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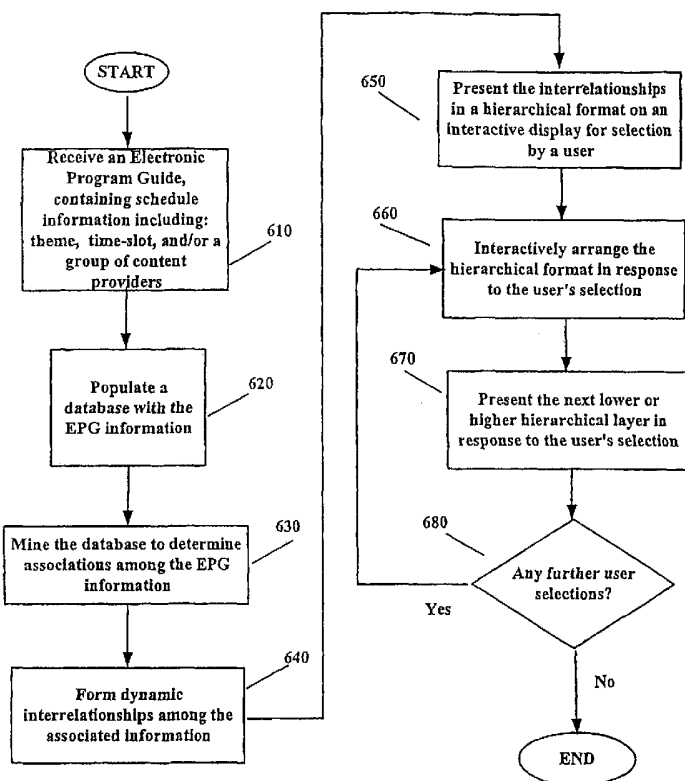
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(57) Abstract: A method of presenting an interactive electronic program guide (EPG) in a hierarchical data form which interactively allows users to find content more quickly. Search results of the EPG are stored in data records which are associated with metal criteria based on functional interrelationships. The method depicts the selection available to a user, and interacts with a user's selection by moving laterally, upward, or downward through the hierarchal format. Information is organized in a more useable manner by grouping channels into categories. Additional methods remove shows already recorded by a user based on information maintained in a database.

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