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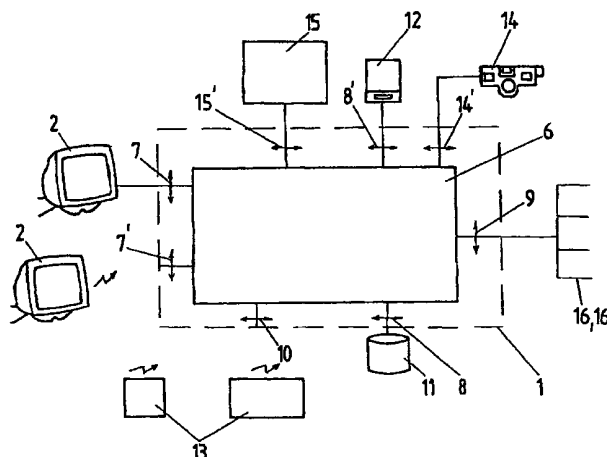
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(57) Abstract: The present invention concerns a video interfacing arrangement for connecting at least one display device, for example a television screen type device, to at least one video source, characterized in that it is composed of a module (1) mainly including, on the one hand, a dedicated and programmed digital processing unit (6) adapted to handle, especially to decode and to descramble any type of video flow according to a preloaded decoding or descrambling program, in order to display it, in real time or delayed in time, to store it, to record it and/or to send it over a telecommunication network, and on the other hand, at least one screen interface (7, 7'), at least one storage or recording interface (8, 8'), a local or wide area network connecting interface (9) and a user communication and controlling interface (10), said interfaces (7 to 10) being linked to and driven by said processing unit (6) and preferably mounted in or on said module (1). The invention concerns also a distribution system and a method for transferring encoded video programs and sequences over a wide area network.



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