Title: OUTPUT RATE CHANGE

Abstract: This invention relates to a method and system for changing an output rate of information for a buffer (3) with a constant first output rate (R1) which receives output data from a data source (2a), where the method step comprises: halting the reception of output data from the data source (2a); outputting (4) the stored output data of the buffer (3) at the first output rate (R1) until said buffer is empty, and resuming receiving and storing of output data in the buffer (3); setting a second constant output rate (R2) as the output rate of the buffer; and commencing/start of output of the content of the buffer at the second output rate (R2) when the amount of buffer data is equal to the second constant output rate (R2) times a requested buffer-time (TB2).
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