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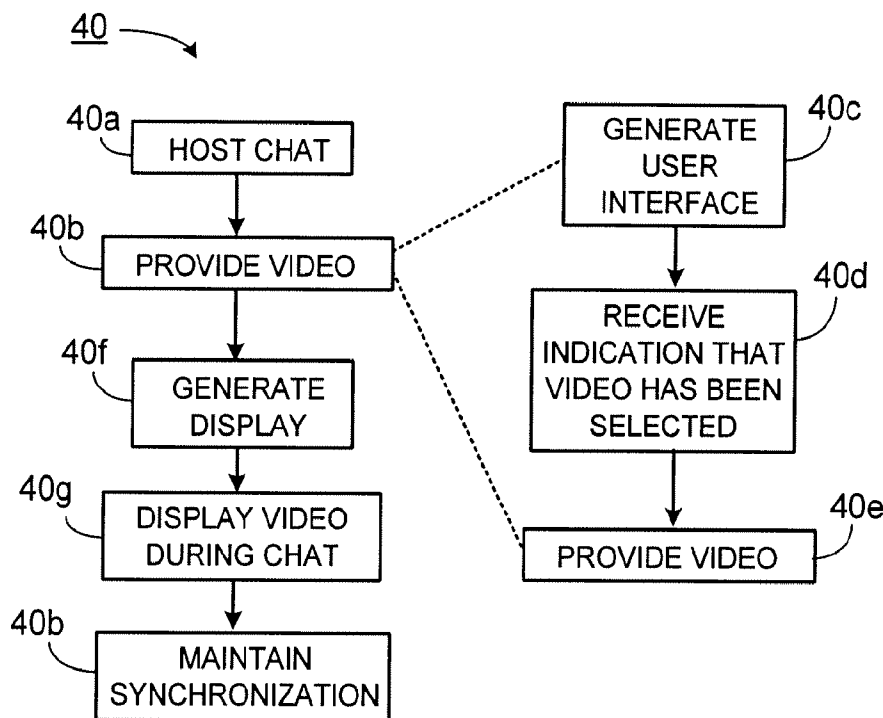
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(57) Abstract: A method performed by a processing system that is capable of communicating to clients over one or more computer networks includes hosting chat among the clients, providing video to the clients that is associated with the chat, and generating a display that includes an area for the video and an area for the chat. The display includes information identifying users at the clients who are participating in the chat and viewing the video.

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1. claims: 1-10,21-30,41-44

method and apparatus for providing a user interface to users of a video/chat system

2. claims: 11-20,31-40

method and apparatus for presentation of video to users of a video/chat system

3. claims: 45-70

methods and apparatuses for charging of multicast video services

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