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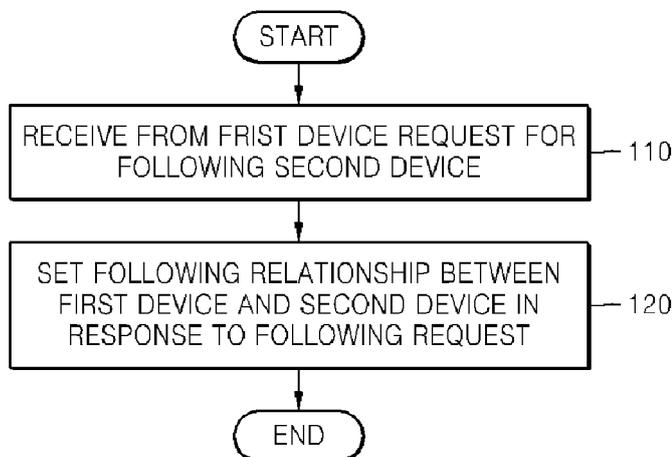
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[Fig. 1]



(57) Abstract: A system and method for connecting devices includes receiving from a first device a request to follow a second device, and setting a following relationship between the first device and the second device in response to the request.



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