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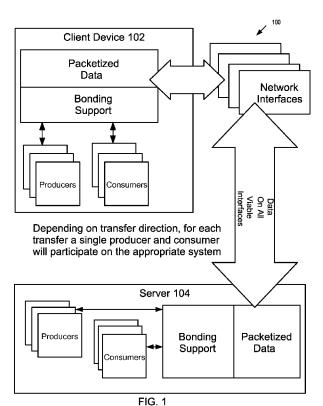
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(57) Abstract: A system and method for channel bonding is disclosed. The system and method enable transmission of data across multiple connections using multiple network interfaces. Further, the system and method are configured to handle slow or problematic connections and are configured to dynamically modify the bit rate of one or more media data streams.



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1. claims: 1-6

Apparatus for streaming data over multiple network connections to a remote device with a relative performance evaluation of the different network connections.

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2. claims: 7-12

Apparatus for streaming data over multiple network connections to a remote device operating a non-performing network connection into test mode.

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3. claims: 13-16

Apparatus for streaming data over multiple network connections to a remote device with a bit rate selection algorithm taking into account previous bit rates.

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4. claims: 17-26

Apparatus determining a bit rate change on a network connection to a remote device based on the fill level of a data stream buffer.

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