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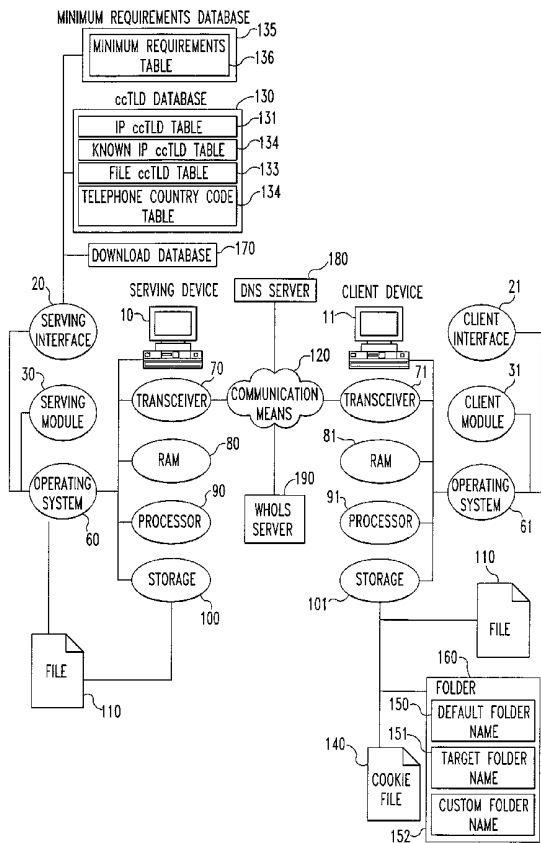
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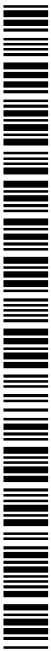
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(54) Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATING A COMPLEX DOWNLOAD PROCESS WITH TERRITORIAL RESTRICTIONS



(57) Abstract: The present invention automates the purchase and/or electronic transmission (Figure 1, # 120), provides means to re-establish a disconnected purchase and/or electronic transmission process, and supports the global distribution of movies on a country by-country controlled basis. The present invention determines a user's geographic location and grant or deny a download or sale based on those results. Within the country code database (Figure 1, #134) of the present invention, a table listing embargoed countries can be modified from time-to-time to automatically deny all purchase and/or electronic transmission request initiated from such embargoed countries, with the intention to permit the user of the present invention to maintain compliance under Title 31 of the U.s Code of Federal Regulations as countries are added or removed from the embargo list (Figure 1, #110).



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