

EXHIBIT 11

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method comprising:
receiving one or more directives, wherein said directives are indicative of an audio, video and/or graphic presentation requiring a set of resources;
determining from said directives that acquisition of a subset of said resources are a prerequisite to the presenting of said presentation; and
prohibiting the presenting of said presentation until said subset of resources are acquired.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said subset of resources are indicated using directives selected from the group consisting of: a markup language, a scripting language, and a style sheet.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said directives are received by a proxy server in an interactive television system.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein said determining is performed by said proxy server, and wherein said method further comprises said proxy server conveying signals which correspond to said subset of resources to a remote client device.
5. The method of claim 4, further comprising said client device acquiring said subset of resources in response to detecting said signals.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein said subset comprises streaming audio and/or video, and wherein acquisition of the streaming audio and/or video comprises configuring hardware resources within said client device.
7. The method of claim 5, wherein acquisition of the subset of resources comprises the client device initiating requests for remotely located resources to be conveyed to said client device.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising enhancing a root entity in DTD to add a showstopper attribute indicative of prerequisite resources.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising using a label within a Declarative Data Essence standard as an attribute to indicate a prerequisite resource.

10. The method of claim 1, further comprising enhancing DVB-MHP by adding a showstopper AIT descriptor indicative of prerequisite resources.

11. The method of claim 1, further comprising defining a META name/value pair, wherein said name is indicative that said corresponding value is a prerequisite resource.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein said prohibiting is in further response to detecting a corresponding time for expiration has not yet expired, and wherein said method further comprises allowing the presenting of said presentation in response to detecting said time for expiration has expired.

13. An interactive television system comprising:

a remote proxy server configured to:

receive one or more directives, wherein said directives are indicative of an audio, video and/or graphic presentation requiring a set of resources;

determine from said directives that acquisition of a subset of said resources are a prerequisite to the presenting of said presentation;

convey first signals which identify said subset of resources to a remote client device; and

convey second signals which correspond to said directives.

a client device configured to:

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receive said first signals;
receive said second signals; and
prohibit the presenting of said presentation until said subset of resources
are acquired, in response to detecting said first signals.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein said subset of resources are indicated using directives selected from the group consisting of: a markup language, a scripting language, and a style sheet.

15. The system of claim 14, wherein acquiring said subset of resources comprises said client device configuring hardware resources within said client device.

16. The system of claim 14, wherein acquiring said subset of resources comprises initiating requests for remotely located resources to be conveyed to said client device.

17. The system of claim 13, further comprising enhancing a root entity in DTD by adding a showstopper attribute indicative of prerequisite resources.

18. The system of claim 13, wherein said directives include the use of a showstopper attribute indicative of prerequisite resources.

19. The system of claim 13, wherein said server is configured to detect a DVB-MHP showstopper AIT descriptor indicative of prerequisite resources.

20. The system of claim 13, wherein said directives define a META name/value pair, wherein said name is indicative that said corresponding value is a prerequisite resource.

21. The system of claim 13, wherein said device is configured to prohibit said presenting in further response to detecting a corresponding time for expiration has not yet expired, and wherein said device is further configured to allow the presenting of said presentation in response to detecting said time for expiration has expired.

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22. A client device in an interactive television system, said device comprising:
- a receiver configured to receive signals corresponding to directives which are indicative of an audio, video and/or graphic presentation requiring a set of resources; and
 - a processing unit coupled to said receiver, wherein said processing unit is configured to:
 - determine from said directives that acquisition of a subset of said resources are a prerequisite to the presenting of said presentation;
 - and
 - prohibit the presenting of said presentation until said subset of resources are acquired.
23. A carrier medium comprising program instructions executable to:
- receive directives which are indicative of an audio, video and/or graphic presentation requiring a set of resources;
 - determine from said directives that a subset of said resources are a prerequisite to the presenting of said presentation; and
 - prohibit the presenting of said presentation until said subset of resources are acquired.