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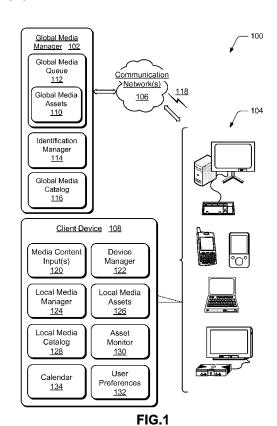
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### (54) Title: SYNCHRONIZED DISTRIBUTED MEDIA ASSETS



(57) Abstract: Synchronized distributed media assets is described. In embodiments, a global media catalog of global metadata is maintained for media assets that are accessible by client devices registered to a user. The global metadata corresponds to the media assets that are located remotely from one or more of the client devices. A client device can communicate a request for a media asset that is identified by the global metadata and located at a location remote from the client device.

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