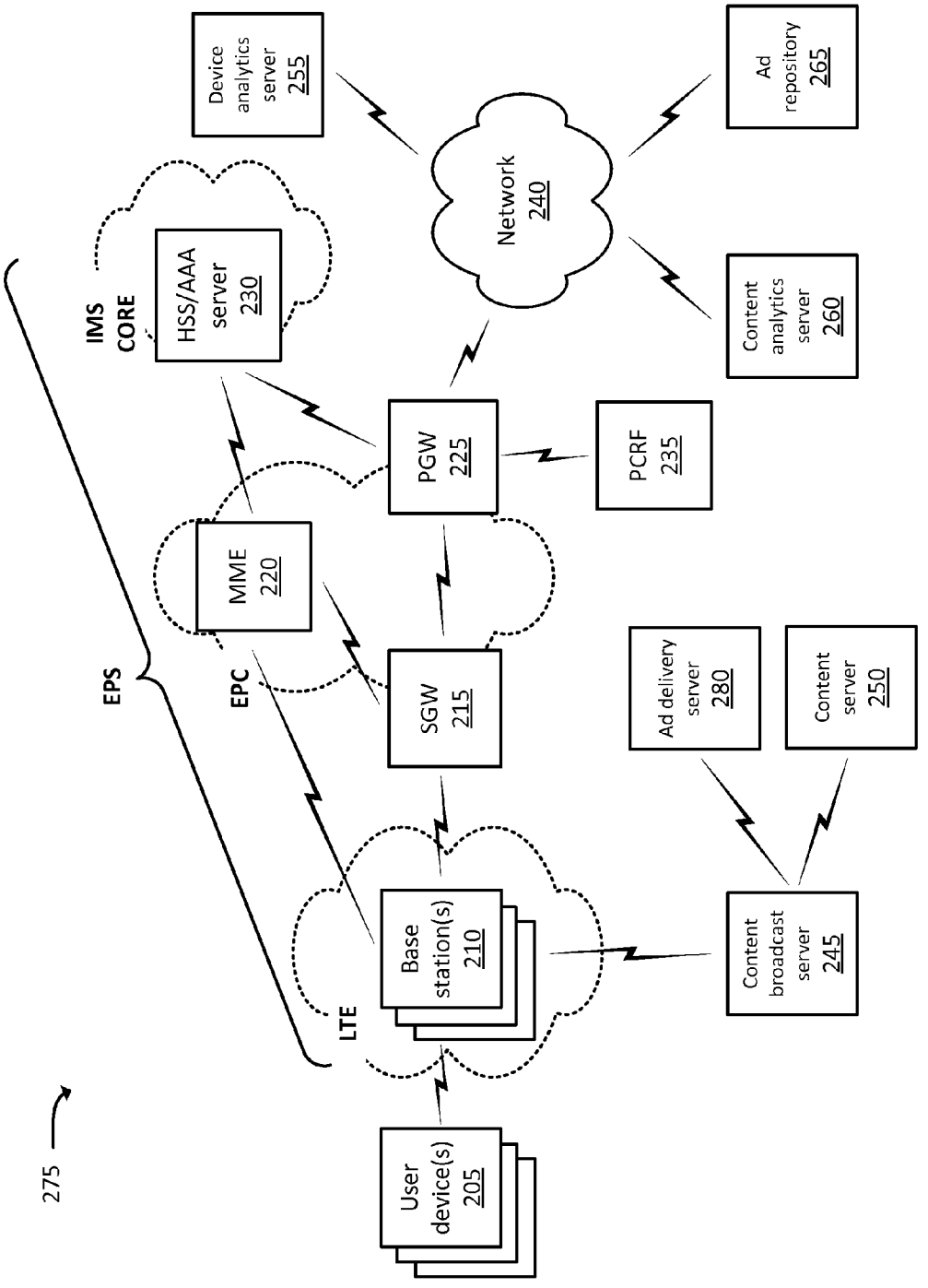

275
EPS
LTE
EPC
IMS CORE
User device(s) 205
Base station(s) 210
SGW 215
MME 220
PGW 225
HSS/AAA server 230
PCRF 235
Network 240
Content broadcast server 245
Content server 250
Ad delivery server 280
Device analytics server 255
Content analytics server 260
Ad repository 265

FIG. 2B

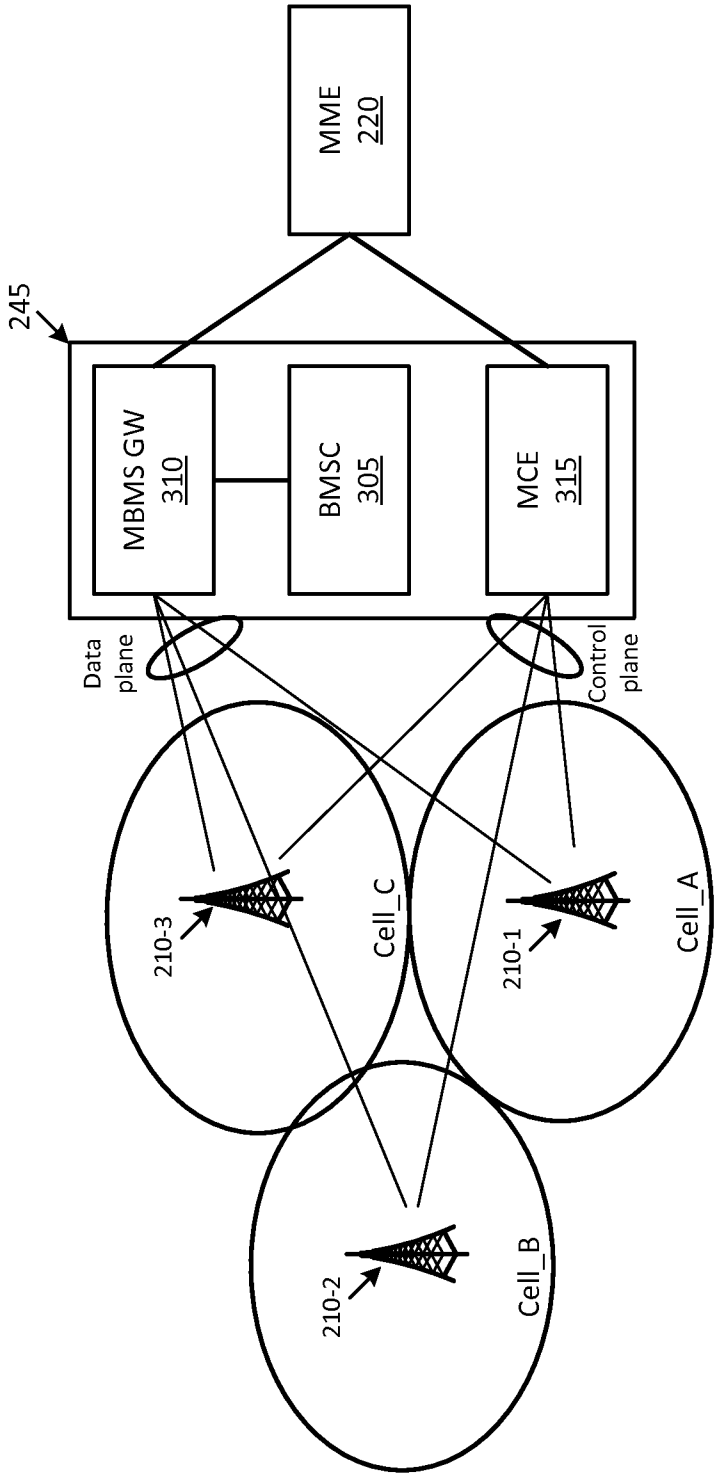

MME
220
245
MBMS GW
310
BMSC
305
MCE
315
Data
plane
Control
plane
210-3
Cell_C
210-1
Cell_A
210-2
Cell_B

FIG. 3

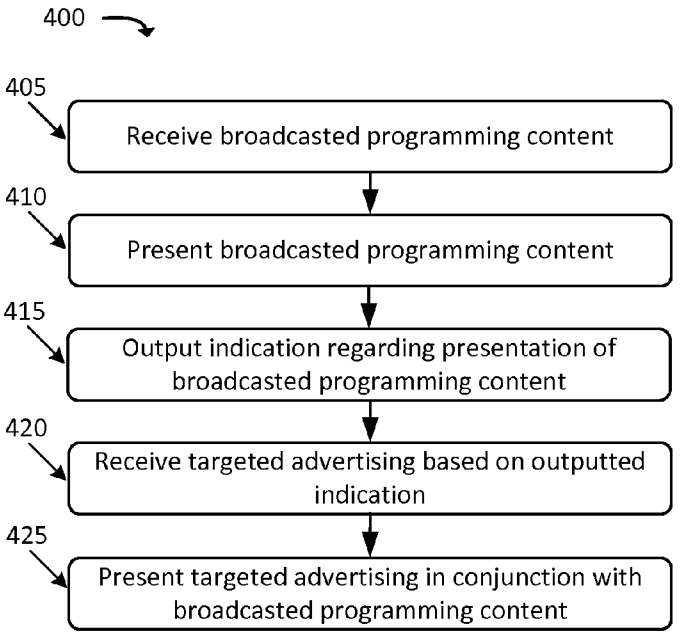

400
405
Receive broadcasted programming content
410
Present broadcasted programming content
415
Output indication regarding presentation of broadcasted programming content
420
Receive targeted advertising based on outputted indication
425
Present targeted advertising in conjunction with broadcasted programming content

FIG. 4

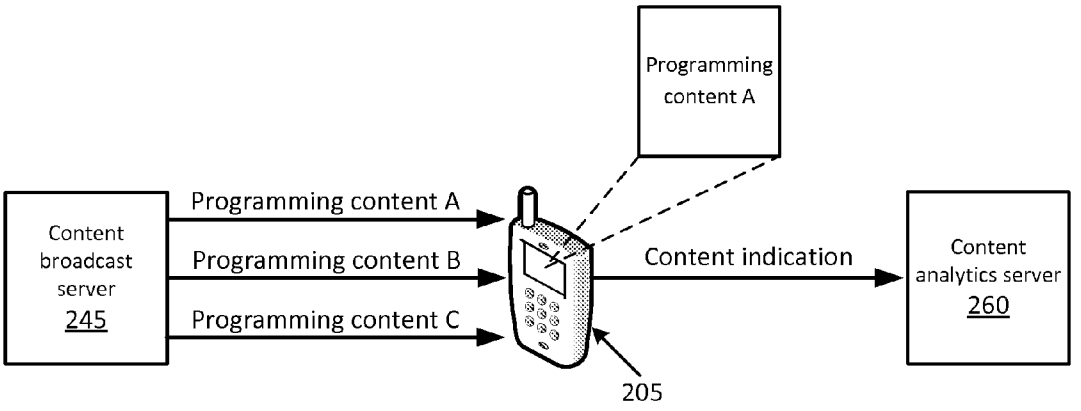

Programming content A
Content broadcast server 245
Programming content A
Programming content B
Programming content C
Content indication
Content analytics server 260
205

FIG. 5

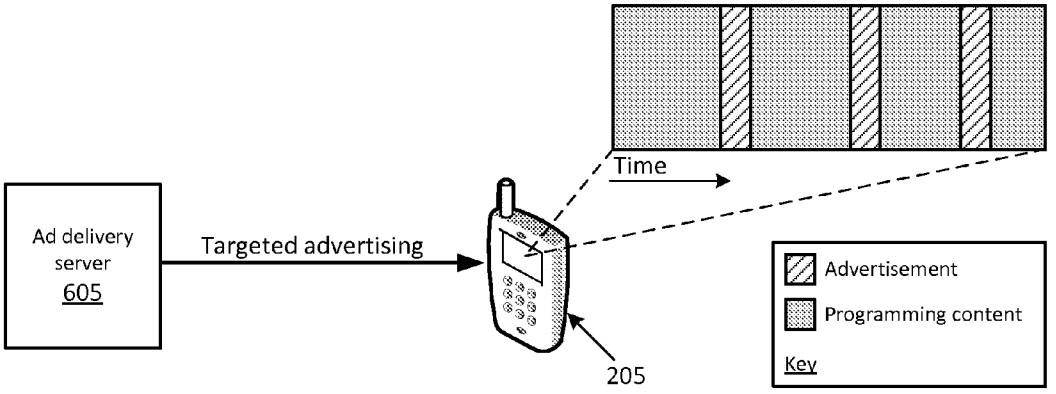

Ad delivery server 605
Targeted advertising
Time
205
Advertisement
Programming content
Key

FIG. 6

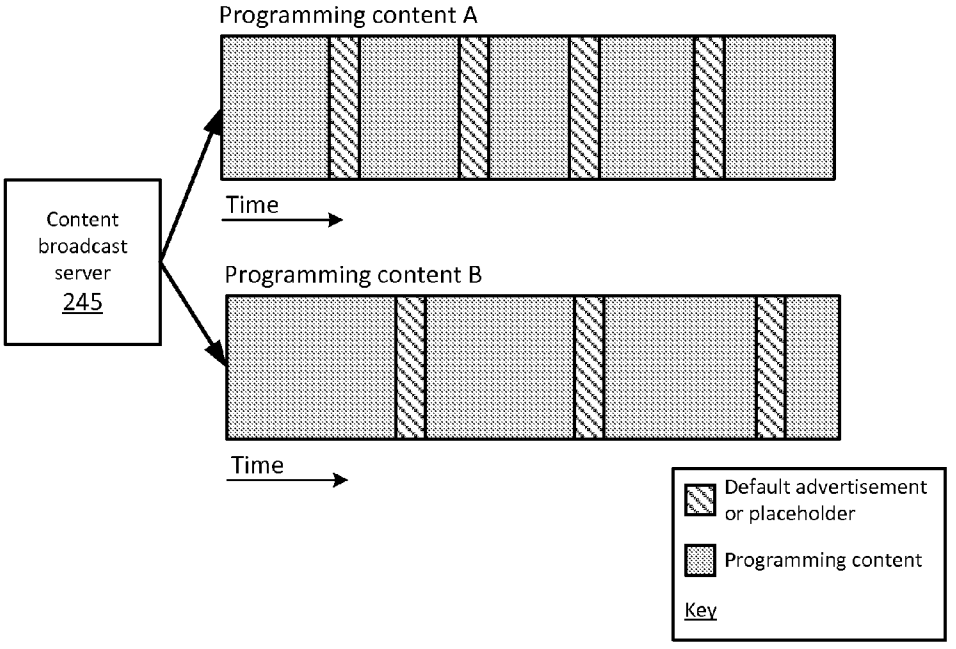

Programming content A
Content broadcast server 245
Time
Programming content B
Time
Default advertisement or placeholder
Programming content
Key

FIG. 7

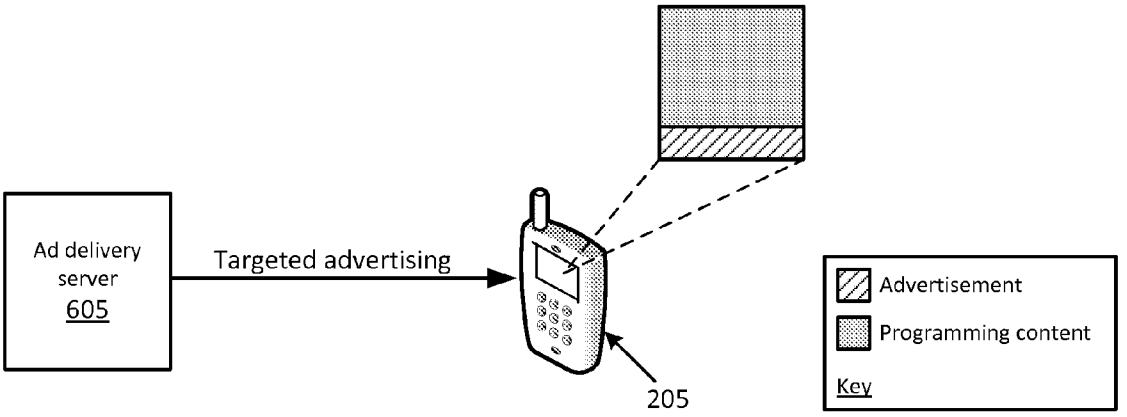

Ad delivery server 605
Targeted advertising
205
Advertisement
Programming content
Key

FIG. 8

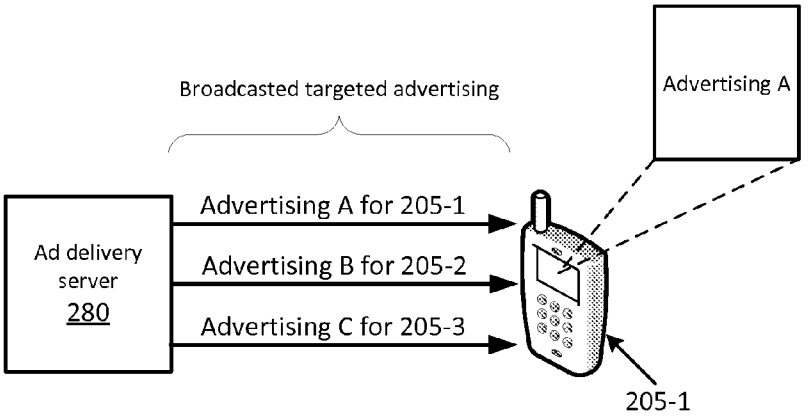

Broadcasted targeted advertising
Advertising A
Ad delivery server 280
Advertising A for 205-1
Advertising B for 205-2
Advertising C for 205-3
205-1

FIG. 9

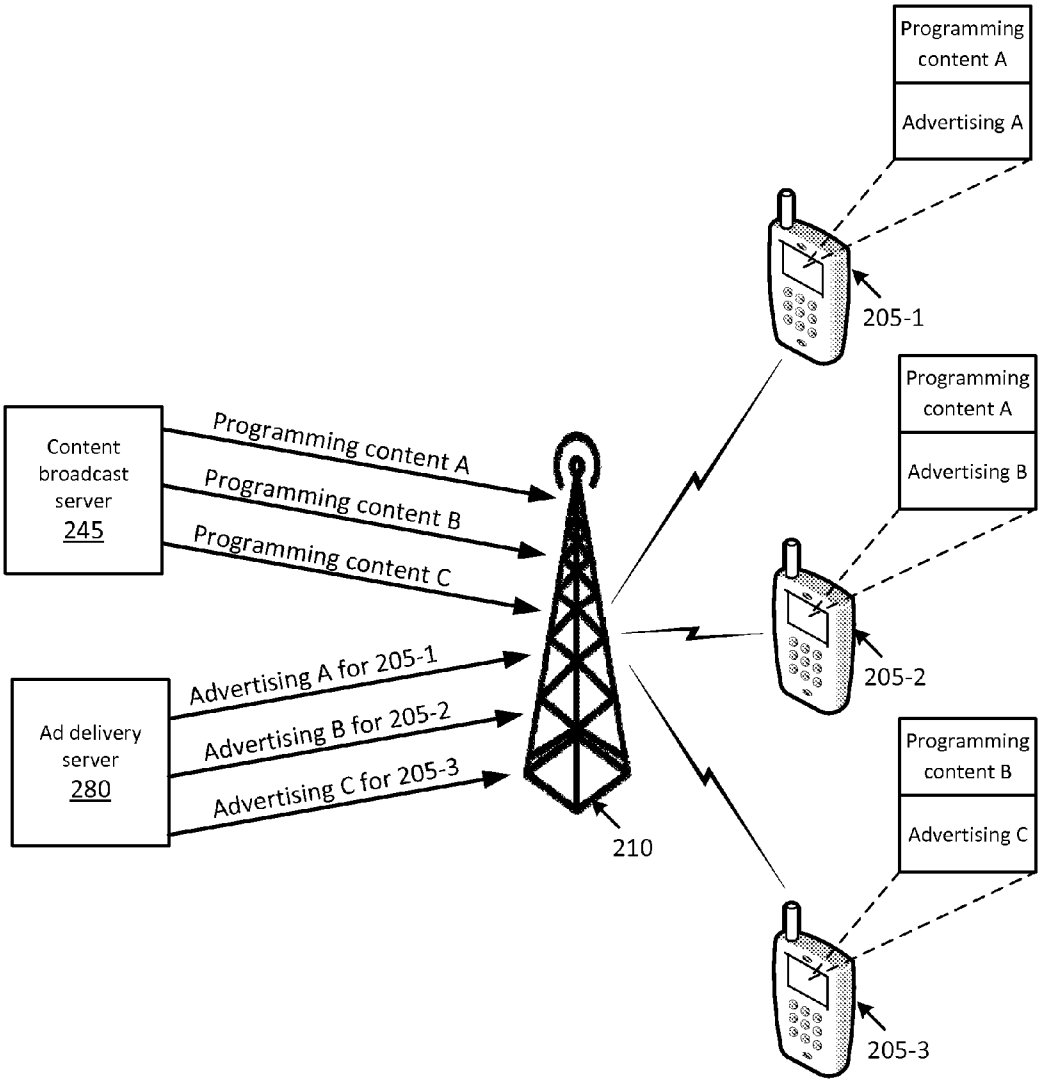

Programming content A
Advertising A
205-1
Programming content A
Advertising B
205-2
Programming content B
Advertising C
205-3
Content broadcast server 245
Programming content A
Programming content B
Programming content C
Ad delivery server 280
Advertising A for 205-1
Advertising B for 205-2
Advertising C for 205-3
210

FIG. 10

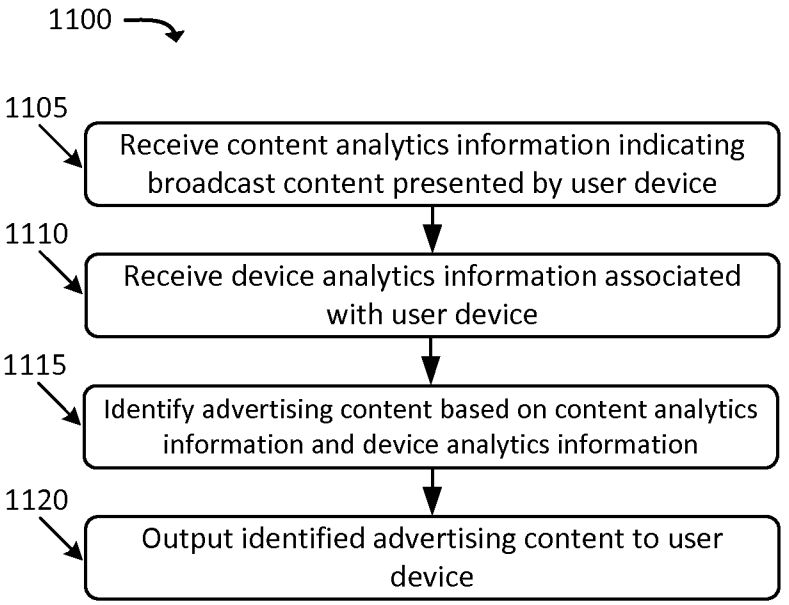

1100
1105
Receive content analytics information indicating broadcast content presented by user device
1110
Receive device analytics information associated with user device
1115
Identify advertising content based on content analytics information and device analytics information
1120
Output identified advertising content to user device

FIG. 11

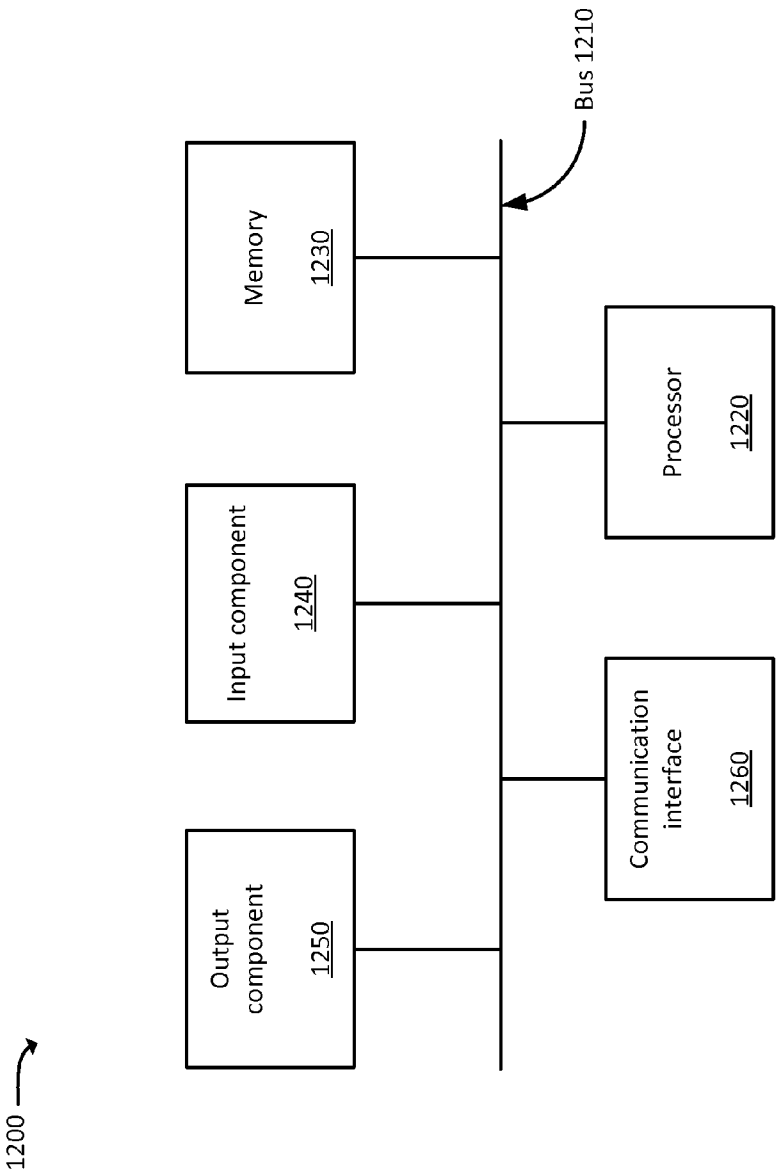

1200
Bus 1210
Memory
1230
Input component
1240
Output component
1250
Processor
1220
Communication interface
1260

FIG. 12

TARGETED ADVERTISING FOR BROADCASTED CONTENT

BACKGROUND

[0001] Content providers may broadcast programming content, such as video content, to an audience. Advertising may be used to encourage the audience to purchase products or services. Advertising may be effective when targeted at specific users. For example, an advertisement for a car may be particularly effective for a user who is presently interested in purchasing a car, an advertisement for men's deodorant may be particularly effective for a user who is a male, etc. Because of the nature of broadcasted content, it may be difficult to ascertain characteristics of users who are accessing the content. That is, users may receive broadcasted content without the provider of the content being aware of who is accessing the content.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0002] FIG. **1** illustrates an example overview of one or more implementations described herein;

[0003] FIGS. **2**A and **2**B illustrate example environments in which systems and/or methods, described herein, may be implemented;

[0004] FIG. **3** illustrates an alternate view of some components of an environment in which systems and/or methods, described herein, may be implemented;

[0005] FIG. **4** illustrates an example process for presenting targeted advertising in conjunction with broadcasted content;

[0006] FIG. **5** illustrates an example of outputting a content indication to a content analytics server;

[0007] FIG. **6** illustrates an example of presenting targeted advertising in conjunction with broadcasted content;

[0008] FIG. **7** illustrates an example of different programming content that may be broadcasted by a content broadcast server;

[0009] FIG. **8** illustrates another example of presenting targeted advertising in conjunction with broadcasted content;

[0010] FIGS. **9** and **10** illustrate an example of targeted advertisements being broadcasted to user devices;

[0011] FIG. **11** illustrates an example of outputting targeted advertising to a user device; and

[0012] FIG. **12** illustrates example components of one or more devices, according to one or more implementations described herein.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0013] The following detailed description refers to the accompanying drawings. The same reference numbers in different drawings may identify the same or similar elements.

[0014] Techniques described herein may allow for the delivery of targeted advertisements to user devices that access broadcasted content (e.g., content that is broadcasted using a Multimedia Broadcast Multicast Service ("MBMS") or an evolved MBMS ("eMBMS") technique). The targeted advertisements may be tailored to be particularly relevant to users of the user devices, in that the targeted advertisements may be based on user demographics, user device behavior history (e.g., history of accessing content, such as web content, multimedia content, etc.), or other types of information. Targeted advertisements may be more effective than non-targeted advertisements, because targeted advertisements may be more likely to be relevant to users. For example, an advertisement for a sports drink may be more relevant to a young user than to an elderly user.

[0015] When broadcasting content, content providers may desire to provide targeted advertisements. However, present systems do not generally allow content providers to have knowledge of who is accessing broadcasted content in real time, so content providers are not able to generate or identify targeted advertisements that are specifically tailored to users who are accessing broadcasted content. Additionally, present systems do not generally allow different targeted advertisements to be provided to different user devices in conjunction with the same broadcasted content.

[0016] As described herein, some implementations may allow for targeted advertisements to be generated or identified for user devices, which are accessing broadcasted content, in real time. Additionally, some implementations may allow different targeted advertisements to be provided to different user devices in conjunction with the same broadcasted content. For example, two different user devices may receive the same broadcasted content, such as a television program, while each receiving different advertising that is presented in conjunction with the broadcasted content (e.g., as commercial breaks, banners/overlays, etc.).

[0017] FIG. **1** illustrates an example overview of one or more implementations, in which targeted advertisements may be delivered to user devices. As shown, content broadcast server **105**, in conjunction with base station **110**, may broadcast programming content towards user devices **115-1** through **115-3**. For example, content broadcast server **105** may output (at the arrow marked "1") the programming content to base station **110**, which may be a base station of a cellular telecommunications network. Base station **110** may broadcast (at the arrows marked "2") the programming content to user devices **115-1** through **115-3**.

[0018] The following acts may be performed by user devices **115-2** and/or **115-3**, but are described in the context of user device **115-1**, for the purpose of brevity. User device **115-1** may present the programming content, such as, for example, displaying a video portion of the programming content via a screen and/or playing an audio portion of the programming content via a speaker or headset. As shown, user device **115-1** may output (at the arrow marked "3") a content notification to content analytics server **120**. The content notification may include information identifying user device **115-1**, as well as information identifying the programming content being accessed by user device **115-1**. Content analytics server **120** may identify analytics information associated with the content, such as a category or genre of the programming content, a length of the programming content, a type (e.g., video and/or audio) of the programming content, one or more keywords associated with the content, etc.

[0019] Content analytics server **120** may output (at the arrow marked "4") the content analytics information and/or the content notification to ad server **125**. Ad server **125** may also receive (at the arrow marked "5") device analytics information from device analytics server **130**. The device analytics information may include information regarding user device **115-1** and/or a user of user device **115-1**, such as an age and/or gender of the user, an occupation of the user, web or programming content access history associated with the user and/or user device **115-1**, a geographical location of user device **115-1**, etc. Such information may be collected from the user, and/or with the user's consent (e.g., pursuant to a

user "opting in" to a service whereby user information and/or device history information is collected). In some implementations, a user may have the opportunity to view any or all information collected regarding the user or user devices associated with the user, and may have the opportunity to permanently remove any or all such information.

[0020] Ad server **125** may generate or identify targeted advertisements based on the information received from content analytics server **120** and/or device analytics server **130**. For example, ad server **125** may identify advertisements that are associated with a type of the programming content being presented by user device **115-1** (e.g., video advertisements when video content is being presented by user device **115-1**). As another example, ad server **125** may identify advertisements that are associated with a demographic of a user associated with user device **115-1** (e.g., if the user is a young male, ad server **125** may identify advertisements that would be relevant to young males). As yet another example, ad server **125** may identify advertisements based on a web browsing history associated with user device **115-1** (e.g., if several car manufacturers' web sites have been accessed by user device **115-1** recently, ad server **125** may identify advertisements for cars or local car dealerships). In some implementations, ad server **125** may generate or personalize advertisements for user device **115-1**. For example, ad server **125** may insert the name of a user, associated with user device **115-1**, into an advertisement.

[0021] User device **115-1** may present the targeted advertisements in conjunction with the broadcasted content (e.g., during commercial breaks, as banners/overlays, etc.). As mentioned above, while not shown in the figure, similar acts may be performed by and/or on behalf of user devices **115-2** and **115-3**. In this sense, while user devices **115-1** through **115-3** may present the same broadcasted programming content, user devices **115-1** through **115-3** may each present different advertisements in conjunction with the broadcasted programming content. The different advertisements may be more effective than a generic, non-targeted advertisement that would be broadcasted to, and presented by, user devices **115-1** through **115-3**.

[0022] FIGS. **2**A and **2**B illustrate example environments **200** and **275**, respectively, in which systems and/or methods described herein may be implemented. As shown in FIGS. **2**A and **2**B, environments **200** and **275** may each include one or more user devices **205**, one or more base stations **210**, serving gateway ("SGW") **215**, mobility management entity device ("MME") **220**, packet data network ("PDN") gateway ("PGW") **225**, home subscriber server ("HSS")/authentication, authorization, accounting ("AAA") server (hereinafter referred to as "HSS/AAA server") **230**, policy charging and rules function ("PCRF") **235**, network **240**, content broadcast server **245**, content server **250**, device analytics server **255**, content analytics server **260**, and ad repository **265**. Environment **200** may include ad delivery server **270**, and environment **275** may include ad delivery server **280**. For the sake of brevity, similar elements of FIGS. **2**A and **2**B are described once below.

[0023] The quantity of devices and/or networks, illustrated in FIGS. **2**A and **2**B, is provided for explanatory purposes only. In practice, there may be additional devices and/or networks; fewer devices and/or networks; different devices and/or networks; or differently arranged devices and/or networks than illustrated in FIGS. **2**A and **2**B. Alternatively, or additionally, one or more of the devices of environments **200** and/or **275** may perform one or more functions described as being performed by another one or more of the devices of environments **200** and/or **275**. Devices of environments **200** and/or **275** may interconnect via wired connections, wireless connections, or a combination of wired and wireless connections.

[0024] Environments **200** and **275** may each include an evolved packet system ("EPS") that includes a long term evolution ("LTE") network and/or an evolved packet core ("EPC") network that operate based on a third generation partnership project ("3GPP") wireless communication standard. The LTE network may be, or may include, a radio access network ("RAN") that includes one or more base stations **210**, some or all of which may take the form of an eNodeB ("eNB"), via which user device **205** may communicate with the EPC network. The EPC network may include one or more SGWs **215**, MMEs **220**, and/or PGWs **225**, and may enable user device **205** to communicate with network **240** and/or an Internet protocol ("IP") multimedia subsystem ("IMS") core network. The IMS core network may include HSS/AAA server **230**, and may manage authentication, session initiation, account information, a user profile, etc. associated with user device **205**.

[0025] User device **205** may include any computation and communication device, such as a wireless mobile communication device that is capable of communicating with one or more networks (e.g., network **240**, the PAN) and/or the IMS core). For example, user device **205** may include a radiotelephone; a personal communications system ("PCS") terminal (e.g., a device that combines a cellular radiotelephone with data processing and data communications capabilities); a personal digital assistant ("PDA") (e.g., that can include a radiotelephone, a pager, Internet/intranet access, etc.); a smart phone; a laptop computer; a tablet computer; a camera; a set-top device ("STD"), a personal gaming system, and/or another type of mobile computation and communication device.

[0026] Base station **210** may include one or more network devices that receive, process, and/or transmit traffic, such as calls, audio, video, text, television programming content, and/or other data, destined for and/or received from user device **205**. In one example, base station **210** may be an eNB device and may be part of the LTE network. Base station **210** may receive traffic from and/or send traffic to network **240** via SGW **215** and PGW **225**. Base station **210** may send traffic to and/or receive traffic from user device **205** via an air interface.

[0027] SGW **215** may include one or more network devices that gather, process, search, store, and/or provide information. For example, SGW **215** may include a gateway, a router, a modem, a switch, a firewall, a network interface card ("NIC"), a hub, a bridge, a proxy server, or some other type of device that processes and/or transfers traffic. SGW **215** may, for example, aggregate traffic received from one or more base stations **210** and may send the aggregated traffic to network **240** and/or another network via PGW **225**. SGW **215** may also aggregate traffic received from network **240** and/or another network (e.g., via PGW **225**) and may send the aggregated traffic to user devices **205** via one or more base stations **210**.

[0028] MME **220** may include one or more computation and communication devices that gather, process, search, store, and/or provide information. For example, MME **220** may perform operations to register user device **205** with the EPS, to establish bearer channels associated with a session

with user device **205**, to hand off user device **205** from the EPS to another network, to hand off user device **205** from the other network to the EPS, and/or to perform other operations. MME **220** may perform policing operations on traffic destined for and/or received from user device **205**.

[0029] PGW **225** may include one or more network devices, or other types of computation and communication devices, that gather, process, search, store, and/or provide information in a manner described herein. For example, PGW **225** may include a gateway, a router, a modem, a switch, a firewall, a NIC, a hub, a bridge, a proxy server, an optical add-drop multiplexer ("OADM"), and/or some other type of device that processes and/or transfers traffic. PGW **225** may aggregate traffic received from one or more SGWs **215**, and may send the aggregated traffic to network **240**. PGW **225** may also, or alternatively, receive traffic from network **240** and may send the traffic toward user device **205** via SGW **215**, and/or base station **210**.

[0030] HSS/AAA server **230** may include one or more server devices, or other types of devices, that gather, process, search, store, and/or provide information. For example, HSS/AAA server **230** may manage, update, and/or store, in a memory associated with HSS/AAA server **230**, profile information associated with a subscriber. The profile information may identify applications and/or services that are permitted for and/or accessible by the subscriber; a mobile directory number ("MDN") associated with the subscriber; bandwidth or data rate thresholds associated with the applications and/or services; information associated with the subscriber (e.g., a username, a password, etc.); rate information; minutes allowed for a subscriber; and/or other information. The subscriber may be associated with user device **205** and/or one or more other user devices **205**. Additionally, or alternatively, HSS/AAA server **230** may perform authentication, authorization, and/or accounting operations associated with the subscriber and/or a communication session with user device **205**.

[0031] PCRF **235** may include one or more server devices, or other types of devices, that aggregate information to and from the EPC network and/or other sources. PCRF **235** may receive information regarding policies and/or subscriptions from one or more sources, such as subscriber databases and/or from one or more users (such as, for example, an administrator associated with PCRF **235**).

[0032] Network **240** may include one or more wired and/or wireless networks. For example, network **240** may include a cellular network, a public land mobile network ("PLMN"), a second generation ("2G") network, a third generation ("3G") network, a fourth generation ("4G") network, a fifth generation ("5G") network, and/or another network. Additionally, or alternatively, network **240** may include a wide area network ("WAN"), a metropolitan area network ("MAN"), a telephone network (e.g., the Public Switched Telephone Network ("PSTN")), an ad hoc network, an intranet, PDN (e.g., the Internet), a fiber optic-based network, and/or a combination of these or other types of networks. In some implementations, some or all of network **240** may be provided by one or more cellular network providers. That is, in some such implementations, network devices within, or associated with, network **240**, may be provided by the one or more cellular network providers. In some implementations, network **240** may be communicatively coupled to one or more other networks, such as the Internet.

[0033] Content broadcast server **245** may include one or more server devices, which may facilitate in the broadcasting of content to multiple user devices **205**. In some implementations, content broadcast server **245** may broadcast programming content, provided by content server **250**, via one or more base stations **210**. As shown in FIG. **2**B, content broadcast server **245** may additionally broadcast advertising content, provided by device analytics server **255**. A more detailed example of content broadcast server **245**, in accordance with some implementations, is described below with respect to FIG. **3**. In some implementations, content broadcast server **245** may implement an MBMS standard, an eMBMS standard, a Cell Broadcast Service ("CBS") standard (e.g., as standardized by the 3GPP), and/or another methodology of broadcasting messages or other content.

[0034] In some implementations, content broadcast server **245** may cause multiple different broadcast bearers to be created, each of which may correspond to a particular content stream. For example, one broadcast bearer may correspond to one or more television channels, another broadcast bearer may correspond to one or more other television channels and/or to one or more channels of advertising content. As another example, multiple broadcast bearers may correspond to a single television channel. Each bearer may be associated with a bearer identifier, such as a Temporary Group Mobile Identity ("TMGI"), and/or another identifier.

[0035] Content server **250** may provide content, such as programming content, to content broadcast server **245** for broadcast to user device **205**. Content server **250** may be associated with a content provider, such as a television company, an on-demand movie company, and/or another distributor of content. The content may be, for example, programming content, such as television content, movie content, music content, and/or other types of content.

[0036] Device analytics server **255** may generate and/or store device analytics information regarding user devices **205** and/or users of user devices **205**. For example, device analytics server **255** may store behavior history information, such as information regarding content accessed by user device **205** and/or a user of user device **205**, preferences or other information provided by a user, demographics information associated with a user (e.g., age, gender, etc.), a geographical location of user device **205**, a web browsing history associated with user device **205** and/or a user of user device **205**, and/or other types of behavior history information. As mentioned above, behavior history information may be received directly from a user, and/or may be collected based on a user opting in to a service whereby such information is collected and stored on behalf of the user. Device analytics server **255** may generate content analytics information based on information received from user devices **205**, HSS/AAA server **230**, and/or from another source.

[0037] Content analytics server **260** may generate and/or store content analytics information regarding content, provided by content server **250**, and accessed by one or more user devices **205**. For example, content analytics server **260** may store information regarding genre of content; length of content; actors, actresses, directors, etc. associated with content; or other information regarding content. Content analytics server **260** may receive the information from content server **250** and/or from another source (e.g., a web site that stores information regarding content). Content analytics server **260** may receive content notifications from one or more user devices **205**, indicating content that is accessed by user devices **205**.

[0038] Ad repository **265** may store advertising content, such as, for example, audio, video, and/or image advertisements. Ad repository **265** may store the advertising content with metadata, or "tags," describing the advertising content, and/or a target audience for the advertising content. For example, a video advertisement for a soft drink may be associated with the tags: "video," "soft drink," "soda," and "age group: 9-34." As another example, an advertisement for a regional hardware store in New York City may be associated with the tags: "age group: 24-49," "New York City," and "hardware store." The advertisements and/or the metadata may be provided by, for example, content providers associated with programming content that is broadcasted by content broadcast server **245**, and/or from another source.

[0039] Ad delivery server **270**, shown in FIG. **2**A, may generate targeted advertising for a particular user device **205** to be presented in conjunction with broadcasted content that is being accessed by the particular user device **205**. For example, as described below, ad delivery server **270** may receive information from device analytics server **255** and content analytics server **260**, and may select one or more advertisements, stored by ad delivery server **270**, to present to the particular user device **205**. Ad delivery server **270** may provide the targeted advertising to the particular user device **205** via a unicast technique (e.g., a "one-to-one" communication technique). In this sense, user device **205** may receive programming content that is broadcasted by content broadcast server **245** to multiple user devices **205**, and may also receive targeted advertising that is unicasted by ad delivery server **270**.

[0040] Ad delivery server **280**, shown in FIG. **2**B, may also generate targeted advertising for user devices **205** to be presented in conjunction with broadcasted content that is being accessed by devices **205**. Ad delivery server **280** may output the targeted advertising to multiple user devices **205** via a broadcast technique, in which targeted advertising for multiple different user devices **205** is received by each particular user device **205**. For instance, assume that ad delivery server **280** generates targeted advertising for three user devices **205**: "User device A," "User device B," and "User device C." Ad delivery server **280** may select different targeted advertising for each different user device **205** (e.g., "Targeted advertising A," "Targeted advertising B," and "Targeted advertising C"), and may mark each piece of advertising with an identifier associated with its intended recipient. For example, ad delivery server **280** may associate Targeted advertising A with User device A, Targeted advertising B with User device B, and Targeted advertising C with User device C. As described herein, each respective user device **205** may present its associated targeted advertising, while discarding targeted advertising intended for another user device **205**.

[0041] FIG. **3** illustrates some components of environments **200** and/or **275** in additional detail. As shown in FIG. **3**, content broadcast server **245** may include Broadcast Multicast Service Center ("BMSC") **305**, MBMS Gateway ("MBMS GW") **310**, and Multi-cell/multicast Coordination Entity ("MCE") **315**. In the example shown in FIG. **4**, content broadcast server **245** may be in communication with base stations **210-1** through **210-3**, each of which may be associated with a respective coverage area, or "cell" (shown in the figure as "Cell_A," "Cell_B," and "Cell_C").

[0042] BMSC **305** may include one or more computation or communication devices that provide for the coordination of broadcasting and/or multicasting using MBMS, eMBMS, CBS, and/or another broadcast technique. BMSC **305** may perform functions relating to authorization, charging, and assignment of communication channels. For example, BMSC **305** may assign a particular quantity of broadcast and/or multicast data channels for various content streams. BMSC **305** may also receive content (e.g., programming content from content server **250** and/or targeted advertising from ad delivery server **280**, in some implementations) for broadcast transmission, and may forward the received content as part of a broadcast or a multicast transmission.

[0043] MBMS GW **310** may include one or more computation and communication devices that provide for the coordination of the sending of broadcast and/or multicast data (e.g., IP multicast packets) to base stations **210**. MBMS GW **310** may receive the content, which is to be broadcasted and/or multicasted, from BMSC **305**. As illustrated, MBMS GW **310** may transmit MBMS data plane traffic to base stations **210**.

[0044] As mentioned above, MME **220** may perform policing operations on traffic destined for and/or received from user device **205**. MME **220** may, in some implementations, aid in the control signaling necessary for messages to be broadcasted and/or multicasted to user devices **205** associated with base stations **210**.

[0045] MCE **315** may include one or more computation and communication devices that may perform admission control, allocation of radio resources throughout a Multimedia Broadcast Multicast Service Single Frequency Network ("MBSFN") area, MBMS session control signaling, and make decisions on radio configurations. As illustrated, MCE **315** may transmit MBMS control plane traffic to base stations **210**.

[0046] In eMBMS, cells associated with base stations **210** may be grouped to obtain MBSFN areas. Broadcast and/or multicast data channels in an MBSFN area may be synchronized so that identical broadcast and/or multicast radio signals may be generated, at the same time, for multiple cells. For example, MBSFN areas may be defined that cover the area associated with multiple ones of the illustrated cells. One example MBSFN area may correspond to the area covered by Cell_A and Cell_B. A broadcast and/or multicast data channel, transmitted in the MBSFN area, may include radio signals that are synchronized in Cell_A and Cell_B.

[0047] Examples described herein are described in implementations where content is broadcasted to user devices **205**. That is, base stations **210** may broadcast content, via broadcast bearers, to user devices **205**. In this manner, it is possible that all user devices **205**, which are in communication with base stations **210**, may receive the content broadcasted from base stations **210**. In alternate implementations, one or more base stations **210** may multicast content to multiple user devices **205**, without necessarily broadcasting the content to all user devices **205**. In multicast implementations, content broadcast server **245** may provide information to base stations **210**, indicating which multicast bearers should be associated with which user devices **205**.

[0048] FIG. **4** illustrates an example process **400** for presenting targeted advertising in conjunction with broadcasted content. In one example implementation, process **400** may be performed by user device **205**. In other implementations, some or all of process **400** may be performed by one or more other devices in lieu of, or in conjunction with, user device **205**.

[0049] Process **400** may include receiving broadcasted programming content (block **405**). For example, user device **205**

may receive programming content that has been broadcasted by content broadcast server **245**. As mentioned above, the programming content may correspond to programming content provided by content server **250**. In some implementations, user device **205** may simultaneously receive multiple different programming content items. For example, user device **205** may receive multiple different television channels and/or movies from content broadcast server **245**. The multiple different programming items may be received one or more broadcast bearer channels.

[0050] Process **400** may also include presenting the broadcasted programming content (block **410**). For example, user device **205** may receive a selection from a user regarding which content the user would like to access. For instance, an application running on user device **205** may be used to present programming associated with a broadcasted television channel that is received at block **405**.

[0051] Process **400** may further include outputting an indication regarding the presentation of the broadcasted programming content (block **415**). For example, user device **205** may output a content indication to content analytics server **260**, identifying the content being presented (at block **410**). The content indication may also include identifying information for user device **205**, such as an International Mobile Equipment Identity ("IMEI") number, an International Mobile Subscriber Identity ("IMSI") number, an IP address, and/or another identifier. In some implementations, the content indication may identify an identity of a user of user device **205**. For example, multiple different user profiles may be associated with user device **205**, and the content indication may indicate an active user profile when the programming content is accessed.

[0052] In some implementations, user device **205** may periodically or intermittently output the content indication while the content is accessed. For example, assume that the presented programming content includes a one-hour long video. User device **205** may output a content indication every minute, every ten minutes, during commercial breaks, when network bandwidth is available, and/or at other times during presentation of the content. In some implementations, user device **205** may output a content indication when new content is presented. For example, assume that a user is viewing one broadcasted channel, and then selects a different broadcasted channel for viewing. In this situation, user device **205** may output a content indication that indicates that the different broadcasted channel is being accessed, and/or that the previous broadcasted channel is no longer being accessed.

[0053] FIG. **5** conceptually illustrates an example of a content indication being outputted based on programming content being presented by user device **205**. For example, as shown, user device **205** may receive three different items of broadcasted programming content ("Programming content A," "Programming content B," and "Programming content C") from content broadcast server **245**. The different items of programming content may correspond to, for example, three different television channels. As shown, user device **205** may present Programming content A. For example, a user of user device **205** may have selected Programming content A from a menu that presents different options of available programming content. In some implementations, user device **205** may discard Programming content B and Programming content C (e.g., forgo presenting and/or storing Programming content B and Programming content C). As further shown, user device **205** may output a content indication, indicating that Programming content A is being presented, to content analytics server **260**.

[0054] Returning to FIG. **4**, process **400** may additionally include receiving targeted advertising based on the outputted content indication (block **420**). For example, as described below, content ad delivery server **270** and/or ad delivery server **280** may generate or identify targeted advertising for user device **205** based on device analytics information and/or content analytics information. User device **205** may receive targeted advertising from ad delivery server **270** and/or ad delivery server **280**. For example, as described above, user device **205** may receive unicasted targeted advertising from ad delivery server **260**, or broadcasted targeted advertising from ad delivery server **280**.

[0055] In implementations where user device **205** receives broadcasted targeted advertising from ad delivery server **280**, user device **205** may receive broadcasted targeted advertising intended for multiple user devices, and may identify which targeted advertising is intended for user device **205**. For example, user device **205** may identify a particular targeted advertisement, in the broadcasted targeted advertisements, that is associated with an IMEI, IMSI, IP address, or another identifier associated with user device **205**.

[0056] Additionally, or alternatively, the broadcasted targeted advertising may include keywords or other identifiers that describe the targeted advertising. For example, one item of broadcasted targeted advertising may be associated with the keywords, "age: over 65," while another item of broadcasted targeted advertising may be associated with the keywords, "car dealership." User device **205** may store and/or have previously received a set of keywords that may be relevant to a user of user device **205** (e.g., directly from the user and/or another source), and may compare the keywords, associated with the targeted advertising, to the stored keywords to determine whether broadcasted targeted advertising is relevant to user device **205**.

[0057] Process **400** may also include presenting the targeted advertising in conjunction with the broadcasted programming content (block **425**). For example, user device **205** may present the targeted advertising during commercial breaks in the programming content, as banners and/or overlays, or another manner of presentation.

[0058] FIG. **6** illustrates an example of presenting targeted advertising at specified times (e.g., commercial breaks) during the presentation of programming content. As shown, user device **205** may receive targeted advertising from ad delivery server **605** (which may represent ad delivery server **270** or ad delivery server **280**). User device **205** may present the targeted advertising during the presentation of the programming content, such as during times indicated by the programming content as commercial breaks.

[0059] As shown in FIG. **7**, the programming content may include periods of time during which a default advertisement or a placeholder (e.g., a placeholder image or video) is shown. In some implementations, during these periods of time, user device **205** may present targeted advertising instead of the default advertisement or placeholder. In the event that user device **205** has not received targeted advertising (e.g., due to a communication or network error), user device **205** may present the default advertisement or the placeholder.

[0060] As also shown in FIG. **7**, different items of programming content may have differently arranged commercial breaks. For example, as shown, Programming content A may

have four commercial breaks, while Programming content B may have three commercial breaks. Additionally, Programming content A and Programming content B may have commercial breaks at different times.

[0061] FIG. **8** illustrates another example presenting targeted advertising. As shown, user device **205** may receive targeted advertising from ad delivery server **605**. The targeted advertising may include, for example, an image or a video, and user device **205** may simultaneously present programming content and the targeted advertising. For example, as shown, the targeted advertising may be shown as a banner or an overlay on the programming content. For instance, the programming content may be presented while an advertising image or video is simultaneously presented.

[0062] FIG. **9** conceptually illustrates an example of a particular user device, user device **205-1**, presenting broadcasted targeted advertising. For example, as shown, user device **205-1** may receive broadcasted targeted advertising from ad delivery server **280**. The illustrated broadcasted targeted advertising includes Advertising A for user device **205-1**, Advertising B for user device **205-2**, and Advertising C for user device **205-3**. At the network layer (e.g., Layer 3 of the Open Systems Interconnect ("OSI") model), user device **205-1** may receive Advertising A-C. At the network layer, user device **205-1** may identify that Advertising A is intended for user device **205-1**, and that Advertising B and Advertising C is not intended for user device **205-1**. The network layer of user device **205-1** may provide Advertising A to another layer of user device **205-1** (e.g., an application layer, or Layer 7 of the OSI model), and may discard Advertising B and Advertising C (e.g., may forgo providing Advertising B and Advertising C to the application layer of user device **205-1**). User device **205-1** (e.g., an application of user device **205-1**) may present Advertising A in a manner described above with respect to, for example, FIG. **6** or FIG. **8**.

[0063] FIG. **10** illustrates an example of different user devices presenting broadcasted targeted advertising in conjunction with broadcasted programming content. For example, content broadcast server **245** may broadcast Programming content A-C, and ad delivery server **280** may broadcast Advertising A-C. Advertising A may be intended for user device **205-1**, Advertising B may be intended for user device **205-2**, and Advertising C may be intended for user device **205-3**. Base station **210** may broadcast the broadcasted programming content and advertising to user devices, such as user devices **205-1**, **205-2**, and **205-3**. As shown, user device **205-1** may present Programming content A in conjunction with Advertising A, user device **205-2** may present Programming content A in conjunction with Advertising B, and user device **205-3** may present Programming content B in conjunction with Advertising C.

[0064] FIG. **11** illustrates an example process **1100** for determining and outputting targeted advertising to output to a user device that is presenting broadcasted content. Process **1100** is described below in the context of being performed by ad delivery server **270**. In practice, some or all of process **1100** may be performed by ad delivery server **280** and/or another device.

[0065] Process **1100** may include receiving content analytics information indicating broadcasted programming content presented by a user device (block **1105**). For example, ad delivery server **270** may receive content analytics information from content analytics server **260**. As described above, the content analytics information may include information regarding broadcasted content presented by user device **205**. The content analytics information may be based on, for example, a content indication provided by user device **205**.

[0066] Process **1100** may also include receiving device analytics information associated with the user device (block **1110**). For example, ad delivery server **270** may receive device analytics information from device analytics server **255**. As described above, the device analytics information include information regarding user device **205** and/or a user associated with user device **205**.

[0067] Process **1100** may further include identifying advertising content based on the content analytics information and the device analytics information (block **1115**). For example, as described above, ad delivery server **270** may identify one or more advertisements, stored by ad repository **265**, based on the content analytics information and/or the device analytics information. The advertisement or advertisements identified (at block **1115**) by ad delivery server **270** may be targeted advertisements, as they may be relevant to a user of user device **205**. In some implementations, the advertising content may be determined based solely on device analytics information, solely based on content analytics information, or based on information other than device analytics information or content analytics information.

[0068] Process **1100** may additionally include outputting the identified advertising content to the user device (block **1120**). For example, ad delivery server **270** may output the identified advertising content to user device **205** via a unicast technique. In some implementations, ad delivery server **280** may output the identified advertising content to user device **205** via a broadcast technique. In some such implementations, ad delivery server **280** may also output advertising content for other user devices **205** using the broadcast technique, as described above.

[0069] FIG. **12** is a diagram of example components of device **1200**. One or more of the devices described above (e.g., as described with respect to FIGS. **1**, **2**A, **2**B, **3**, and **5-10**) may include one or more devices **1200**. Device **1200** may include bus **1210**, processor **1210**, memory **1220**, input component **1230**, output component **1240**, and communication interface **1260**. In another implementation, device **1200** may include additional, fewer, different, or differently arranged components.

[0070] Bus **1210** may include one or more communication paths that permit communication among the components of device **1200**. Processor **1210** may include a processor, microprocessor, or processing logic that may interpret and execute instructions. Memory **1220** may include any type of dynamic storage device that may store information and instructions for execution by processor **1210**, and/or any type of non-volatile storage device that may store information for use by processor **1210**.

[0071] Input component **1230** may include a mechanism that permits an operator to input information to device **1200**, such as a keyboard, a keypad, a button, a switch, etc. Output component **1240** may include a mechanism that outputs information to the operator, such as a display, a speaker, one or more light emitting diodes ("LEDs"), etc.

[0072] Communication interface **1260** may include any transceiver-like mechanism that enables device **1200** to communicate with other devices and/or systems. For example, communication interface **1260** may include an Ethernet interface, an optical interface, a coaxial interface, or the like. Communication interface **1260** may include a wireless com-

munication device, such as an infrared ("IR") receiver, a Bluetooth® radio, a Wi-Fi radio, a cellular radio, or the like. The wireless communication device may be coupled to an external device, such as a remote control, a wireless keyboard, a mobile telephone, etc. In some embodiments, device **1200** may include more than one communication interface **1260**. For instance, device **1200** may include an optical interface and an Ethernet interface.

[0073] Device **1200** may perform certain operations relating to one or more processes described above. Device **1200** may perform these operations in response to processor **1210** executing software instructions stored in a computer-readable medium, such as memory **1220**. A computer-readable medium may be defined as a non-transitory memory device. A memory device may include space within a single physical memory device or spread across multiple physical memory devices. The software instructions may be read into memory **1220** from another computer-readable medium or from another device. The software instructions stored in memory **1220** may cause processor **1210** to perform processes described herein. Alternatively, hardwired circuitry may be used in place of or in combination with software instructions to implement processes described herein. Thus, implementations described herein are not limited to any specific combination of hardware circuitry and software.

[0074] The foregoing description of implementations provides illustration and description, but is not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the possible implementations to the precise form disclosed. Modifications and variations are possible in light of the above disclosure or may be acquired from practice of the implementations. For example, while series of blocks have been described with regard to FIGS. **4** and **11**, the order of the blocks may be modified in other implementations. Further, non-dependent blocks may be performed in parallel.

[0075] Furthermore, the above description was presented in the context of broadcasting programming content. In some implementations, similar techniques may be used for programming content that is multicasted (e.g., delivered to multiple recipients without using a broadcasting technique), or delivered in another fashion. Additionally, while the above description describes examples in which targeted advertising is presented contemporaneously, or interspersed with, programming content; in some implementations, targeted advertising may be presented at different times with respect to programming content. For example, in some implementations, targeted advertising may be presented after the presentation of programming content (e.g., immediately after the presentation of programming content, one minute after the presentation of programming content, one week after the presentation of programming content, etc.).

[0076] The actual software code or specialized control hardware used to implement an embodiment is not limiting of the embodiment. Thus, the operation and behavior of the embodiment has been described without reference to the specific software code, it being understood that software and control hardware may be designed based on the description herein.

[0077] Even though particular combinations of features are recited in the claims and/or disclosed in the specification, these combinations are not intended to limit the disclosure of the possible implementations. In fact, many of these features may be combined in ways not specifically recited in the claims and/or disclosed in the specification. Although each dependent claim listed below may directly depend on only one other claim, the disclosure of the possible implementations includes each dependent claim in combination with every other claim in the claim set.

[0078] Further, while certain connections or devices are shown (e.g., in FIGS. **2**A, **2**B, and **3**), in practice, additional, fewer, or different, connections or devices may be used. Furthermore, while various devices and networks are shown separately, in practice, the functionality of multiple devices may be performed by a single device, or the functionality of one device may be performed by multiple devices. Further, multiple ones of the illustrated networks may be included in a single network, or a particular network may include multiple networks. Further, while some devices are shown as communicating with a network, some such devices may be incorporated, in whole or in part, as a part of the network.

[0079] No element, act, or instruction used in the present application should be construed as critical or essential unless explicitly described as such. An instance of the use of the term "and," as used herein, does not necessarily preclude the interpretation that the phrase "and/or" was intended in that instance. Similarly, an instance of the use of the term "or," as used herein, does not necessarily preclude the interpretation that the phrase "and/or" was intended in that instance. Also, as used herein, the article "a" is intended to include one or more items, and may be used interchangeably with the phrase "one or more." Where only one item is intended, the terms "one," "single," "only," or similar language is used. Further, the phrase "based on" is intended to mean "based, at least in part, on" unless explicitly stated otherwise.

What is claimed is:

1. A method, comprising:

broadcasting, by one or more devices, programming content;

receiving, by the one or more devices, an indication that a particular user device has received the programming content;

receiving, by the one or more devices, device analytics information regarding the particular user device;

identifying, by the one or more devices and based on the device analytics information, targeted advertising for the particular user device;

outputting, by the one or more devices and to the particular user device, the identified targeted advertising.

2. The method of claim **1**, wherein outputting the identified targeted advertising causes the particular user device to present the identified targeted advertising in conjunction with the broadcasted programming content.

3. The method of claim **1**, wherein broadcasting the programming content includes utilizing at least one of:

a Multimedia Broadcast Multicast Service ("MBMS") technique,

an evolved MBMS ("eMBMS") technique, or

a Cell Broadcast Service ("CBS") technique.

4. The method of claim **1**, wherein the device analytics information includes behavior history information regarding at least one of:

the particular user device, or

a user associated with the particular user device.

5. The method of claim **4**, wherein the behavior history information includes at least one of:

a programming content accessing history, or

a web browsing history.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the device analytics information includes at least one of:
user preferences associated with the particular user device,
demographics information associated with a user of the particular user device, or
a geographical location of the particular user device.
7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving content analytics information regarding the broadcasted programming content,
wherein identifying the targeted advertising for the particular user device is further based on the received content analytics information.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the content analytics information includes information regarding at least one of:
a type of the content,
a genre of the content,
a length of the content, or
one or more keywords associated with the content.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein identifying the targeted advertising for the particular user device includes:
identifying one or more keywords associated with the targeted advertising; and
comparing the one or more keywords, associated with the targeted advertising, with the device analytics information,
wherein the targeted advertising is identified based on the comparing.
10. A device, comprising:
a non-transitory memory device storing a set of computer-executable instructions; and
a processor configured to execute the set of computer-executable instructions, wherein executing the set of computer-executable instructions causes the processor to:
broadcast programming content;
identify a received indication that a particular user device has received the programming content;
determine device analytics information regarding the particular user device;
identify, based on the device analytics information, targeted advertising for the particular user device;
output, to the particular user device, the identified targeted advertising.
11. The device of claim 10, wherein outputting the identified targeted advertising causes the particular user device to present the identified targeted advertising in conjunction with the broadcasted programming content.
12. The device of claim 10, wherein broadcasting the programming content includes utilizing at least one of:
a Multimedia Broadcast Multicast Service ("MBMS") technique,
an evolved MBMS ("eMBMS") technique, or
a Cell Broadcast Service ("CBS") technique.
13. The device of claim 10, wherein the device analytics information includes behavior history information regarding at least one of:
the particular user device, or
a user associated with the particular user device.
14. The device of claim 13, wherein the behavior history information includes at least one of:
a programming content accessing history, or
a web browsing history.
15. The device of claim 10, wherein the device analytics information includes at least one of:
user preferences associated with the particular user device,
demographics information associated with a user of the particular user device, or
a geographical location of the particular user device.
16. The device of claim 10, wherein executing the computer-executable instructions further causes the processor to:
identify received content analytics information regarding the broadcasted programming content, the content analytics information including information regarding at least one of:
a type of the content,
a genre of the content,
a length of the content, or
one or more keywords associated with the content,
wherein identifying the targeted advertising for the particular user device is further based on the received content analytics information.
17. The device of claim 10, wherein executing the computer-executable instructions, to identify the targeted advertising for the particular user device, further causes the processor to:
identify one or more keywords associated with the targeted advertising; and
compare the one or more keywords, associated with the targeted advertising, with the device analytics information,
wherein the targeted advertising is identified based on the comparing.
18. A method, comprising:
receiving, by a user device, broadcasted programming content;
presenting, by the user device, the broadcasted programming content;
outputting, by the user device, an indication that the broadcasted programming content is being presented;
receiving, by the user device, targeted advertising that was generated based on the outputted indication; and
presenting, by the user device, the targeted advertising in conjunction with the broadcasted programming content.
19. The method of claim 18, wherein presenting the targeted advertising in conjunction with the broadcasted programming content includes at least one of:
presenting the targeted advertising as a banner or overlay while the broadcasted programming content is being presented simultaneously; or
presenting the targeted advertising in an interspersed manner at designated times during the presentation of the broadcasted programming content.
20. The method of claim 18, wherein receiving the targeted advertising includes:
receiving the targeted advertising via a broadcast technique;
identifying that the targeted advertising is intended for the user device; and
discarding other targeted advertising that was received via the broadcast technique and is not intended for the user device.

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