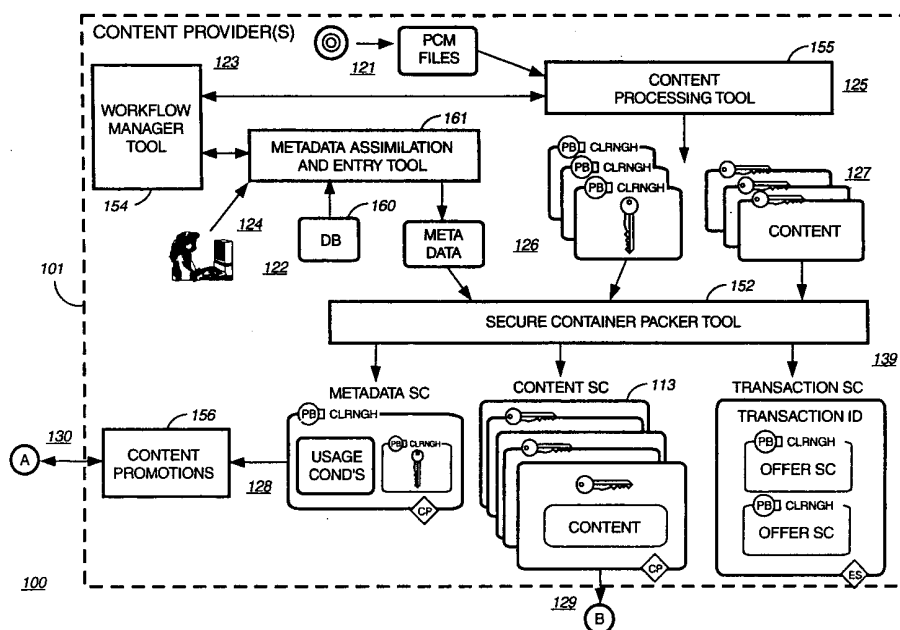




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(57) Abstract

A system for tracking usage of digital content on user devices. Electronic stores coupled to a network sell licenses to play digital content data to users. A system for securely providing data, the system being capable of receiving both data encrypted with a first encryption key and an encrypted first encryption key.

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A clearinghouse and a system for securely providing data

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A system for managing content data and an electronic content management system

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A digital content data player, a system for tracking of digital content and a computer readable medium containing program instructions for tracking usage of digital content data

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