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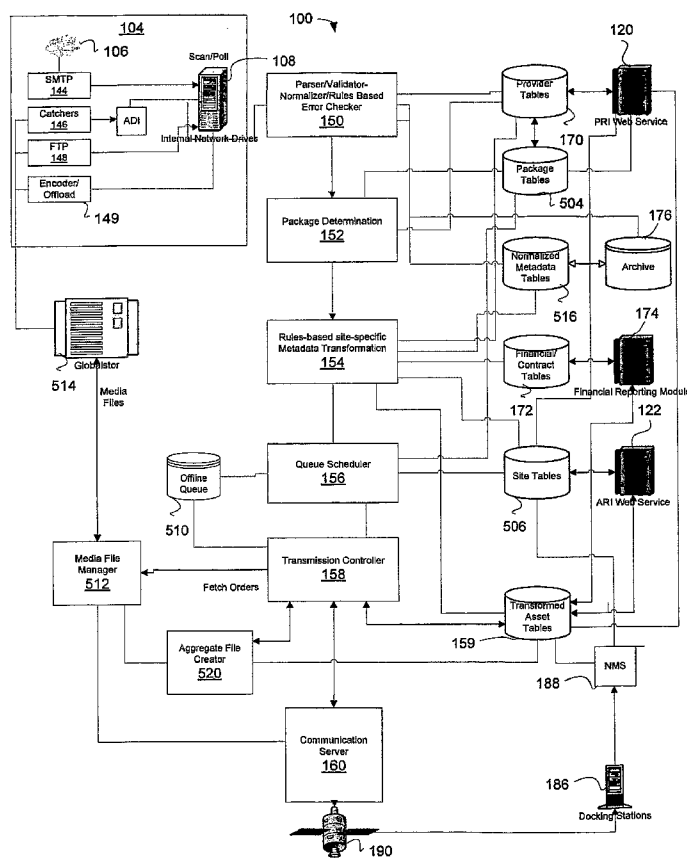
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X	US 2002/0141584 A1 (Razdan et al.) 03 October 2002 (03.10.2002), entire document, especially Abstract, Fig. 8-10, and para [0012] - [0093]	1-10
A	US 2003/0032409 A1 (Hutcheson et al.) 13 February 2003 (13.02.2003) entire document, especially Abstract, and para [0033] - [0108]	1-10

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Group 1: Claims 1-10; Group 2: Claims 11 -17; and Group 3: Claims 18-20.

Group 1, Claims 1-10, recites a system and method for processing and distributing multicast and media files to recipient sites. Group 2, Claims 11 -17, recites a multi-port catcher for receiving and storing files (media files for example). Group 3, Claims 18-20, are directed to a method for administering a contract for the distribution of media files. Since the multi-port catcher of Group 2 or the method of administering a contract of Group 3 do not require the specifics of Group 1 (i.e., a system and method for actually distributing files), there is no technical feature common to all three groups.

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Group 1: Claims 1-10

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