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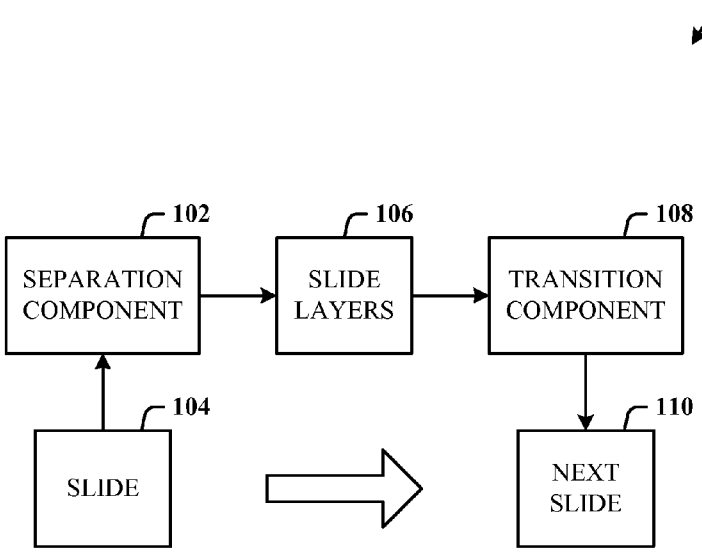

FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: Architecture that enhances the visual experience of a slide presentation by animating slide content as "actors" in the same background "scene". This is provided by multi-layered transitions between slides, where a slide is first separated into "layers" (e.g., with a level of transparency). Each layer can then be transitioned independently. All layers are composited together to accomplish the end effect. The layers can comprise one or more content layers, and a background layer. The background layer can further be separated into a background graphics layer and a background fill layer. The transition phase can include a transition effect such as a fade, a wipe, a dissolve effect, and other desired effects. To provide the continuity and uniformity of presentation the content on the same background scene, a transition effect is not applied to the background layer.

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