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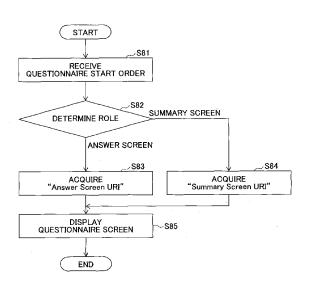
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FIG.18



(57) Abstract: There is provided a terminal device for sharing first content to be displayed with another terminal device, comprising: a first content display unit configured to display the first content based on information sent from the other terminal device so that the displayed image of the first content is shared with the other terminal device; a role determining unit configured to determine a role of the terminal device among a plurality of roles that are respectively played by one or more of the terminal devices; and a second content display unit configured to display second content associated with the first content based on a display order for displaying the second content, by acquiring the second content from a second content storage place corresponding to the determined role, wherein the second content to be displayed varies according to the role of the terminal device.





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DESCRIPTION

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

TERMINAL DEVICE, PROGRAM, METHOD FOR SHARING
CONTENT AND INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM

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TECHNICAL FIELD

The present technology relates to a terminal device, a program, a method for sharing content and an information processing system.

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BACKGROUND ART

An electronic conference system, in which a questionnaire set by an information processing terminal of a presenter is distributed to information processing terminals of participants and thereby receiving answers from information processing terminals of the participants, is conventionally used.

An information processing apparatus is known, which includes storage means for storing

20 handouts presented for an audience, setting means for accepting setting on a delivery timing of questionnaires associated with any part of the handouts, determination means for determining whether the set delivery timing comes in association with the processing on the handouts by a presenter, delivery

means for delivering the corresponding questionnaires when the delivery timing comes, and answer means for accepting an answer for the questionnaires (for example, Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No.2011-238178).

In the conventional electronic conference system where the questionnaires are distributed, the setting for associating the distribution timing with any part of the handouts has been accepted, thereby distributing the questionnaires when the distribution timing comes according to procession of the presentation. Therefore, in the conventional electronic conference system, it is not possible to change the content of the questionnaires according to operations of the presenter, participants, etc., permitted in the information processing terminal.

As well as the electronic conference system for distributing the questionnaires, an information processing system also has such a problem to be solved, in which a plurality of terminal devices for displaying a content to be shared (hereinafter referred to as objective content) also display a content (hereinafter, referred to as related content) other than the content to be shared.

25 [RELATED ART DOCUMENT]

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[PATENT DOCUMENT]

[Patent Document 1]: Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. No.2011-238178

5 DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED BY THE INVENTION

An object of disclosure of the present technology is to provide a terminal device, a program, a method for sharing content and an information

10 processing system capable of displaying the related content in accordance with the operators of the terminal devices.

MEANS FOR SOLVING THE PROBLEMS

15 According to an embodiment of the present invention, there is provided a terminal device for sharing first content to be displayed with another terminal device, comprising: a first content display unit configured to display the first content based on 20 information sent from the other terminal device so that the displayed image of the first content is shared with the other terminal device; a role determining unit configured to determine a role of the terminal device among a plurality of roles that 25 are respectively played by one or more of the

terminal devices; and a second content display unit configured to display second content associated with the first content based on a display order for displaying the second content, by acquiring the second content from a second content storage place corresponding to the determined role, wherein the second content to be displayed varies according to the role of the terminal device.

10 EFFECTS OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

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According to the disclosed technology, related content according to respective operators of terminal devices can be displayed.

15 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a block diagram for illustrating an example of a configuration of an electronic conference system of the present embodiment;

Fig. 2 is a block diagram for illustrating
a hardware configuration of a computer included in
the electronic conference system;

Fig. 3 is a block diagram for illustrating an example functional configuration of a conference client apparatus;

Fig. 4 is a block diagram for illustrating

an example functional configuration of a conference server apparatus;

Fig. 5 is a diagram for illustrating an example structure of conference information;

Fig. 6 is a diagram for illustrating an example structure of material information;

Fig. 7 is a diagram for illustrating an example structure of questionnaire information;

Fig. 8 is a diagram for illustrating an example structure of role information;

Fig. 9 is a flowchart for illustrating a process of participation in an electronic conference;

Fig. 10 is a diagram for illustrating an example structure of the questionnaire information received by the conference client apparatus;

Fig. 11 is a flowchart for illustrating an example of a role determination process;

Fig. 12 is an example of a role table;

Fig. 13 is a flowchart for illustrating an

20 example of a questionnaire start process;

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Fig. 14 is an illustration diagram for showing an example of a conference screen of a presenter, where a list of questionnaires is shown;

Fig. 15 is an illustration diagram for

25 showing an example of the conference screen of an

administrator where the list of questionnaires is shown;

Fig. 16 is an illustration diagram for showing another example of the conference screen;

Fig. 17 is an illustration diagram for showing an example of a questionnaire start order;

Fig. 18 is a flowchart illustrating an example of a questionnaire display process;

Fig. 19 is an illustration diagram for showing an example of an answer screen to the questionnaire;

Fig. 20 is an illustration diagram for showing an example of the answer screen to the questionnaire after sending the answer to the questionnaire to the conference server apparatus;

Fig. 21 is an illustration diagram for showing an example of a summary screen of the questionnaire; and

Fig. 22 is a sequence diagram for 20 illustrating a questionnaire summarizing process.

MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

Herein below, embodiments will be described with reference to accompanying drawings.

[First Embodiment]

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<System Configuration>

Fig. 1 is a block diagram for illustrating an example of a configuration of an electronic conference system of the present embodiment. In Fig.

5 1, an example configuration of the electronic conference system 1 is shown, in which a plurality of conference client apparatuses 10, a conference server apparatus 12 and a conference display apparatus 14 are connected with a network N1 which is a LAN or the 10 like.

The conference server apparatus 12 has a function for managing conference information, conference material and the like as well as a function for convening the electronic conference,

15 controlling participation in the electronic conference system, and distributing in real time operations input by a presenter of the electronic conference to the conference client apparatuses 10 participating in the electronic conference.

The conference server apparatus 12 can be realized by software or service performed in a computer. Also, the conference server apparatus 12 may be realized by software or service performed in a plurality of computers. Further, for example, the conference server apparatus 12 may be realized by

using a so called cloud service. Additionally, the conference server apparatus 12 may only include functions for performing a conference server process and may be realized by various hardware configurations.

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The conference client apparatus 10 has a function for receiving conference information, the conference material, etc. from the conference server apparatus 12, a function for accepting operations of the presenter or participants of the electronic conference required for proceeding with the electronic conference, a function for showing the conference material, and the like. The operators such as the presenter or the participants of the electronic conference can participate in the electronic conference by using the conference client apparatus 10.

PC, a tablet terminal, a mobile information terminal

such as smartphone, mobile phone or PDA, a conference
specific terminal, an electronic whiteboard, or an
image forming apparatus such as a MFP or a printer.

The conference client apparatus 10 receives the
operation input in real time by the presenter from

the conference server apparatus 12 while

participating in the electronic conference, and shares display screens with other conference client apparatuses 10.

Additionally, one of the conference client 5 apparatuses 10 is operated by the presenter, and can be used to request the conference server apparatus 12 to start or end the electronic conference. The conference client apparatus 10 can be switched to two types of operation mode, which are a share mode and 10 an individual mode. For example, in the share mode, the conference material displayed in the conference client apparatus 10 of the presenter is displayed on the display screen of the conference client apparatuses 10 of the participants in synchronization with the procession of the presentation. For example, 15 pages of the conference material, handwriting on the conference material (handwritten memo), and a pointer indicating a part of the conference material are synchronously displayed.

Also, in the individual mode, regardless of the procession of the presentation by the presenter, the conference material can be independently displayed on the display screen of the conference client apparatuses 10 of the participants

25 (asynchronously displayed). The conference material

is an example of objective content to which input operations (such as change of the page or addition of handwritten memo) are accepted.

The conference display apparatus 14 is an example of an output apparatus placed in a conference room, for example, to show the conference material in a large screen. The conference display apparatus 14 may be a display apparatus such as an electronic whiteboard or projection apparatus such as a projector.

Additionally, the electronic conference system 1 shown in Fig. 1 is an example, and all of the apparatuses shown in Fig. 1 are not always required. For example, in the electronic conference system 1, the function of the conference server apparatus 12 may be replaced with the functions of one or more conference client apparatuses 10.

Additionally, the electronic conference system 1 may be configured without including the conference

Further, the electronic conference system 1 may be reconfigured by replacing a part of functions of the conference server apparatus 12 with the function of another apparatus. For example, a questionnaire server having a function for handling

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questionnaires may be included in the electronic conference system shown in Fig. 1.

<Hardware Configuration>

For example, the conference client apparatus

10 and the conference server apparatus 12
respectively have a hardware configuration shown in
Fig. 2.

Fig. 2 is a block diagram for illustrating a hardware configuration of a computer included in the electronic conference system. The conference client apparatus 10 shown in Fig. 2 includes an input device 501, a display device 502, an external interface 503, a RAM 504, a ROM 505, a CPU 506, a communication interface 507, a HDD 508, etc.,

15 respectively connected with each other through the bus B. Additionally, the conference client apparatus 10 may include a camera, a microphone, a speaker and the like.

The input device 501 includes a keyboard, a

20 mouse, a touch screen, and the like, and is used for
inputting operation signals. Also, the display device
502 includes a display and the like, and displays
processing results of the conference client apparatus
10. The communication interface 507 is an interface
25 for connecting the conference client apparatus 10

with the network N1. The conference client apparatus 10 can perform data communication with the conference server apparatus 12 through the communication interface 507.

5 The HDD 508 is a nonvolatile storage device for storing programs or data. The basic software for controlling the entire conference client apparatus 10 that is an OS, and application software for providing functions on the OS exemplify the programs or data to 10 be stored in the HDD 508. Also, in the HDD 508, the programs or data are managed by using a certain file system and/or a DB.

The external interface 503 is an interface to an external device. A recording medium 503a

15 exemplifies the external device. Thus, the conference client apparatus 10 can read/write the data stored in the recording medium 503a through the external interface 503. A flexible disk, a CD, a DVD, a SD memory card, a USB memory stick, and the like

20 exemplify the recording medium 503a.

The ROM 505 is a nonvolatile semiconductor storage device capable of holding data even when power is turned off. In the ROM 505, programs and data such as BIOS, OS settings, or network settings are stored, which are executed in starting the

conference client apparatus 10. The RAM 504 is a volatile semiconductor storage device for temporarily holding programs or data.

The CPU 506 is a processor which retrieves

the programs and the data stored in storage devices
such as the ROM 505 or the HDD 508 to load them in
the RAM 504 and execute them, thereby achieving
control or functions of the entire conference client
apparatus 10.

The conference client apparatus 10 can perform the processes described later, for example, by executing the programs in the above described hardware configuration.

The conference server apparatus 12 shown in Fig. 2 includes an input device 601, a display device 602, an external interface 603, a RAM 604, a ROM 605, a CPU 606, a communication interface 607, a HDD 608, etc., respectively connected with each other through the bus B. Additionally, the input device 601 and the display device 602 may be connected only if needed.

The input device 601 includes a keyboard, a mouse and the like, and is used for inputting operation signals to the conference server apparatus 12. Also, the display device 602 includes a display

and the like, and displays processing results of the conference server apparatus 12.

The communication interface 607 is an interface for connecting the conference client apparatus 12 with the network N1. The conference server apparatus 12 can perform data communication with the conference client apparatus 10 through the communication interface 607.

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The HDD 608 is a nonvolatile storage device

for storing programs or data. The basic software for
controlling the entire conference server apparatus 12
that is an OS, and application software for providing
functions on the OS exemplify the programs or data to
be stored in the HDD 608. Also, in the HDD 608, the

programs or data are managed by using a certain file
system and/or a DB.

The external interface 603 is an interface to an external device. A recording medium 603a exemplifies the external device. Thus, the conference server apparatus 12 can read/write the data stored in the recording medium 603a through the external interface 603. A flexible disk, a CD, a DVD, a SD memory card, a USB memory stick, and the like exemplify the recording medium 603a.

The ROM 605 is a nonvolatile semiconductor

storage device capable of holding data even when a power is turned off. In the ROM 605, programs and data such as BIOS, OS setting, or network setting are stored, which are executed in starting the conference server apparatus 12. The RAM 604 is a volatile semiconductor storage device for temporarily holding programs or data.

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The CPU 606 is a processor which retrieves the programs and the data stored in storage devices such as the ROM 605 or the HDD 608 to load them in the RAM 604 and execute them, thereby achieving control or functions of the entire conference server apparatus 12.

The conference server apparatus 12 can

15 perform the processes described later, for example,
by executing the programs in the above described
hardware configuration.

<Software Configuration>

For example, the conference client apparatus

10 and the conference server apparatus 12 in the
electronic conference system 1 of the present
embodiment are respectively configured with function
blocks described as follows. Additionally, in the
following, only function blocks necessary for the

25 description are shown, while function blocks

unnecessary for the description may be omitted.

<Conference Client Apparatuses>

For example, the conference client apparatus

10 is configured with the function blocks shown in
5 Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a block diagram for illustrating an example functional configuration of the conference client apparatus 10. In the conference client apparatus 10 shown in Fig. 3, a conference screen display unit 51, a questionnaire order

transmitting/receiving unit 52, a questionnaire screen display unit 53 and a role determining unit 54 are achieved by executing programs. Also, in the conference client apparatus 10, a conference information storage unit 55, a material information storage unit 56, a questionnaire information storage unit 57 and a role information storage unit 58 are achieved by executing programs. For example, the programs executed in the conference client apparatus 10 are applications installed in the conference client apparatus 10.

The conference screen display unit 51 displays conference information, conference material, etc., received from the conference server apparatus 12. The conference screen display unit 51 accepts operations of the operator such as the presenter or

the participant, thereby displaying the conference screens in accordance with the operations.

The questionnaire order transmitting/receiving unit 52 creates a 5 questionnaire start order to send it to the conference server apparatus 12 in a case where a questionnaire start is instructed by an operator having questionnaire start authority. The questionnaire start order sent to the conference 10 server apparatus 12 is distributed to other conference client apparatuses 10 participating in the same electronic conference as that of the conference client apparatus 10 which has sent the questionnaire start order participates in. The questionnaire order transmitting/receiving unit 52 receives the 15 questionnaire start order distributed by the conference server apparatus 12.

The questionnaire screen display unit 53 of the conference client apparatus 10 which receives the questionnaire start order, as described later, displays questionnaire screens in accordance with roles of the operators (such as a presenter or a participant). The role determining unit 54 determines the roles of the operators.

The conference information storage unit 55

stores the conference information received from the conference server apparatus 12. The material information storage unit 56 stores the material information received from the conference server

5 apparatus 12. The questionnaire information storage unit 57 stores the questionnaire information received form the conference server apparatus 12. Also, the role information storage unit 58 stores the role information received from the conference server

10 apparatus 12. Additionally, a detailed description of the conference information, the material information, the questionnaire information and the role information will be given later.

<Conference Server Apparatus>

15 For example, the conference server apparatus
12 is configured with the function blocks shown in
Fig. 4. Fig. 4 is a block diagram for illustrating an
example functional configuration of the conference
server apparatus 12. In the conference server
20 apparatus 12, a conference controlling unit 61, a
questionnaire screen generating unit 62, a
questionnaire screen sending unit 63, an information
managing unit 64, a conference information storage
unit 65, a material information storage unit 66, a
25 questionnaire information storage unit 67 and a role

information storage unit 68 are achieved by executing programs.

The conference controlling unit 61 provides the function for convening the electronic conference, for controlling participation in the electronic 5 conference, and the function for distributing in real time operations input by a presenter of the electronic conference to the conference client apparatuses 10 participating in the electronic 10 conference. The questionnaire screen generating unit 62 generates questionnaire screens in accordance with the role of the operator of the conference client apparatus 10. The questionnaire screen sending unit 63 sends the questionnaire screens to the conference client apparatuses 10 in accordance with the roles of 15 the operators of the conference client apparatuses 10. The information managing unit 64 manages the conference information, the material information, the questionnaire information, the role information, and the like.

Also, the information storage unit 65 stores the conference information. The material information storage unit 66 stores the material information. The questionnaire information storage unit 67 stores the questionnaire information. Also,

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the role information storage unit 68 stores the role information. Additionally, a detailed description of the conference information, the material information, the questionnaire information and the role information will be given below.

<Data Structure>

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Fig. 5 is a diagram for illustrating an example structure of the conference information. The conference information shown in Fig. 5 includes "Conference Identifier", "Conference Name", 10 "Scheduled Date/Hour", "Administrator Identifier", And "Conference Password" as the items. The "Conference Identifier" is an identifier for identifying the electronic conference. For example, conference ID is an example of the "Conference 15 Identifier". The "Conference Name" indicates a name (title) of the conference. The "Scheduled Date/Hour" indicates the date and hour when the electronic conference will be convened. The administrator identifier is an identifier used for determining 20 whether the operator of the conference client apparatus 10 is an administrator (described later) or not. For example, the operator ID is an example of the "Administrator Identifier". The "Conference

Password" is an example of authentication information

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required for convening or participating in the electronic conference.

Fig. 6 is a diagram for illustrating an example structure of the material information. The 5 material information shown in Fig. 6 includes "Material Identifier", "Conference Identifier", "Material Name", "Type" and "URI" as items. The "Material Identifier" is an identifier for identifying the conference material. For example, 10 material ID is an example of the "Material Identifier". The "Conference Identifier" is an identifier for identifying the electronic conference. The "Material Name" indicates a name (title) of the conference material. The "Type" indicates data format of the conference material. The "URI" indicates a 15 location where the data of the conference material is

Fig. 7 is a diagram for illustrating an example structure of the questionnaire information.

stored (storage place of the conference material).

The questionnaire information shown in Fig. 7 includes "Questionnaire Identifier", "Material Identifier", "Questionnaire Name", "Answer Screen URI" and "Summary Screen URI" as items.

The "Questionnaire Identifier" is an 25 identifier for identifying the questionnaire. For

example, the questionnaire ID is an example of the "Questionnaire Identifier". The "Material Identifier" is an identifier for identifying the conference material. The "Questionnaire Name" indicates a name (title) of the questionnaire. The "Answer Screen URI" and the "Summary Screen URI" respectively indicate a destination to access for displaying the questionnaire screen in accordance with the role of the operator of the conference client apparatus 10.

10 For example, in a case where the role of the operator is the participant, the "Answer Screen URI" indicates the destination to access for displaying answer screen to the questionnaire. In a case where the role of the operator is the presenter, the "Summary Screen URI" indicates the destination to access for

Fig. 8 is a diagram for illustrating an example structure of the role information. The role information shown in Fig. 8 includes "Role Name",

displaying summary screen of the questionnaire.

"Role Identifier", "Page Synchronization",

"Handwritten Memo Synchronization", "Start/End

Questionnaire" and "Destination" as items.

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The "Role Name" indicates a name of the role. The presenter, the participant and the administrator are included in the "Role Name" of the

role information shown in Fig. 8. The "Role Identifier" is an identifier for identifying the role. For example, role ID is an example of the "Role Identifier".

- The "Page Synchronization", the 5 "Handwritten Memo Synchronization", and the "Start/End Questionnaire" respectively indicate operations which can be performed by the operator (operator's authority). For example, the operator 10 whose role is the presenter can perform the operation of the "Page Synchronization", the "Handwritten Memo Synchronization", and the "Start/End Questionnaire". While the operator whose role is the participant cannot perform the operation of the "Page Synchronization", the "Handwritten Memo 15 Synchronization", and the "Start/End Questionnaire". The operator whose role is the administrator can perform the operation of the "Start/End Questionnaire".
- The "Destination" indicates whether the questionnaire screen in accordance with the role of the operator is the answer screen to the questionnaire or the summary screen of the questionnaire. In a case where the role of the operator is the presenter or the administrator, the

questionnaire screen in accordance with the role of
the operator is the summary screen of the
questionnaire, in the role information shown in Fig.
8. Meanwhile, in a case where the role of the
operator is the participant, the questionnaire screen
in accordance with the role of the operator is the
answer screen to the questionnaire, in the role
information shown in Fig. 8. As described above, the
role of the operator and the destination to access
for displaying the questionnaire screen are
associated with each other in the role information.

As shown in Fig. 5 and Fig. 6, the conference information and the material information are associated with each other by the "Conference Identifier". Therefore, the conference material used in the electronic conference can be found based on the conference information and the material information.

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Also, as shown in Fig. 6 and Fig. 7, the
20 material information and the questionnaire
information are associated with each other by the
"Material Identifier". Therefore, the questionnaire
information used when the conference material is
displayed can be found based on the material
25 information and the questionnaire information.

Further, as shown in Fig. 7 and Fig. 8, the questionnaire information and the role information are associated with each other by the "Role Identifier". Therefore, the destination to access for displaying the questionnaire screen in accordance with the role of the operator of the conference client apparatus 10 can be found based on the questionnaire information and the role information.

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Although, in the questionnaire information

shown in Fig. 7, two destinations ("Answer Screen

URI" and "Summary Screen URI") for displaying the

questionnaire screen in accordance with the role of

the operator are included, three or more destinations

may be included. Also, although, in the role

information shown in Fig. 8, three roles of the

operator are included, two, or four or more roles may

be included.

For, example, a moderator of the electronic conference, the presenter and the participant are

20 exemplified as another example of the roles to be included in the role information. The moderator of the electronic conference, for example, is allowed to perform operations for determining the presenter and the conference material. The presenter, for example,

25 is allowed to perform operations of page feeding

(page synchronization), handwritten memo (hand written memo synchronization), scaling (scaling synchronization), and the like. The participant is allowed to display the conference material.

5 In the following, the present embodiment is described in a case where there are three roles of the presenter, participant and administrator. Additionally, the roles of the presenter and the participant may be switched with each other during 10 the electronic conference. Also, in the electronic conference system 1, in a case where a plurality of the conference client apparatuses 10 participate in the same electronic conference, one of the conference client apparatuses 10 has the role of the presenter 15 and one or more conference client apparatuses 10 have the role of the participant. For example, in a case where the roles of the presenter and the participant are switched with each other during the electronic conference, the conference client apparatus 10 whose 20 role has been the presenter switches to have the role of the participant, while another conference client apparatus 10 whose role has been the participant switches to have the role of the presenter. For example, a participant may be switched to the presenter by selecting a presenter button in a screen 25

(described below) shown in Fig. 14, or by designating one of the participant or the conference client apparatus thereof to be the next presenter, by the former presenter.

5 < Detail of Process>

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In the following, details of the process performed by the electronic conference system 1 of the present embodiment will be described.

Process of Participation in Conference>
10 Fig. 9 is a flowchart for illustrating a process of participation in the electronic conference. The presenter or the participants of the electronic conference operate the conference client apparatus 10 to request access to a conference participation
15 screen (not shown) of the conference server apparatus 12. For example, the conference screen display unit 51 of the conference client apparatus 10 requests the conference information by accessing an URI of the conference participation screen of the conference 20 server apparatus 12.

In step S22, the conference controlling unit 61 of the conference server apparatus 12 accepts the request for the conference information from the conference client apparatus 10. In step S23, based on the request for the conference information from the

conference client apparatus 10, the information managing unit 64 retrieves, from the conference information storage unit 65, the conference information of an electronic conference which can be convened or participated in. In step S24, the conference controlling unit 61 sends the conference information of the electronic conference which can currently be convened or participated in to the conference client apparatus 10.

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In step S25, the conference screen display unit 51 of the conference client apparatus 10 displays, based on the received conference information, the conference participation screen by using the display device 502, or the like. A list of the electronic conferences created based on the conference information, which can be convened or participated in, is included in the conference participation screen.

In step S26, the presenter or the

20 participants select an electronic conference to
convene or participate in from the list of the
electronic conferences in the conference
participation screen. The conference screen display
unit 51 of the conference client apparatus 10

25 requests the conference server apparatus 12 for

permission to participate in the selected electronic conference (participation request).

In step S27, the conference controlling unit 61 of the conference server apparatus 12 establishes a communication path (session) with the conference client apparatus 10 in response to the participation request from the conference client apparatus 10. The conference server apparatus 12 and the conference client apparatus 10 participating in the electronic conference send/receive information necessary for sharing the conference screen by using the established communication path (session).

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As described above, the conference server apparatus 12 and the conference client apparatus 10 participating in the electronic conference share the 15 conference screen by using the established communication path to distribute in real time, through the conference server apparatus 12, messages indicating the operation input to the conference 20 client apparatus 10 of the presenter. A protocol referred to as "XMPP" is exemplified as a protocol for such a real time message distribution using the communication path (session). The page feeding, and an instruction to start or end the questionnaire are 25 exemplified as the operation input to the conference

client apparatus 10 of the presenter. Additionally, HTTPS (Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure) exemplifies a protocol for establishing the communication path for displaying the questionnaire screen (described below). The questionnaire screen is described in HTML (HyperText Markup Language).

XMPP has been standardized as RFC3920

(Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol: Core),
and RFC3921 (Extensible Messaging and Presence

Protocol: Instant Messaging and Presence) in IETF,
and an extended specification thereof has been
documented as XEP.

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A service referred to as Multi-User Chat
(XEP-0045) is defined in XMPP. In Multi-User Chat,

when the conference client apparatus 10 participating
in a room provided by XMPP sends a message to the
conference server apparatus 12, the message is
distributed from the conference server apparatus 12
to all of the conference client apparatuses 10

participating in the room. For example, other than
XMPP, protocols such as BOSH which is an extended
XMPP, WebSocket or Commet may be used for
establishing such a communication path.

BOSH (Bidirectional-streams Over 25 Synchronous HTTP (XEP-0206)) is a technology for

sending/receiving message of HTTP in XMPP. Such a protocol enables the conference server apparatus 12 to perform "Push" function. With the "Push" function, the conference server apparatus 12 can asynchronously send information to the conference client apparatus 10 without receiving the request from the conference client apparatus 10, thereby receiving the information by the conference client apparatus 10. Additionally, similar functions may be achieved by using a common HTTP where the conference client apparatus 10 needs to periodically retrieve the information.

In step S28, the conference controlling unit 61 of the conference server apparatus 12 sends,

in response to the participation request, the aforesaid material information, the questionnaire information and the role information to the conference client apparatus 10. In step S28, in a case where the electronic conference has been started, information indicating the conference material currently displayed, current page, information related to the presenter and the like may be included.

In step S29, the conference screen display unit 51 of the conference client apparatus 10 receives the aforesaid material information,

questionnaire information and the role information. In step S30, the conference screen display unit 51 performs a conference participation process. In the conference participation process, the data of the conference material stored in a storage place indicated by the URI of the material information is retrieved to display in the conference screen.

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Additionally, in step S28, for example, the questionnaire information having a structure shown in Fig. 10 is sent from the conference server apparatus 12 to the conference client apparatus 10. Fig. 10 is a diagram for illustrating an example structure of the questionnaire information received by the conference client apparatus 10. The questionnaire information includes information necessary for displaying the questionnaire screen.

For example, in Fig. 10, the questionnaire information includes a component 1000 in which a "Number of Questionnaires" and one or more

20 "Questionnaire Detail Information" are included as the information necessary for displaying the questionnaire screens associated with two conference materials. The "Questionnaire Detail Information" includes the "Questionnaire Identifier", "Title",

25 "Questionnaire Answer URI", and "Questionnaire

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Summary URI".

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Additionally, the "Questionnaire Identifier", the "Title", the "Questionnaire Answer URI", and the "Questionnaire Summary URI" included in the "Questionnaire Detail Information" respectively correspond to the "Questionnaire Identifier", "Questionnaire Name", "Answer Screen URI" and "Summary Screen URI" included in the questionnaire information shown in Fig. 7. Thus, the component 1000 of the questionnaire information shown in Fig. 10 is generated based on the questionnaire information shown in Fig. 7.

Also, in Fig. 10, a component 1002 for associating "Role" of the conference client apparatus 10 with the "Questionnaire Answer URI", and the 15 "Questionnaire Summary URI" is included. Additionally, the "Role" of the conference client 10, the "Questionnaire Answer URI" and the "Questionnaire Summary URI" are respectively correspond to "Role Name" and "Destination (where answer screen URI or . 20 summary screen URI is described)" included in the role information shown in Fig. 8. Thus, the component 1002 included in the questionnaire information shown in Fig. 10 is generated based on the role information shown in Fig. 8. 25

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The respective role determining units 54 in the conference client apparatuses 10 perform a role

5 determination process shown in Fig. 11 to determine the respective roles of the conference client apparatuses 10. Additionally, the role determination process is performed when the conference client apparatus 10 participates in the electronic

10 conference, when the name of the conference client apparatus 10 is changed, or when the conference client apparatus 10 receives an instruction to change the role during the electronic conference.

Fig. 11 is a flowchart for illustrating an example of the role determination process. In step S41, the role determining unit 54 included in the conference client apparatuses 10 compares the "Administrator Identifier" included in the conference information shown in Fig. 5 with the name of the conference client apparatuses 10.

When the "Administrator Identifier" included in the conference information shown in Fig. 5 is found to be the same as the name of the conference client apparatuses 10 in step S42, the role determining unit 54 gives the conference client

apparatus 10 the role of the administrator in step S43, and proceeds to step S44. When the "Administrator Identifier" included in the conference information is found to be different from the name of the conference client apparatuses 10, the process of step S43 is skipped and the process proceeds to step S44. In step S44, the role determining unit 54 determines whether the role is the presenter or not, thereby giving the conference client apparatus 10 the role of the presenter or the participant.

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Additionally, for example, the role determining unit 54 manages the determined role of the conference client apparatus 10 by using a role table shown in Fig. 12. Fig. 12 is an example of the role table. Information indicating whether the conference client apparatus 10 is the administrator or not, and information indicating whether the conference client apparatus 10 is the presenter or the participant is included in the role table shown in Fig. 12.

As shown in the role table in Fig. 12, the respective conference client apparatus 10 manages the role of itself based on the information indicating whether the conference client apparatus 10 is the administrator or not and the information indicating

whether the conference client apparatus 10 is the presenter or the participant. Additionally, during the electronic conference, the conference client apparatus 10 can be given the role of the presenter by sending XMPP message for changing the role to the conference server apparatus 12. The conference server apparatus 12 distributes the XMPP message for changing the role sent from the conference client apparatus 10 to the conference client apparatuses 10 participating in the electronic conference to let them update their respective role tables.

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In flowchart shown in Fig. 11, although an example where the "Administrator Identifier" is compared with the name of the conference client apparatus 10 is described, MAC address, IP address, branch number, user name, etc., may be used instead of the name of the conference client apparatus 10. However, when using the name of the conference client apparatus 10 or the user name which can be changed easily, the conference client apparatus 10 can freely switch a state of being the administrator and a state of not being an administrator. Additionally, the regular expression may be used for the "Administrator Identifier".

Also, although, in the present embodiment,

the "Administrator Identifier" is included in the conference information, it may be included in other information associated with the electronic conference such as the questionnaire information. For example, in which information the "Administrator Identifier" is to be included is determined according to a range of operations which are performed by the administrator instead of the presenter.

<Questionnaire Start Process>

Fig. 13 is a flowchart for illustrating an example of a questionnaire start process. The questionnaire start process shown in Fig. 13 is started when the operator pushes a questionnaire start button in the conference screen displayed by the conference client apparatus 10.

In step S61, the questionnaire order transmitting/receiving unit 52, referring to the role table shown in Fig. 12, determines whether the operator of the conference client apparatus 10 has the authority for starting the questionnaire or not. The questionnaire order transmitting/receiving unit 52 determines that the operator of the conference client apparatus 10 has the authority for starting the questionnaire in a case where the role of the conference client apparatus 10 is the presenter or

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the administrator.

In a case where the operator of the conference client apparatus 10 has the authority for starting the questionnaire, questionnaire order

5 transmitting/receiving unit 52 displays, in step S62, a list of questionnaires associated with the conference material with reference to the questionnaire information shown in Fig. 7. Fig. 14 is an illustration diagram for showing an example of the conference screen of the presenter, where the list of questionnaires is shown. Also, an example of the conference screen 1010 of the presenter where a questionnaire list 1012 including three names of the questionnaires is shown in Fig. 14.

Additionally, as shown in Fig. 15, in a case where the operator of the conference client apparatus 10 is the administrator, the questionnaire order transmitting/receiving unit 52 displays the conference screen 1020 of the administrator where a questionnaire list 1022 is shown. Fig. 15 is an illustration diagram for showing an example of the conference screen of the administrator where the list of questionnaires is shown. In the conference screen 1020 shown in Fig. 15, the presenter button 1024 is not selected, which is different from the conference

screen 1010 shown in Fig. 14.

When it is determined, in step S61, that the operator does not have the authority for starting the questionnaire, the questionnaire order

- 5 transmitting/receiving unit 52 finishes the process shown in Fig. 13 without sending the questionnaire start order. As described above, the operator who does not have the authority for starting the questionnaire cannot start the questionnaire.
- Additionally, as shown in Fig. 16, the conference client apparatus 10 not having the authority for starting the questionnaire may display the conference screen 1030 where the questionnaire start button 1032 cannot be pushed. Fig. 16 is an illustration diagram for showing another example of the conference screen.

In step S63, the operator who has the authority for starting the questionnaire selects a questionnaire to be started from the questionnaire list 1012 shown in Fig. 14, or the like. In step S64, the questionnaire order transmitting/receiving unit

- 52 creates the questionnaire start order shown in Fig. 17 based on the "Questionnaire Identifier" of the questionnaire selected from the questionnaire list 1012, or the like.
- Fig. 17 is an illustration diagram for

showing an example of the questionnaire start order. The questionnaire start order shown in Fig. 17 includes the "Questionnaire Identifier" of "123". In step S65, the questionnaire order

5 transmitting/receiving unit 52 sends the created questionnaire start order to the conference server apparatus 12, thereby finishing the process shown in Fig. 13.

The conference server apparatus 12,

receiving the questionnaire start order shown in Fig.

17, distributes the questionnaire start order to the conference client apparatuses 10 participating in the electronic conference. Then, the conference client apparatus 10, receiving the questionnaire start order from the conference server apparatus 12, performs a questionnaire display process shown in Fig. 18.

Fig. 18 is a flowchart illustrating an example of the questionnaire display process. In step S81, the conference client apparatus 10 receives the questionnaire start order. In step S82, the role determining unit 54 of the conference client apparatus 10 determines the role of the conference client apparatus 10 with reference to the role table shown in Fig. 12. The questionnaire screen display unit 53 determines whether the role of the operator

is the role for viewing the summary screen of the questionnaire or for viewing the answer screen to the questionnaire with reference to the role information shown in Fig. 8.

In a case where the role of the operator is the role for viewing the answer screen to the questionnaire, the questionnaire screen display unit 53 acquires, in step S83, "Answer Screen URI" which is the destination to access for displaying the

answer screen to the questionnaire with reference to the questionnaire information shown in Fig. 7. Then, in step S85, the questionnaire screen display unit 53 accesses to the "Answer Screen URI", thereby displaying the answer screen to the questionnaire.

Meanwhile, in a case where the role of the operator is the role for viewing the summary screen of the questionnaire, the questionnaire screen display unit 53 acquires, in step S84, the "Summary Screen URI" which is the destination to access for displaying the summary screen of the questionnaire with reference to the questionnaire information shown in Fig. 7. Then, in step S85, the questionnaire screen display unit 53 accesses to the "Summary Screen URI", thereby displaying the summary screen of the questionnaire.

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showing an example of the answer screen to the questionnaire. In Fig. 19, the answer screen to the questionnaire 1050 includes an answer field 1051 and an answer button 1052. The operator whose role is the participant inputs answer to the questionnaire in the answer field 1051 and pushes the answer button 1052, thereby sending the answer to the questionnaire to the conference server apparatus 12. Fig. 20 is an illustration diagram for showing an example of the answer to the questionnaire to the answer to the questionnaire after sending the answer to the questionnaire to the conference server apparatus 12.

showing an example of the summary screen of the questionnaire. The summary screen of the questionnaire 1060 shown in Fig. 21 shows the summary of the questionnaire based on the answers sent from the conference client apparatuses 10 whose roles are the participants. For example, summary screen of the questionnaire shown in Fig. 21 can be achieved by using scripts operated on a browser for automatically and dynamically displaying the summary of the questionnaire in a graph.

Fig. 22 is a sequence diagram for

illustrating a questionnaire summarizing process. In step S101, a questionnaire answerer whose role is the participant inputs the answer to the questionnaire in answer field 1051 of the answer screen to the questionnaire 1050 and pushes the answer button 1052.

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In step S102, the questionnaire screen display unit 53 of the conference client apparatus 10 operated by the participant sends the answer to the questionnaire to the conference server apparatus 12.

In step S103, information managing unit 64 of the conference server apparatus 12 updates the summary of the questionnaire with the received answer to the questionnaire.

In step S104, the questionnaire screen

display unit 53 of the conference client apparatus 10 operated by the presenter or the administrator periodically accesses the "Summary Screen URI", thereby acquiring the summary of the questionnaire.

The questionnaire screen display unit 53 updates the summary screen of the questionnaire 1060 when the summary of the questionnaire is changed.

The summary of the questionnaire shown in the summary screen of the questionnaire 1060 of the conference client apparatus 10 can be periodically or in real time updated according to the process shown

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in Fig. 22.

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Additionally, the summary screen of the questionnaire 1060 may be displayed by the conference display apparatus 14 as well as the conference client apparatus 10 whose role is the presenter or the administrator. Although, in the present embodiment, the electronic conference system 1 is described as an example, the present technology may be applied to another system where the displayed content may vary according to the role of the operator of the client apparatus.

Additionally, in a case where the summary screen of the questionnaire 1060 is displayed by the conference client apparatus 10 whose role is the presenter or the administrator and by the conference display apparatus 14, the summary screen of the questionnaire 1060 may be temporally displayed only by the conference client apparatus 10 whose role is the presenter. In this case, the summary screen of the questionnaire 1060 may be displayed by the conference client apparatus 10 of the administrator and the conference display apparatus 14 when the operational input for permitting display is accepted in the conference client apparatus 10 of the

25 presenter.

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Specifically, in a case where the role of the conference client apparatus 10 is determined to be the presenter in step S82 shown in Fig. 18, the summary screen of the questionnaire 1060 is directly 5 displayed. Meanwhile, in a case where the role of the conference client apparatus 10 is determined to be the administrator or the role of the conference display apparatus (for example, role for displaying the screen of the conference client apparatus 10 of the presenter), the summary screen of the 10 questionnaire 1060 is displayed being covered by another screen so that the summary result cannot be seen. Then, when the operational input by the presenter for permitting display is accepted, the conference client apparatus 10 of the presenter sends 15 information indicating the operational input for permitting display to the conference client apparatus 10 whose role is the administrator and the conference display apparatus 14.

20 The conference client apparatus 10 of the administrator and the conference display apparatus 14, receiving the information indicating the operational input for permitting display, can display the complete summary screen of the questionnaire 1060 by eliminating the other screen which has covered the

summary screen of the questionnaire 1060. As described above, according to the electronic conference system 1 of the present embodiment, the summary screen of the questionnaire 1060 can be temporally displayed only by the conference client apparatus 10 of the presenter. Therefore, the summary of the questionnaire can be displayed at timing rightly intended by the presenter.

applied to systems such as a bid system in which a role of seller and a role of buyer are defined, a learning system in which a role of teacher and a role of student are defined, or quiz system in which a role of question master and a role of answerer are defined. Also, the present technology may be applied to a presentation system in which a role of internal party and a role of external party are defined, and the materials to be presented are varied according to the roles.

20 <Summary>

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The questionnaire of the electronic conference system 1 of the present embodiment is not associated with page feeding (page synchronization) and page number of the conference material. Therefore, problems do not occur, such as that sequence of the

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questionnaire cannot be changed or that the questionnaire cannot be started without feeding the page.

Also, according to the electronic 5 conference system of the present embodiment, a problem does not occur, such as that the questionnaire is started when the page of the conference material to be shown is skipped in the presentation or the page of the conference material 10 to be shown is farther back in the presentation. Further, according to the electronic conference system 1 of the present embodiment, the questionnaire can be omitted in view of progress of the conference (presentation). As described above, according to the electronic conference system 1 of the present 15 embodiment, the questionnaires can be started or ended at any timing and in arbitrary sequence, where the questionnaires are associated with identical conference material.

Further, according to the electronic conference system 1 of the present embodiment, the role of the conference client apparatus 10 is determined after receiving the questionnaire start order to change the questionnaire screen to be

25 displayed according to the role. Therefore, according

to the electronic conference system 1 of the present embodiment, the questionnaire screen can be displayed according to the respective roles even when the roles are dynamically changed after starting the electronic conference.

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system 1 of the present embodiment, the role of the conference client apparatus 10, whose name is changed to be the same as the "Administrator Identifier"

10 after starting the electronic conference, becomes the administrator. Also, in the electronic conference system 1 of the present embodiment, the role of the conference client apparatus 10 is changed from the participant to the presenter or from the presenter to the participant by using the XMPP message for changing the roles.

In the electronic conference system 1 of
the present embodiment, the conference client
apparatus 10 can determine a type of the

20 questionnaire screen (summary screen of the
questionnaire or answer screen to the questionnaire)
by acquiring the role information before
participating in the electronic conference. Also, in
the electronic conference system 1 of the present

25 embodiment, the conference client apparatus 10 can

determine the destination to access according to the type of the questionnaire screen in every questionnaire associated with the conference material, by acquiring the questionnaire information before participating in the electronic conference.

Therefore, in the electronic conference system 1 of the present embodiment, the summary screen of the questionnaire or the answer screen to the questionnaire can be displayed according to the respective roles even when the roles are dynamically changed after starting the electronic conference.

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Herein above, although the invention has been described with respect to a specific embodiment for a complete and clear disclosure, the appended claims are not to be thus limited but are to be construed as embodying all modifications and alternative constructions that may occur to one skilled in the art that fairly fall within the basic teaching herein set forth. For example, the conference server apparatus 12 is an example of an information processing apparatus. The conference client apparatus 10 is an example of a terminal device. The conference screen display unit 51 is an example of an objective content display unit. The role determining unit 54 is an example of a role

determining unit. The questionnaire screen display unit 53 is an example of the related content display unit. The questionnaire order transmitting/receiving unit 52 is an example of a display order sending unit.

5 The conference information storage unit 65, the material information storage unit 66, the questionnaire information storage unit 67, and the role information storage unit 68 are respectively examples of a storage unit for storing an objective 10 content, related content information indicating the related content associated with the objective content, and a storage place of the related content according to roles. The conference controlling unit 61 is an example of a controlling unit. The conference material is an example of the objective content. The 15 questionnaire screen is an example of the related content. The list of the questionnaires is an example of a list of the related content. The questionnaire start order is an example of display order of the 20 related content.

Additionally, the electronic conference system 1 including the conference client apparatus 10, conference server apparatus 12, and the conference display apparatus 14 is not a limiting example, and various system configurations may be applied in

accordance with application or a purpose.

Herein above, although the invention has been described with respect to a specific embodiment for a complete and clear disclosure, the appended claims are not to be thus limited but are to be construed as embodying all modifications and alternative constructions that may occur to one skilled in the art that fairly fall within the basic teaching herein set forth. The present application is based on Japanese Priority Application No. 2014–128322 filed on June 23, 2014, and Japanese Priority Application No. 2015-080170 filed on April 9, 2015, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

15	1	electronic conference system
	10	conference client apparatuses
	12	conference server apparatus
	14	conference display apparatus
	51	conference screen display unit
20	52	questionnaire order transmitting/receiving
	unit	
	53	questionnaire screen display unit
	54	role determining unit
	55	conference information storage unit
	53	role determining unit

material information storage unit

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	57	questionnaire information storage unit
	58	role information storage unit
	61	conference controlling unit
	62	questionnaire screen generating unit
5	63	questionnaire screen sending unit
	64	information managing unit
	65	conference information storage unit
	66	material information storage unit
	67	questionnaire information storage unit
10	68	role information storage unit
	501, 601	input device
	502, 602	display device
	505, 603	external interface
	503a, 603	a recording medium
15	504, 604	RAM (Random Access Memory)
	505, 605	ROM (Read Only Memory)
	506, 606	CPU (Central Processing Unit)
	507, 607	communication interface
	508, 608	HDD (Hard Disk Drive)
20	N1	network

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CLAIMS

CLAIM 1. A terminal device for sharing

5 first content to be displayed with another terminal device, comprising:

a first content display unit configured to display the first content based on information sent from the other terminal device so that the displayed image of the first content is shared with the other terminal device;

a role determining unit configured to determine a role of the terminal device among a plurality of roles that are respectively played by one or more of the terminal devices; and

a second content display unit configured to display second content associated with the first content based on a display order for displaying the second content, by acquiring the second content from a second content storage place corresponding to the determined role, wherein the second content to be displayed varies according to the role of the terminal device.

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CLAIM 2. The terminal device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the role of the terminal device is dynamically changed within a period from start of sharing the displayed image of the first content with the other terminal device to end of sharing the displayed image of the first content.

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claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the second content display unit determines the second content storage place according to the determined role by referring to information, stored in a storage unit, indicating the storage places of the second content associated with the respective roles.

any one of claim 1 to claim 3, further comprising: a

display order sending unit configured to send the
display order for displaying the second content,
wherein the display order sending unit refers to
second content information, which is stored in the
storage unit, indicating the second content

associated with the first content to display a list

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of the second content associated with the first content displayed by the first content display unit, and accepts selection of a second content from the list of the second content by an operator of the terminal device, thereby sending the display order for displaying the selected second content.

claim 4, wherein the display order sending unit
determines whether the role of the terminal device
has an authority for sending the display order of the
second content or not, by referring to authority
information, which is stored in the storage unit,

indicating authorities of the respective roles, and
displays the list of the second content associated
with the first content in a case where the role of
the terminal device has an authority for sending the
display order of the second content.

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CLAIM 6. The terminal device as claimed in any one of clime 1 to claim 5, wherein the second content according to the respective roles includes at least screen data for displaying a screen for

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accepting an answer from the operator whose role is answerer and screen data for displaying a screen for the operator whose role is checker to browse a summary of answer.

- CLAIM 7. The terminal device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the second content according to the respective roles includes the screen data for

 10 displaying the answer screen of the questionnaire where the answer to the questionnaire is input by the operator whose role is the answerer, and the screen data for displaying a summary screen of the questionnaire for the operator whose role is checker

 15 to browse a summary of the questionnaire.
- claim 7, wherein the second content display unit
 included in the terminal device operated by the
 operator whose role is the answerer sends the answer
 to the questionnaire accepted through the answer
 screen of the questionnaire to an information
 processing apparatus by which the answers to the
 questionnaire are summarized, and the second content

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display unit included in the terminal device operated by the operator whose role is the checker displays the summary screen of the questionnaire in which the summary of answers to the questionnaire created by the information processing apparatus is included.

CLAIM 9. The terminal device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the second content display unit, 10 included in the terminal device operated by the operator whose role is the answerer or included in a display apparatus for displaying a screen which is displayed by the terminal device operated by the operator whose role is the checker, displays the 15 summary screen of the questionnaire in which the summary of answers to the questionnaire created by the information processing apparatus is included when receiving information for permitting display from the terminal device operated by the operator whose role 20 is the checker.

CLAIM 10. A non-transitory computerreadable recording medium having stored therein a program for causing a computer to serve as a terminal

device for sharing first content to be displayed with another terminal device, the terminal device performing the steps of:

displaying the first content based on

information sent from the other terminal device so
that the displayed image of the first content is
shared with the other terminal device;

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determining a role of the terminal device among a plurality of roles that are respectively played by one or more of the terminal devices; and

displaying second content associated with the first content based on a display order for displaying the second content, by acquiring the second content from a second content storage place corresponding to the determined role, wherein the second content to be displayed varies according to the role of the terminal device.

CLAIM 11. A method for sharing first content to be displayed with terminal device, comprising the steps of:

displaying the first content based on information sent from another terminal device so that the displayed image of the first content is shared

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with the terminal device;

determining a role of the terminal device among a plurality of roles that are respectively played by one or more of the terminal devices; and

displaying second content associated with the first content based on a display order for displaying the second content, by acquiring the second content from a second content storage place corresponding to the determined role, wherein the second content to be displayed varies according to the role of the terminal device.

of terminal devices wherein one of the terminal devices shares first content to be displayed with another of the terminal devices, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit configured to store the first content to be shared, second content information indicating second content associated with the first content and second content storage places wherein the second content storage places are

25 dedicated for the respective roles of the terminal

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devices; and

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a controlling unit configured to control sharing a displayed image among the plurality of the terminal devices by sending the first content to be

5 shared, second content information indicating the second content which is associated with the first content and information indicating the second content storage places to the terminal devices and distributing a display order for displaying the

10 second content to the terminal devices; wherein the terminal device includes:

an first content display unit configured to display the first content based on information sent from the other terminal device so that the displayed image of the first content is shared with the other terminal device;

a role determining unit configured to determine a role of the terminal device among a plurality of roles that are respectively played by one or more of the terminal devices; and

a second content display unit configured to display second content associated with the first content based on the display order for displaying the second content, by acquiring the second content storage place

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corresponding to the determined role, wherein the second content to be displayed varies according to the role of the terminal device.

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CLAIM 13. An information processing system in which a plurality of terminal devices share first content to be displayed with each other, the information processing system comprising:

a storage unit configured to store the
first content to be shared, second content
information indicating second content associated with
the first content and second content storage places
wherein the second content storage places are
dedicated for the respective roles of the terminal
devices; and

a controlling unit configured to control sharing a displayed image among the plurality of the terminal devices by sending the first content to be shared, second content information indicating the second content which is associated with the first content and information indicating the second content storage places to the terminal devices and distributing a display order for displaying the second content to the terminal devices; wherein

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the terminal device includes:

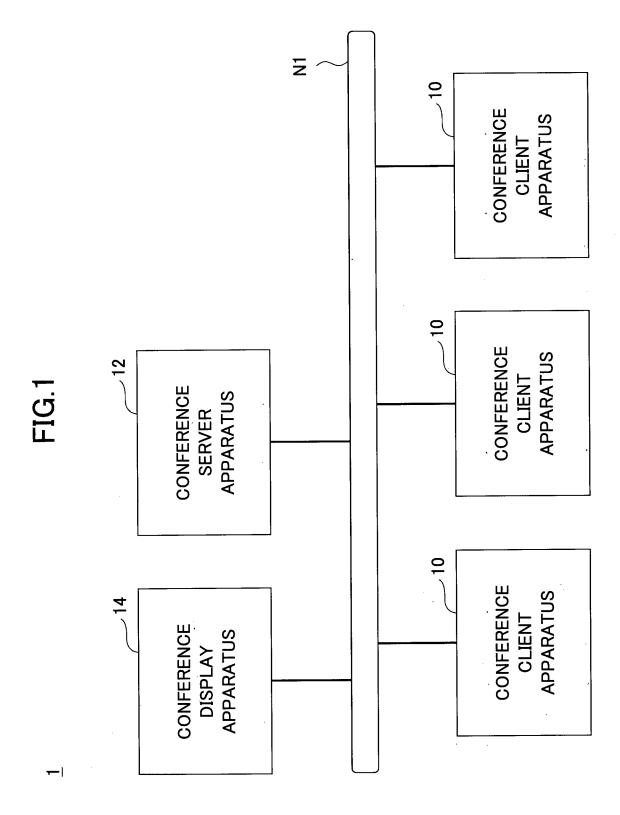
an first content display unit configured to display the first content based on information sent from the other terminal device so that the displayed image of the first content is shared with the other terminal device;

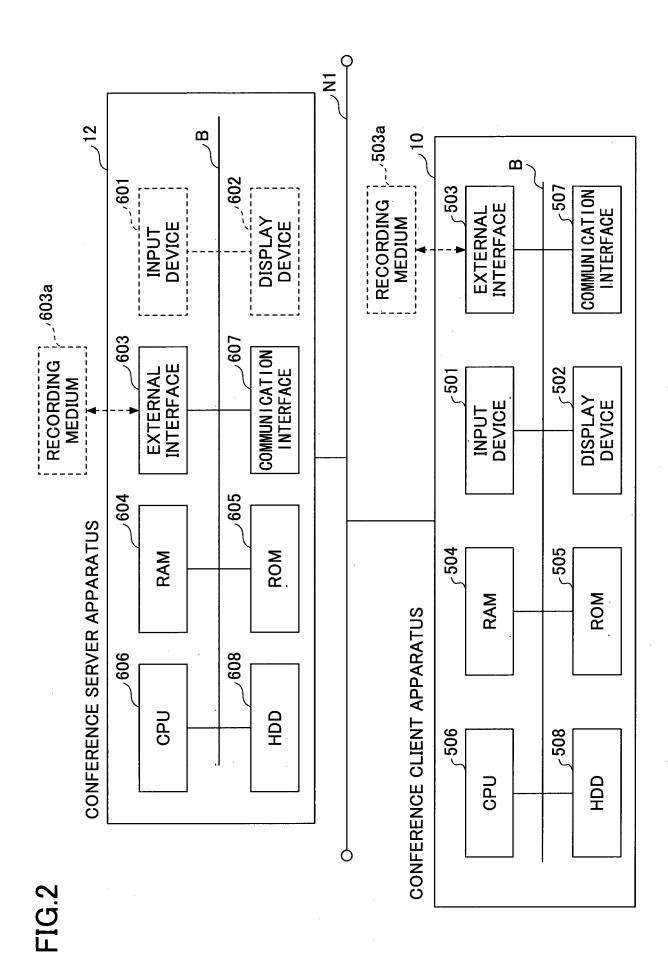
a role determining unit configured to determine a role of the terminal device among a plurality of roles that are respectively played by one or more of the terminal devices; and

a second content display unit

configured to display second content associated with
the first content based on the display order for
displaying the second content, by acquiring the

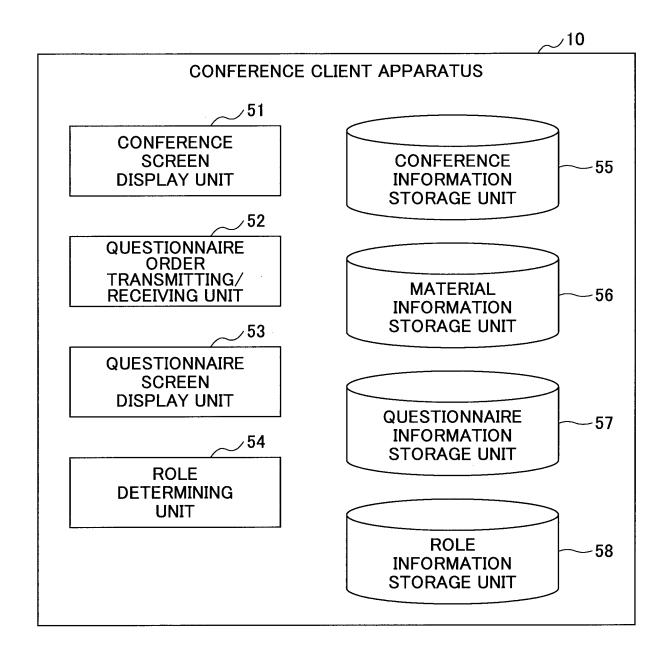
15 second content from a second content storage place
corresponding to the determined role, wherein the
second content to be displayed varies according to
the role of the terminal device.





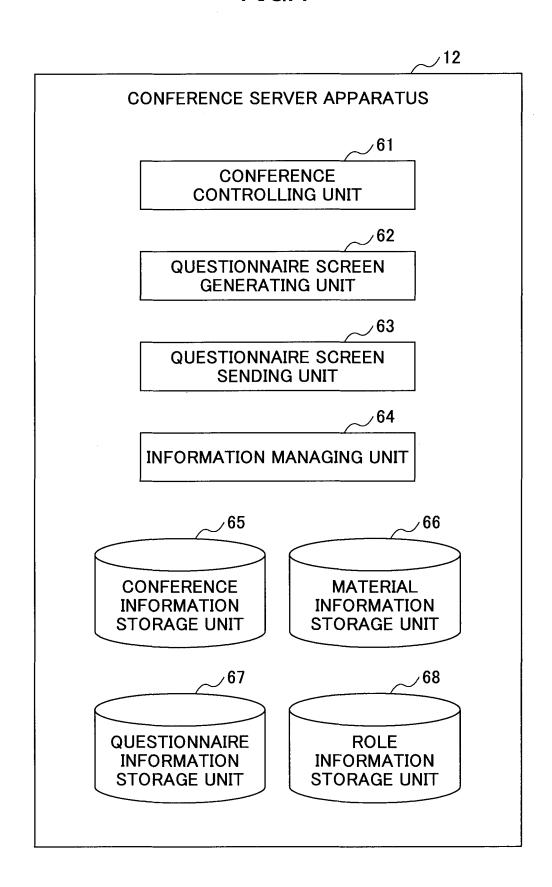
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FIG.3



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FIG.4



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Conference Identifier	Conference Name	Scheduled Date/Hour	Administrator Identifier	Conference Password
K001	Sales Strategy Conference	8/01/2014 09:30	operator	eigyo1
K002	Marketing Conference	8/01/2014 10:00	operator1 operator2	market2

FIG.6

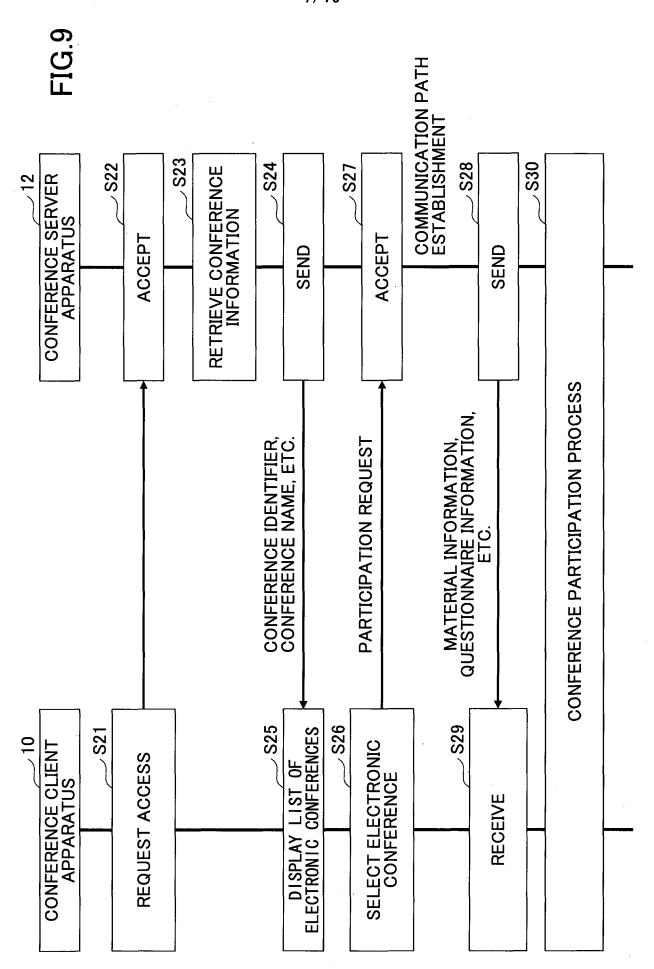
ı	Conference Identifier	Material Name	Type	URI
	K001	Sales 1	PDF	https://10.61.52.177/doc/s001.pdf
	K001	Sales 2	1dd	https://10.61.52.177/doc/s002.ppt
	K002	Marketing	DOC	https://10.61.52.177/doc/s003.doc

FIG.7

Answer Screen URI Summary Screen URI	Answer Screen URI
//10.61.52.177/answer/a001.html https://1	Comprehension https://10.61.52.177/answer/a001.html https://10.61.52.177/chart/a001.html Check
// IU.01.32.1/1/answer/auu1.ntmi r	
//10.61.52.177/answer/a001.h	
//10.61.52.177/ans	
Answe //10.61.52 //10.61.52	. [_]

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Role Name	Role Identifier	Page Synchronization	Handwritten Memo Synchronization	Start/End Questionnaire	Destination
Presenter	-	Positive	Positive	Positive	Summary Screen URI
Participant	2	Negative	Negative	Negative	Answer Screen URI
Administrator	တ	Negative	Negative	Positive	Summary Screen URI



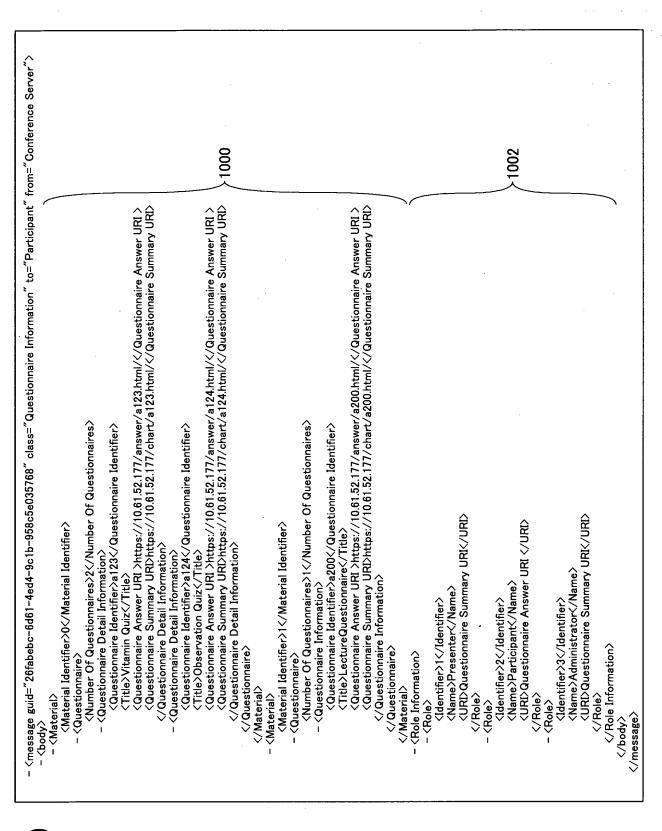


FIG. 10



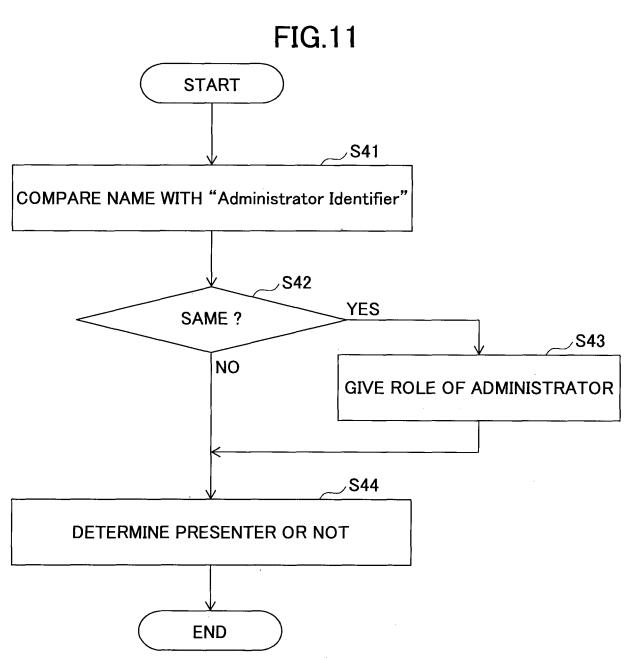


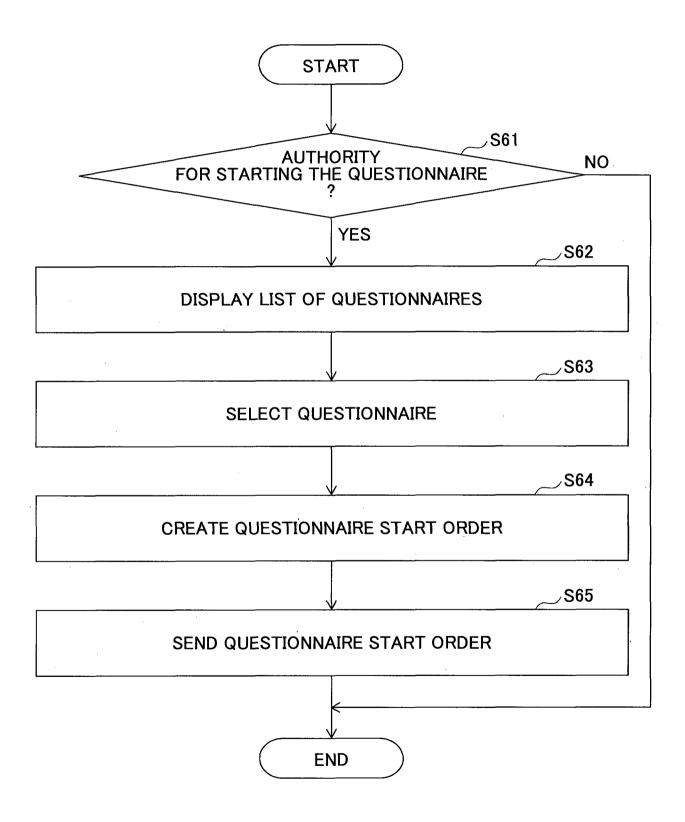
FIG.12

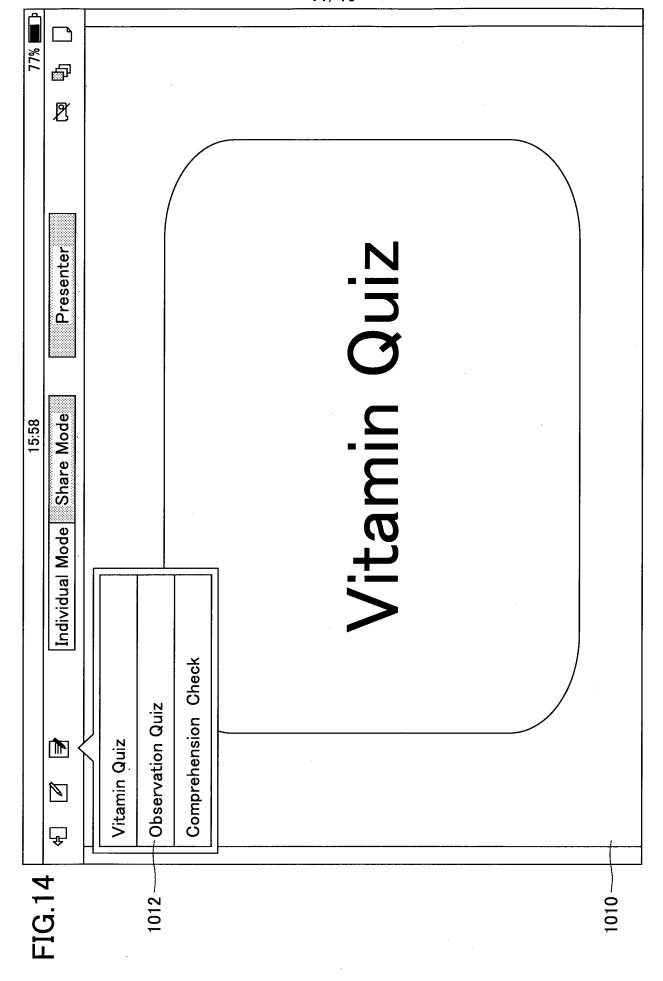
ADMINISTRATOR	PRESENTER/PARTICIPANT
1=ADMINISTRATOR	1=PRESENTER
0=NOT ADMINISTRATOR	0=PARTICIPANT

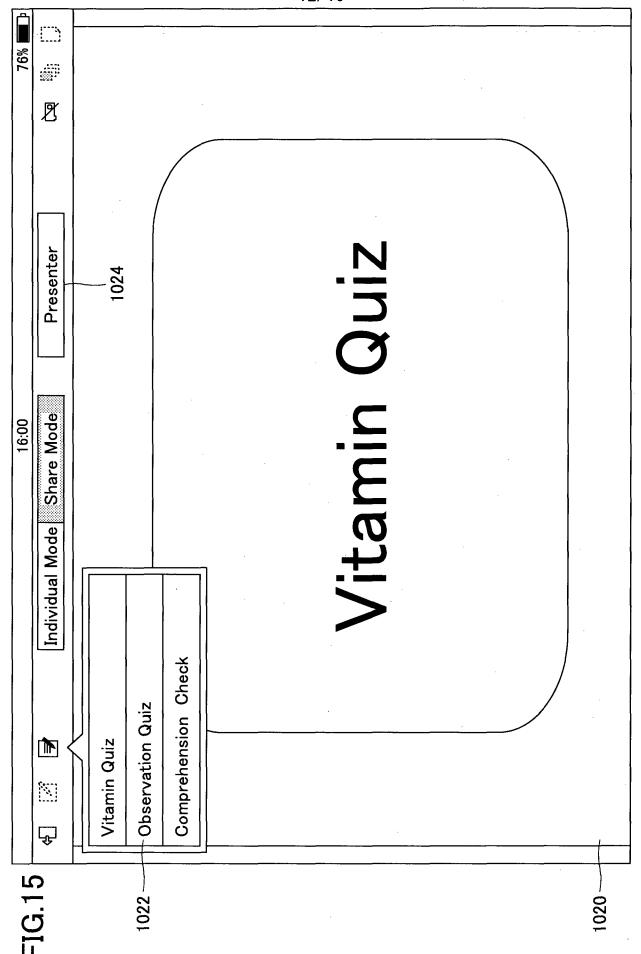
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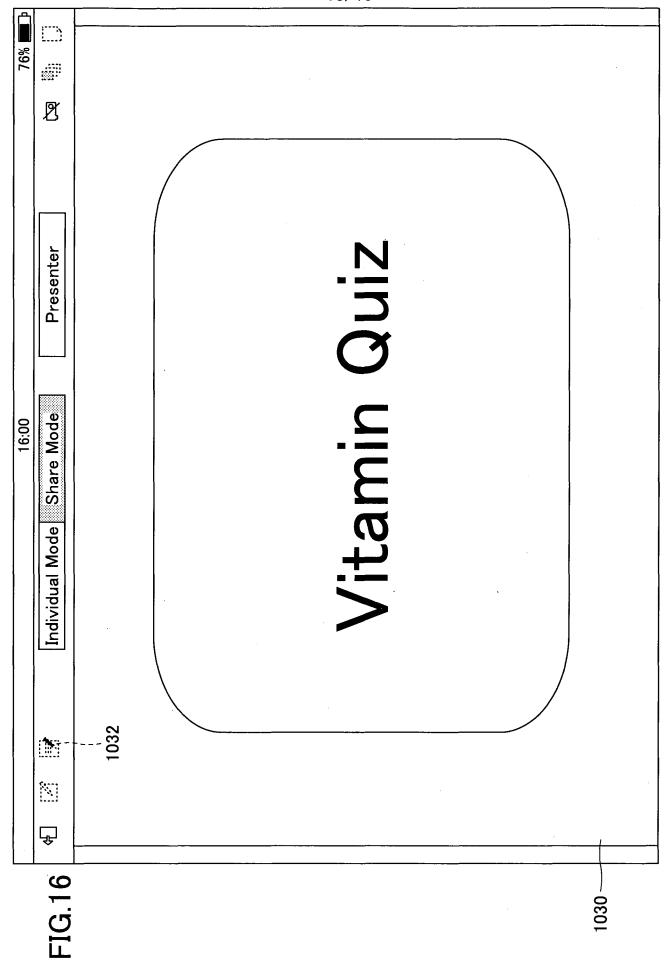
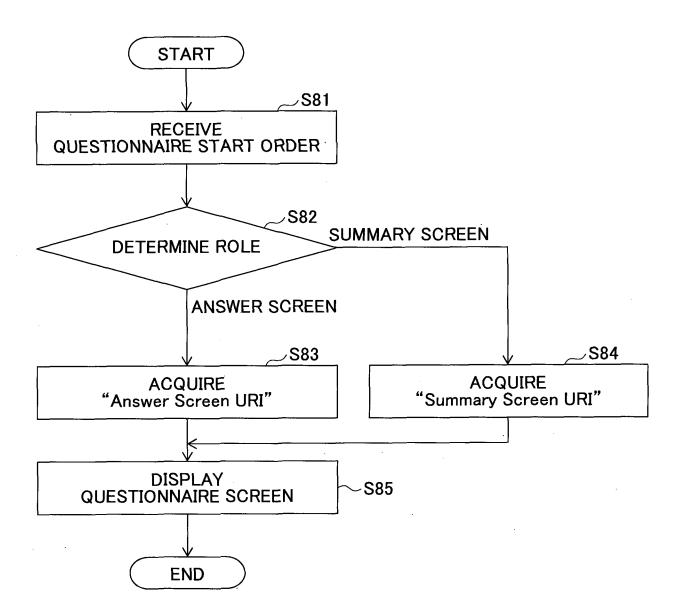


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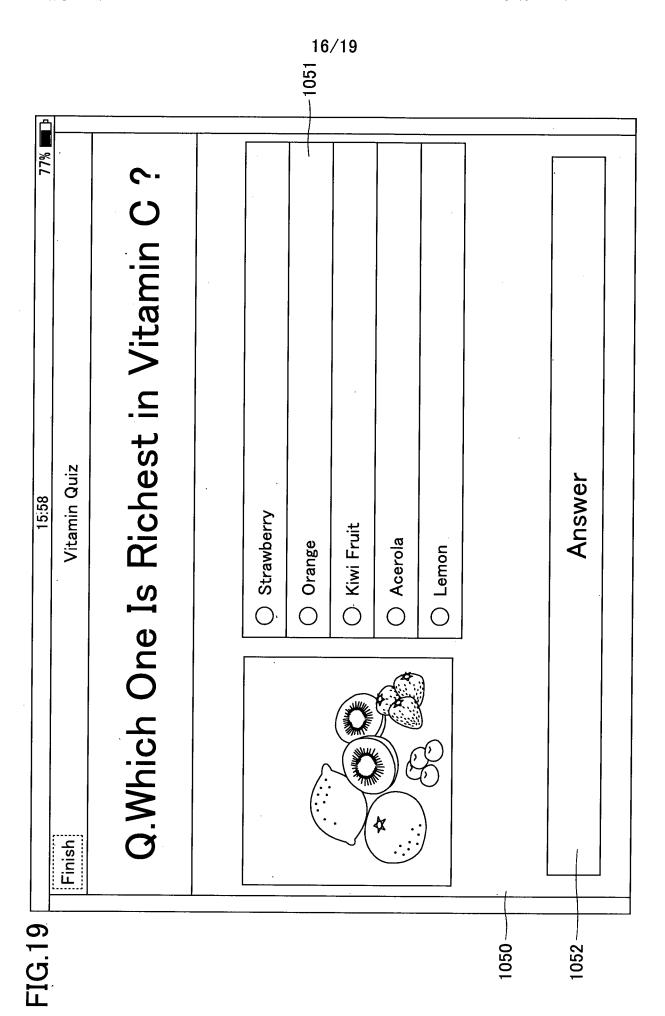
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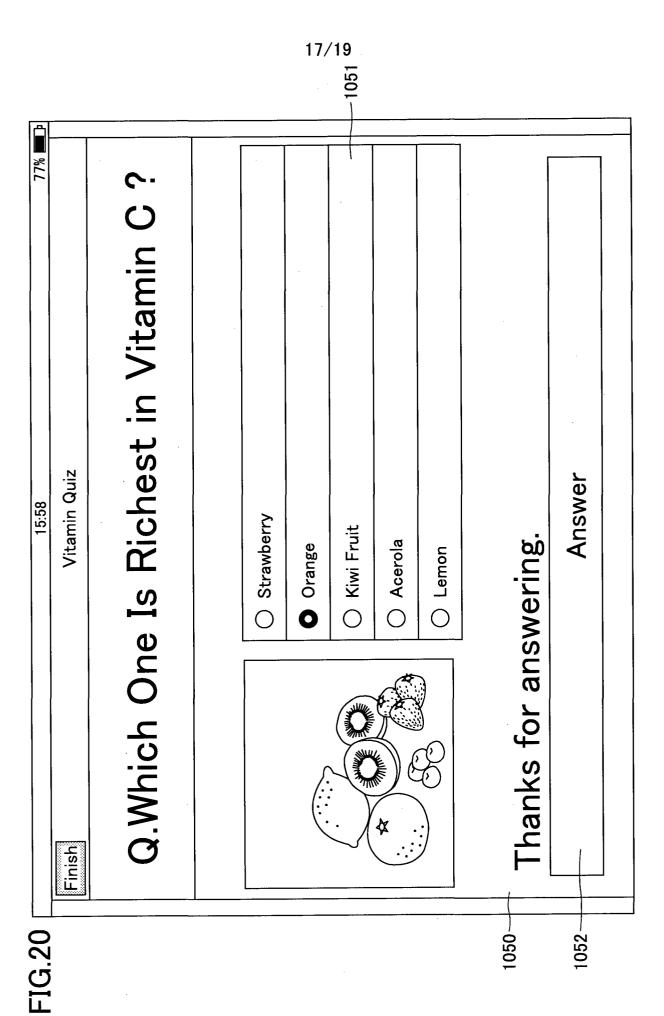
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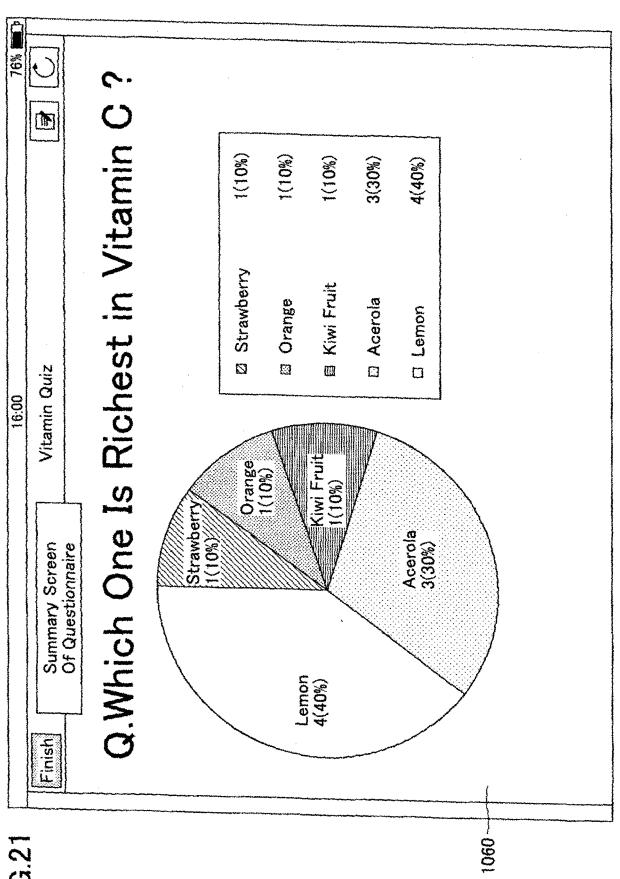
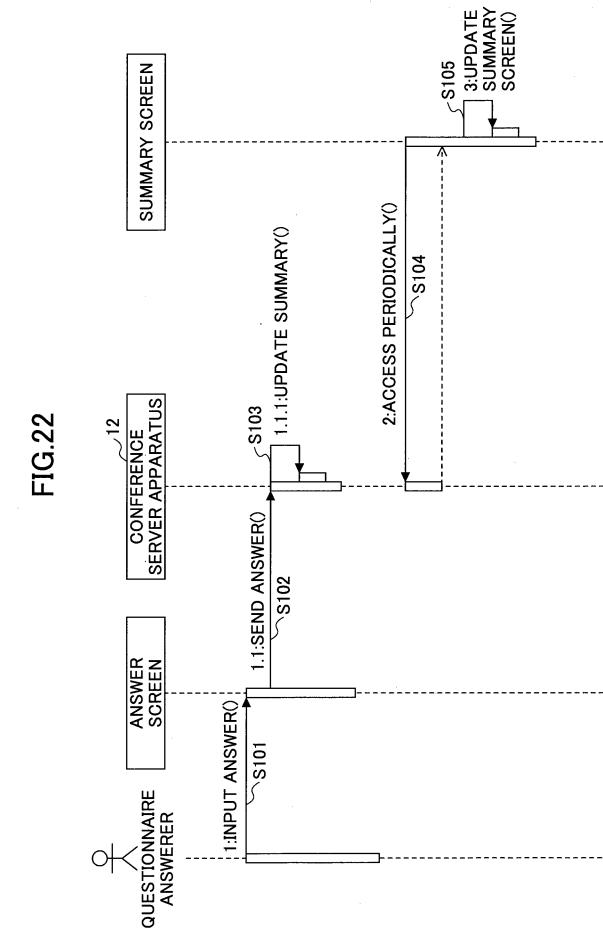


FIG.21



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