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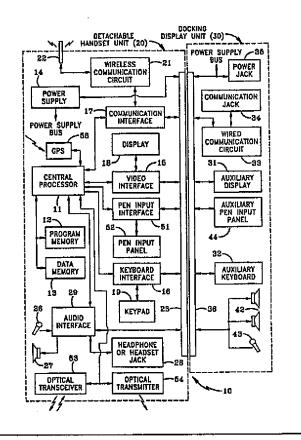
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(57) Abstract

A handheld device (10) for mobile computing, communication and entertainment includes a detachable handset unit (20) and a portable docking display unit (30). Detachable handset unit (20) is sized for handheld grasping and includes a processor (11) and a plurality of first circuits (12 – 19). Processor (11) controls the operation of the first circuits (12 – 19). Portable docking display unit (30) is dimensioned to receive docking of detachable handset unit (20) and includes a first display (31) and a plurality of second circuits (32, 33). Processor (11) controls the operation of at least one of the second circuits (32, 33) and the first display (31) when detachable handset unit (20) is docked with the docking display unit (30).



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TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates in general to portable processor based devices that provide computing, communication or entertainment functionality. More particularly, the present invention pertains to portable processor based devices operable while being held in its user's hand and providing communications, organizer and/or entertainment functions, such as cellular telephones, palm-sized organizers, and MP3 players, and to portable processor based devices providing general computing capabilities, such as laptop or handheld personal computers (PCs). More specifically, the present invention relates to systems that detachably mate a plurality of portable processor based devices to provide their combined functionality in an integrated structure.

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BACKGROUND ART

To address consumers' portable computing, mobile communications, and portable entertainment needs, a variety of portable devices have been developed. The distinctly differing requirements of each application has made it too costly and unwieldy for such devices to fulfil more than one type, or two closely related types of need.

For example, smart cell phones are devices that combine the capabilities of cell phones and electronic organizers. Typical of such devices are the Model PDQ-800 from Qualcomm, Incorporated of San Diego, California, and the Model R380 from Ericsson, Incorporated of Richardson, Texas. These products perform quite well as handheld computing and communication devices by allowing the user to access the

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Internet for email, stock quote, etc., while preserving their use as simple wireless phone units. However, in order to allow handheld grasping these units had to be kept small, thereby limiting their display to a size that is too small for practical use in conventional computing such as Web browsing, word processing, etc. Also, to keep the cost of such devices low, their designers employed central processors that have just enough power to carry out smart phone functions, and not enough power to handle general computing requirements.

Recently Motorola, Inc. of Schaumburg, Illinois has begun to sell its clipOn Organizer as an attachment to its StarTAC cellular telephone and provide it with smart phone functionality. The clipOn Organizer and StarTAC phone have been designed to operate as individual, standalone units that each furnish its own processor and power supply. Consequently, attaching the units does not achieve the reduced size or cost desired in an integrated combination.

For portable computing, the industry provides conventional laptop computers, such as those based on Pentium processors from Intel Corporation of Santa Clara, California and Windows software from Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Washington, and mini-laptop computers, such as Microsoft WindowsCE based devices, called Handheld Personal Computers (HPCs). The industry has also furnished palm-sized devices for personal information management and organization such as the Palm Pilot from 3Com Corporation of Santa Clara, California, and Microsoft WindowsCE-based palm-sized PCs.

To fulfil the portable entertainment needs of consumers, the computer industry provides digital audio players, such as the Diamond Multimedia Rio model made by s3, Inc. of Santa Clara, California that plays MP3 compatible audio content downloaded from the Internet. Another portable entertainment device is the wireless system controller for home entertainment systems provided by Harman/Kardon International of Woodbury, New York.

To fulfil both mobile computing and communications needs, a mobile worker has to carry two, and sometimes three devices – a smart phone unit, an organizer, and a laptop unit. Of course, if entertainment is also desired, the user must carry yet another device - the MP3 player. The user has to purchase and maintain multiple units – charging multiple sets of batteries and synchronizing data from one with that of the other. Consequently, there is a need for a device that provides a complete

solution for mobile computing, communication and entertainment without having to own and maintain multiple units.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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It is, therefore, an object of the present invention to provide a portable processor based device for mobile computing, communication and entertainment without having to acquire and maintain multiple units. Such device works in much the same way as conventional laptop computers. However, in the current invention, the central processor, communication circuit, speaker, microphone, and power supply are carried in a detachable handset. The detachable handset unit functions as a wireless phone unit. Also, by having its own display and keypad it can serve as an Internet appliance for email access and for downloading of information from the Internet, such as electronic books, audio books, digital music, etc.

For applications requiring larger display and keyboard, the detachable handset unit is docked into the main unit, the docking display unit. In this mode the detachable handset unit provides the processing and the communication power to the docking display unit. The combined unit is suitable for conventional computing such as Web browsing, word processing, and spreadsheet applications. The combined unit can also be used for reading downloaded electronic books.

The detachable handset unit has additional functions. It can be used as a portable digital audio player in one of two ways. First, by plugging a headphone into its jack, the user can listen to downloaded music or audio books. Second, by docking into the docking display unit, that contains larger speakers, the downloaded music or other content can be played back in much the same way as done by a standard PC or a laptop computer. The detachable handset can be equipped with appointment manager software, thereby functioning as a clock radio by itself or while docked with the docking display unit.

The detachable handset can be equipped with infrared transceiver for providing wireless optical communication with other compatible units such as those compatible with IrDA standard. With suitable software the detachable handset unit can be made to function as a remote control unit for TV, VCR and other home entertainment systems and appliances. The user can pre-enter the desired program schedule once and thereafter have the detachable handset select the channels automatically.

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The docking display can be mounted in a vehicle, further extending the function of the mobile computing and communication device. The detachable handset may be fitted with a Global Positioning Satellite System (GPS) capability. In that case when the detachable unit is docked in the docking display, the combined unit serves as an auto PC, giving the vehicle driver the location of the vehicle on a map on the large display in much the same way as AutoPC reference design from Microsoft, with the exception that in the current case the detachable unit is usable in a plurality of applications.

These and other objects and advantages of the present invention over existing prior art forms will become more apparent and fully understood from the following description in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

In general, a portable computing, communication and entertainment device in accordance with the present invention includes a detachable handset unit and a portable docking display unit. The detachable handset unit is sized for handheld grasping and includes a processor and a plurality of first circuits, the processor controlling the operation of the first circuits. The portable docking display unit is dimensioned to receive docking of the detachable handset unit and includes a first display and a plurality of second circuits. The processor controls the operation of at least one of the second circuits and the first display when the detachable handset unit is docked with the docking display unit.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an exemplary device in accordance with the present invention for mobile computing, communication and entertainment. This view presents a front perspective view of a detachable handset unit and a top perspective view of a clamshell shaped docking display unit having a partially open lid and base, and illustrates diagrammatically how exemplary electrical connectors in each unit may engage and mate so that the units form a single combined device.

- Fig. 2 is a cross section elevational view of the exemplary device shown in Fig. 1 with the detachable handset unit mated with the docking display unit.
 - Fig. 3 is an exemplary block diagram of the device shown in Fig. 1.
 - Fig. 4 is a rear perspective view of the detachable handset unit.
 - Fig. 5 is a side elevational view of the device shown in Fig. 1 when mounted in

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a vehicle and in an operational configuration.

PREFERRED EMBODIMENT FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

One embodiment of an exemplary device in accordance with the present invention for mobile computing, communication and entertainment, is illustrated in Figs. 1 through 4 and generally indicated by the numeral 10. Device 10 includes a detachable handset unit 20 and a docking display unit 30.

Detachable handset unit 20 includes a housing 48 with front and backsides and two opposite ends, a display 18 and a keypad 19 on the front side. Through apertures on its backside, detachable handset unit 20 carries a microphone 26 and a speaker 27 placed on opposite ends as in conventional telephone handsets. A conventional stub antenna 22 is located at the top end of the detachable handset unit 20, as found in conventional cellular phone handsets. Slots 24 and 25 are provided at the opposite ends of unit 20 to detachably mate detachable handset unit 20 and docking display unit 30, as described more fully hereinafter. An electrical connector 23 in detachable handset unit 20 enables electrical interconnection with docking display unit 30.

Docking display unit 30 includes a recessed platform 38, with an electrical connector 36, a fixed tab 39 and a movable tab 41, retractable by latch 37. To dock detachable handset unit 20 into docking display unit 30, fixed tab 39 is slid into slot 24 with the front side of detachable handset unit 20 facing platform 38. The other end of detachable handset unit 20 is brought down to have connector 23 on detachable handset unit 20 mate with connector 36 of docking display unit 30. Tab 41 is slid into slot 25 to secure detachable handset unit 20 in place.

Docking display unit 30 is shown as a clamshell style unit, including an auxiliary display 31, in the lid portion and an auxiliary keyboard 32 in the base portion, facing each other in the closed position. The lid of docking display unit 30 also contains a communication jack 34, such as a standard RJ-style telephone jack, and a power jack 35, such as an AC adapter/charger jack.

The block diagram in Fig. 3 shows detachable handset unit 20 including a central processor 11, and the circuits supported and/or controlled by it, namely program memory 12, data memory 13, power supply 14, video interface 15, keyboard interface 16, communication interface 17, pen-input interface 51, and audio interface 29. In turn, video interface 15 drives display 18, the keyboard interface 16 drives the

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keypad 19, communication interface 17 drives wireless communication circuit 21, pen-input interface 51 drives the pen-input panel 52, and audio interface 29 drives microphone 26 and speaker 27, and connects to the headphone jack 28. Wireless communication circuit 21 is connected to the antenna 22. GPS receiver 58, such as that supplied by SiRF Technology of San Jose, California, is also connected to central processor 11.

Detachable handset unit 20 also includes an electrical connector 23 that carries signals from the central processor 11 through video interface 15, keyboard interface 16, communication interface 17, pen-input interface 51, audio interface 29, and power supply 14. Mating electrical connector 36 in docking display unit 30 connects these signals to auxiliary display 31, auxiliary keyboard 32, wired communication circuit 33, auxiliary pen-input panel 44, speakers 42 and microphone 43, and power-jack 35. Wired communication circuit 33 is connected to communication jack 34 for further connection to external wired communication lines such as the public switched telephone network.

Detachable handset unit 20 may also contain an optical transmitter 54 for transmission of remote control signals to TV, VCR, etc. Alternately, it may be equipped with an optical transceiver 53 for optical communication with other compatible devices such as laptop computers, printers and network interfaces.

In another variation of the above embodiment the interface signals connecting the circuitry carried in detachable handset unit 20 and docking display unit 30 may be multiplexed, using conventional multiplexing circuits, in order to reduce the number of interconnect signals and hence reducing the size of connectors 23 and 36.

In another variation of the above embodiment, detachable handset unit 20 may contain no display at all, like conventional cordless handsets. In this case central processor 11 will still drive the auxiliary display 31 through the video interface 15, and video interface 15 may be housed in docking display unit 30, further reducing the size of detachable handset unit 20.

Fig. 5 shows docking display unit 30 mounted on the floor of a vehicle 70. The bottom end of a pedestal 60 is attached to the vehicle floor 70. Clamps 61 are attached to the top end of pedestal 60. Docking display unit 30 can be removably mounted on pedestal 60 by sliding into clamps 61. Alternately, docking display unit 30 may be fixed-mounted on pedestal 60 using bolts or other conventional methods.

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Detachable handset unit 20 can then be docked in docking display unit 30 in the same manner as in the other applications described hereinbefore.

The ordinarily skilled artisan should now appreciate that in this way a portable computing, communication and entertainment device can be created that has a detachable handset unit. When mated with a docking display unit, the detachable handset unit becomes the controller for the entire portable computing, communication and entertainment device. The detachable handset unit is in a smaller housing that is dimensioned for handheld grasping, and is sized to be carried in a pocket like an average cell phone. The docking display unit carries an auxiliary, larger display and other components. The central processor, carried in the detachable handset unit, must have enough processing power to adequately perform functions of an entire portable computing, communication and entertainment device, and not just the functions of a wireless phone. Examples of commercially available processors adequate for this task include the Intel StrongARM processor, the models SH-3 and SH-4 processors from Hitachi American, Ltd. of Brisbane, California, and the model 4100 RISC processor from NEC America, Inc. of Irving, California.

As technology advances in the future, the Pentium processor from Intel, used in most laptop computers, may be used in other embodiments of the current invention. The other components used in device 10 can be similar to those employed by traditional computing devices, communication devices and entertainment devices. Typical of these other components are: liquid crystal displays of small and large sizes from Optrex America Inc. of Detroit, Michigan, and Seiko Instruments USA, Incorporated of Torrance, California; memory chips from Micron Technologies, Inc. of Boise, Idaho, VLSI Technologies wireless communication chips available from Philips North America in Atlanta, Georgia, power supply chips from Analog Devices Inc. of Norwood, Massachusetts, and pen-input panels from MicroTouch Systems, Inc. of Methuen, Massachusetts.

Device 10 as described hereinbefore will require operating system software such as Microsoft Windows or WindowsCE. Off-the-shelf application software such as Microsoft Outlook, PocketWord, etc. can be used for various tasks. Alternately, the Java software platform from Sun Microsystems, Inc. of Palo Alto, California, can be implemented in device 10. In this instance, Java applets can be downloaded into device 10 from the Internet via wireless communication circuit 21 or via wired

communication circuit 33.

Inasmuch as the present invention is subject to variations, modifications and changes in detail, some of which have been expressly stated herein, it is intended that all matter described throughout this entire specification or shown in the accompanying drawings be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense. It should thus be evident that a device constructed according to the concept of the present invention, and reasonably equivalent thereto, will accomplish the objects of the present invention and otherwise substantially improve the art of devices for mobile computing, communication and entertainment.

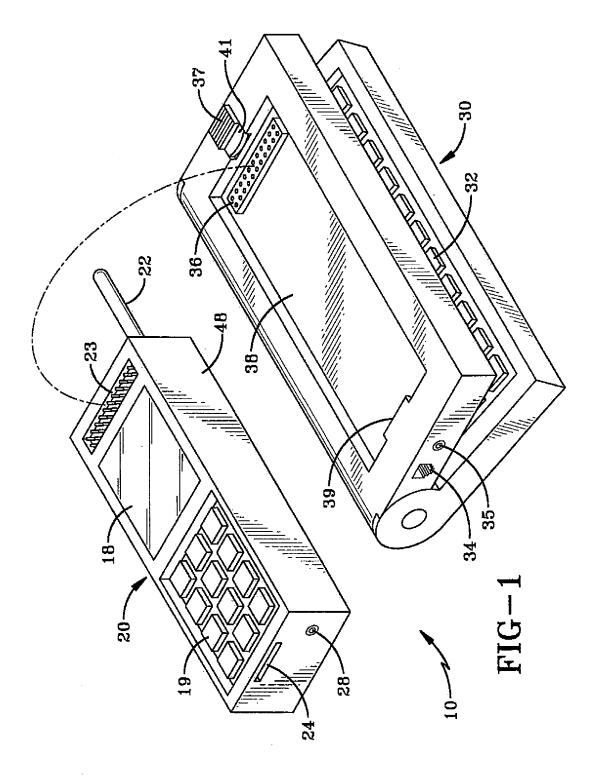
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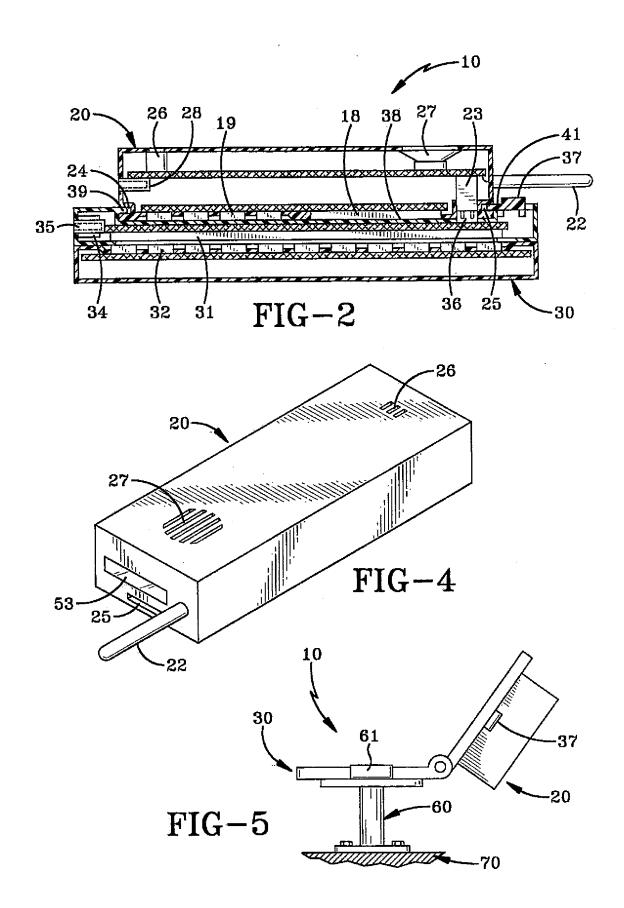
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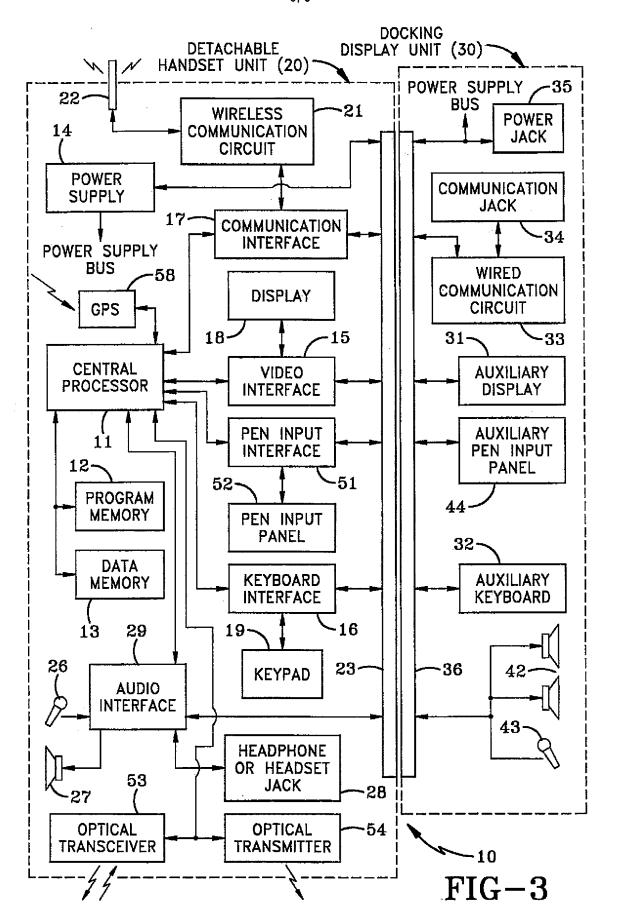
CLAIMS:

- 1. A portable computing, communication and entertainment device comprising:
- 2 a detachable handset unit sized for handheld grasping and including a
- 3 processor and a plurality of first circuits, said processor controlling the operation
- 4 of said first circuits;
- 5 a portable docking display unit dimensioned to receive docking of said
- 6 detachable handset unit and including a first display and a plurality of second
- 7 circuits; and,
- 8 said processor controlling the operation of at least one of said second circuits
- 9 and said first display when said detachable handset unit is docked with said
- 10 docking display unit.
- 1 2. A device, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said processor generates control
- 2 signals, and said portable docking display unit includes a platform dimensioned to
- 3 accept docking of the detachable handset unit and a first electrical connector for
- -4 receiving said control signals.
- 1 3. A device, as set forth in claim 2, wherein said portable docking display unit
- 2 further includes a second electrical connector for removably engaging said first
- 3 electrical connector when said detachable handset unit and said portable docking
- 4 display unit are docked.
- A device, as set forth in claim 3, wherein said detachable handset unit further
- 2 includes a memory, a wireless communication circuit, an audio interface circuit, a
- 3 first microphone, a first speaker, and a power supply.
- 1 5. A device, as set forth in claim 4, wherein said docking display unit further
- 2 includes a wired communication circuit and a communication jack.
- 1 6. A device, as set forth in claim 5, wherein said docking display unit further
- 2 includes a second speaker and a second microphone.

- 1 7. A device, as set forth in claim 6, wherein said docking display unit includes
- 2 a power jack.
- 1 8. A device, as set forth in claim 7, wherein said docking display unit includes a
- 2 first pen-input panel.
- 1 9. A device, as set forth in claim 8, wherein said docking display unit is
- 2 mounted in a vehicle.
- 1 10. A device, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said detachable handset unit
- 2 includes a second display.
- 1 11. A device, as set forth in claim 10, wherein said detachable handset unit
- 2 includes a second pen-input panel.
- 1 12. A device, as set forth in claim 11, wherein said detachable handset unit
- 2 includes a first keyboard and said docking display unit includes a second
- 3 keyboard.
- 1 13. A device, as set forth in claim 12, wherein said detachable handset unit
- 2 includes a jack to connect to an external headphone.
- 1 14. A device, as set forth in claim 13, wherein said detachable handset unit
- 2 includes a jack to connect to an external headset.
- 1 15. A device, as set forth in claim 14, wherein said detachable handset unit
- 2 includes at least one of an optical transmitter and an optical transceiver.
- 1 16. A device, as set forth in claim 15, wherein said detachable handset unit
- 2 includes a Global Positioning System receiver.







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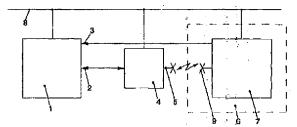
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- (4) Motor Vehicle Audio Device
- The invention relates to a motor vehicle audio device, including an interface for a CD changer, whereby an interface emulator (4) is connected to the interface (2) for the CD changer, and a player (7) for digital audio signals that are stored in compressed form is connected to the interface emulator (4), and whereby the interface emulator (4) converts control and status signals coming from the motor vehicle audio device (1) to a format compatible with the player, and status signals coming from the player (7) to a format compatible with the CD changer.



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Description

[0001] The invention relates to a motor vehicle audio device, including an interface for a CD changer, as described in the preamble of Claim 1.

[0002] Currently, there essentially exist several standards for storing music signals or tone signals in a compressed manner in digital form, for example, the MP-3 Standard (MPEG-1 Audio Layer 3), the MS Audio Standard (WMA) and AAC (Advanced Audio Codirig), defined by the MPEG-2 Standard. With the aid of an appropriately equipped computer, one is able to store audio signals, coded and compressed according to these standards, on CD ROMs available in the market, and recall them at any time. Due to the compression, one is thus able to achieve on a CD-ROM a playing time that is greater by 15 a multiple. Various portable players, such as MP-3 players, are already known for playback. Various devices are already known for the integration of a player of compressed-stored data into a motor vehicle.

[0003] A combined player for digitally stored music signals ²⁰ and tone signals is known from DE 299 19 802 U1,

in which, with the aid of a laser beam, optically scannable data of the inserted CD/CD-ROM are guided either to a signal processing stage for MP3 or to a signal processing stage for 25 non-data-reduced signals, using a manual switch or automatically, using an identification device.

[0004] An MP3 player for a motor vehicle is known from EP 0 999 549 A2, which includes a device for the recognition of the data format, whereby the data of an audio CD are guided 30 directly to a digital/analog converter and the MP3 data are guided to an MP3 decoder having a digital/analog converter connected downstream. Using a single CD player, both audio CD's and MP3 CD's may thus be played, so that one may do without a CD changer.

[0005] The disadvantage of the known MP3 player design approaches is that, in each case, the motor vehicle radios that are already present have to be exchanged. This is extremely costly, especially in the case of high-valued motor vehicle 40 radios as a component of infotainment design approaches. On the other hand, the majority of motor vehicle radios present offer no possibility of practically integrating players for data stored in compressed fashion.

[0006] Therefore, the invention is based on the technical ⁴⁵ problem of creating a motor vehicle radio with a player of data stored in compressed form, whereby motor vehicle radios already present should largely be able to be retrofitted.

[0007] The solution of the technical problem follows from the subject matter having the features of Claim 1. Additional advantageous embodiments of the invention follow from the dependent claims.

[0008] To this end, an interface emulator is connected to the interface for the CD changer of the motor vehicle radio, and a 55 player of audio data stored in compressed form according to one of the standards is connected to the interface emulator, whereby the interface emulator converts control and status signals coming from the motor vehicle radio to a format compatible with the player, and status signals coming from the 60 player to a format compatible with the CD changer.

[0009] In a further preferred specific embodiment, the output of the player of the digital audio signals stored in compressed form is connected directly to an input of the motor vehicle audio device, whereby the digital audio signals are then

converted to analog audio signals in the player before being passed on to the motor vehicle audio device.

[0010] In principle, the interface emulator could be integrated into the player of audio signals stored in compressed form. This is of advantage if the configuration does not change. However, in that case the currently available players have to be modified.

[0011] In a further preferred specific embodiment, the interface emulator and the player of digital audio signals stored in compressed form are therefore designed as separate units. In this context, an interface is preferably allocated to each the player and the interface emulator, particularly an interface for wireless data transmission, via which the control signals and the status signals can be transmitted.

[0012] In another preferred specific embodiment, the player of digital audio signals stored in compressed form is connected to the motor vehicle electrical system via the interface emulator or via a plug connection. If the player is a portable unit, it may be provided that the accumulators are charged during the operating phases of the motor vehicle.

[0013] In another preferred specific embodiment, means for converting various portable media-playback devices are stored in the interface emulator, which can optionally be connected to the interface emulator.

[0014] The invention is explained in greater detail below, on the basis of a preferred exemplary embodiment. The only figure shows a schematic block diagram of a motor vehicle audio device with an MP3 player.

[0015] Motor vehicle audio device 1 includes an interface 2 for a CD changer and an audio input 3 for CD data. Motor vehicle audio device 1 is connected to an interface emulator 4, via interface 2. Interface emulator 4 is also designed to include a wireless interface 5. Interface emulator 4 is able to communicate, via wireless interface 5, with an MP3 player 7 which is situated in an accommodating unit 6. The MP3 data may be either stored in a storage medium or made available online.

[0016] Accommodating unit 6 includes mechanical connecting means and electrical plug connections that are not shown, via which the MP3 player can be connected to a motor vehicle electrical system 8 and audio input 3 of motor vehicle radio 1. In addition, MP3 player 7 is designed to have a wireless interface 9. MP3 player 7 is situated detachably in accommodating unit 6, so that, for instance, portable MP3 players 7 can be attached only temporarily to motor vehicle audio device 1.

[0017] Now, if such a portable MP3 player 7 is situated in the accommodating unit, it is supplied with voltage via motor vehicle electrical system 8, and the accumulators, not shown, are charged at the same time. The output signals of MP3 player 7, which in a portable unit are usually emitted to the headphones, may be emitted directly to audio input 3 of motor vehicle radio 1, from where the signals may be passed on to the loudspeakers in the motor vehicle.

[0018] The main task of interface emulator 4 is converting the control and status signals of motor vehicle audio device 1 and MP3 player 7. The control and status signals transmitted by motor vehicle audio device 1 via interface 2 are adapted for a CD changer. Interface emulator 4 receives these signals and converts them to a format for MP3 player 7.

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The converted control and status signals are then sent by interface emulator 4 via air interface 5, and, using air interface 9, received and executed by MP3 player 7. Conversely, MP3 player 7 sends its status signal via wireless interface 9, which are received by wireless interface 5 of interface emulator 4. Interface emulator 4 converts the status signals of MP3 player 7 to status signals of a CD changer, and transmits those via interface 2 to motor vehicle radio 1. From a signal technology point of view, interface emulator 4 has the 10 effect that the motor vehicle radio communicates with a virtual CD changer.

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What Is Claimed Is:

1. A motor vehicle audio device, including an interface for a CD changer, wherein an interface emulator (4) is connected to the interface (2) for the CD changer, and a player (7) of audio signals stored in compressed form is connected to the interface emulator (4), whereby the interface emulator (4) converts control and status signals coming from the motor vehicle audio device (1) to a format compatible with the player (7), and status signals coming from the player (7) to a format compatible with the CD changer.

2. The motor vehicle audio device as recited in Claim ³⁰ 1, wherein a signal output of the player (7) is directly connected to a signal input (3) of the motor vehicle audio device (1).

3. The motor vehicle audio device as recited in Claim 1 or 2, wherein the interface emulator (4) and the player (7) are developed as separate units, which communicate with one another via at least one interface for wireless connection (5, 9).

4. The motor vehicle audio device as recited in one of 40 the preceding claims, wherein the player (7) is connected to the motor vehicle electrical system (8) via interface emulator (4) or a plug connection.

5. The motor vehicle audio device as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein means for converting various portable media-playback devices are stored in interface emulator (4), which can optionally be connected to the interface emulator (4).

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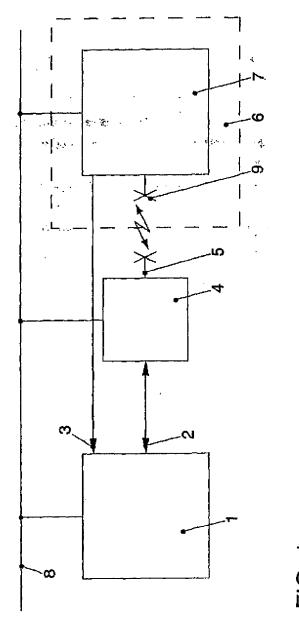
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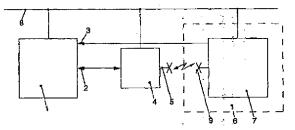
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- (A) Kraftfahrzeug-Audiogerät
- Die Erfindung betrifft ein Kreftfehrzeug-Audiogerät, umfassend eine Schnittstelle für einen CD-Wechsler, wobei an der Schnittstelle (2) für den CD-Wechsler ein Schnittstellen-Emulator (4) und an dem Schnittstellen-Emulator (4) ein Abspielgerät (7) für komprimiert abgespeicherte digitale Audiosignale angeschlossen ist, wobei der Schnittstellen-Emulator (4) vom Kraftfahrzeug-Audiogerät (1) kommende Steuer- und Statussignale in ein für das Abspielgerät kompatibles Format und vom Abspielgerät (7) kommende Statussignale in ein CD-Wechsler kompatibles Format umsetzt.



Beschreibung

[0001] Die Erfindung betrifft ein Kraftfahrzeug-Audiogerät, umfassend eine Schnittstelle für einen CD-Wechsler gemäß dem Oberbegriff des Patentanspruchs 1.

[0002] Zur Zeit gibt es im wesentlichen mehrere Standards Musik- bzw. Tonsignale komprimiert in digitaler Form zu speichern, zum Beispiel den MP-3-Standard (MPEG-1 Audio Layer 3), den MS-Audio-Standard (WMA) und AAC (Advanced Audio Codirig), definiert durch den 10 MPEG-2-Standard, Auf handelsübliche CD-ROMs lassen sich mit Hilfe eines entsprechend ausgerüsteten Computers nach diesen Standards codierte und komprimierte-Audiosignale speichern und jederzeit wieder abrufen. Aufgrund der Komprimierung kann somit auf eine CD-ROM eine um ein 15 Vielfaches höhere Spielzeit erreicht werden. Zur Wiedergabe sind bereits die verschiedensten tragbaren Abspielgeräte, zum Beispiel MP-3-Player bekannt. Zur Integration eines Abspielgerätes für die komprimiert abgespeicherten Daten in ein Kraftfahrzeug sind bereits verschiedene Vorrich- 20 tungen bekannt.

[0003] Aus der DE 299 19 802 U1 ist ein kombiniertes Abspielgerät für digital gespeicherte Musik- bzw. Tonsignale bekannt, wobei mit Hilfe eines Laserstrahls optisch abzutastende Daten der eingelegten CD/CD-ROM unittels eines manuellen Schalters oder automatisch mittels einer Erkennungseinrichtung entweder auf eine Signalverarbeitungsstufe für MP3 oder auf eine Signalverarbeitungsstufe für nicht datenreduzierte Signale geführt werden.

[0004] Aus der BP 0 999 549 A2 ist ein MP3-Player für 30 ein Kraftfahrzeug bekannt, der eine Einrichtung zur Erkennung des Datenformats umfaßt, wobei die Daten einer Audio-CD direkt auf einen Digital-Analog-Wandler und die MP3-Daten auf einen MP3-Dekodierer mit nachgeschaltetem Digital-Analog-Wandler geführt werden. Mittels eines 35 einzigen CD-Abspielgerätes können somit sowohl Audio-CDs als auch MP3-CDs abgespielt werden, so daß auf CD-Wechsler verzichtet werden känn.

[0005] Nachteilig an den bekannten MP3-Player Lösungen ist, daß jeweils die bereits vorhandenen Kraftfahrzeug-Radios ausgetauscht werden müssen. Insbesondere bei hochwertigen Kraftfahrzeug-Radios als Bestandteil von Infotainment-Lösungen ist dies extrem kostspielig, Andererseits bieten die Mehrzahl der vorhandenen Kraftfahrzeug-Radios keine Möglichkeit, Abspielgeräte für die komprimiert abgespeicherten Daten praktikabel zu integrieren.

[0006] Der Erfindung liegt daher das technische Problem zugrunde, ein Kraftfahrzeug-Radio mit einem Abspielgerät für die komprimiert abgespeicherten Daten zu schaffen, wobei bereits vorhandene Kraftfahrzeug-Radios weitgehend 50 nachrüstbar sein sollen.

[0007] Die Lösung des technischen Problems ergibt sich durch den Gegenstand mit den Merkmalen des Patentanspruchs 1. Weitere vorteilhafte Ausgestaltungen der Erfindung ergeben sich aus den Unteransprüchen.

[0008] Hierzu wird an die Schnittstelle für den CD-Wechsler des Kraftfahrzeug-Radios ein Schnittstellen-Emulator und an den Schnittstellen-Emulator ein Abspielgerät für die nach einem der Standards komprimiert abgespeicherten Audiodaten angeschlossen, wobei der Schnittstellen-Emulator vom Kraftfahrzeug-Radio kommende Steuer- und Statussignale in ein für das Abspielgerät kompatibles Format und vom Abspielgerät kommende Statussignale in ein CD-Wechsler kompatibles Format umsetzt.

[0009] In einer weiteren bevorzugten Ausführungsform 65 wird der Ausgang des Abspielgerätes für die komprimiert abgespeicherten digitalen Audiosignale direkt mit einem Eingang des Kraftfahrzeug-Audiogeräts verbunden, wobei

die digitalen Audiosignale dann im Abspielgerät vor der Weitergabe an das Kraftfahrzeug Audiosgerät in analoge Audiosignale umgewandelt werden.

[0010] Prinzipiell kann der Schnittstellen-Emulator in das Abspielgerät für komprimiert abgespeicherte Audiosignale integriert werden. Dies ist von Vorteil, wenn die Konfiguration sich nicht ändert. Jedoch sind dann die vorhandenen Abspielgeräte zu modifizieren.

[0011] In einer weiteren bevorzugten Ausführungsform sind daher der Schnittstellen-Emulator und das Abspielgerät für die komprimiert abgespeicherten digitalen Audiosignale als separate Einheiten ausgebildet. Dabei ist vorzugsweise dem Abspielgerät und dem Schnittstellen-Emulator jeweils eine Schnittstelle, insbesondere eine Schnittstelle zur drahtbosen Datenübertragung zugeordnet, über die die Steuerund Statussignale übertragbar sind.

[0012] In einer weiteren bevorzugten Ausführungsform ist das Abspielgerät für die komprimiert abgespeicherten digitalen Audiosignale tiber den Schnittstellen-Bmulator oder eine Steckverbindung mit dem Kraftfahrzeug-Bordnetz verbunden. Handelt es sich bei dem Abspielgerät um ein tragbares Gerät, so kann vorgesehen sein, daß in den Betriebsphasen im Kraftfahrzeug die Akkumulatoren aufgeladen werden.

25 [0013] In einer weiteren bevorzugten Ausführungsform sind in dem Schnittstellen-Emulator Mittel zur Konvertierung verschiedener tragbarer Medienwiedergabegeräte abgelegt, die wahlweise mit dem. Schnittstellen-Emulator verbindbar sind.

0 [0014] Die Erfindung wird nachfolgend anhand eines bevorzugten Ausführungsbeispieles n\u00e4her erl\u00e4utert. Die einzige Figur zeigt ein schematisches Blockschaltbild eines Kraftfahrzeug-Audioger\u00e4tes mit MP3-Player.

[0015] Das Kraftfahrzeug-Audiogerät 1 umfaßt eine Schnittstelle 2 für einen CD-Wechsler und einen Audioeingang 3 für CD-Daten. Über die Schnittstelle 2 ist das Kraftfahrzeug-Audiogerät 1 mit einem Schnittstellen-Emulator 4 verbunden. Der Schnittstellen-Emulator 4 ist des weiteren mit einer Luftschnittstelle 5 ausgebildet. Über die Luftschnittstelle 5 kann der Schnittstellen-Emulator 4 mit einem in einer Aufnahmeeinheit 6 angeordneten MP3-Player 7 kommunizieren. Die MP3-Daten können dabei entweder in einem Speichermedium abgelegt oder online zur Verfügung gestellt werden.

5 [0016] Die Aufnahmeeinheit 6 umfaßt nicht dargestellte mechanische Verbindungsmittel und elektrische Steckverbindungen, über die der MP3-Player mit einem Kraftfahrzeug-Bordnetz 8 und dom Audiocingang 3 des Kraftfahrzeug-Radios 1 verbindbar ist. Weiter ist der MP3-Player 7 mit einer Luftschnittstelle 9 ausgebildet. Der MP3-Player 7 ist lösbar in der Aufnahmeeinheit 6 angeordnet, so daß beispielsweise tragbare MP3-Player 7 auch nur temporär dem Kraftfahrzeug-Audiogerät 1 zuordenbar sind.

[0017] Wird nun ein derartiger tragbarer MP3-Player 7 in der Aufnahmeeinheit angeordnet, so wird dieser über das Kraftfahrzeug-Bordnetz 8 mit Spannung versorgt und gleichzeitig die nicht dargestellten Akkumulatoren aufgeladen. Die Ausgangssignale des MP3-Player 7, die bei einem ragbaren Gerät üblicherweise auf die Kopfhörer ausgegeben werden, können direkt auf Audioeingang 3 des Kraftfahrzeug-Radios 1 ausgegeben werden, von wo aus diese an die Lautsprecher im Kraftfahrzeug weitergeleitet werden können.

[0018] Die Hauptaufgabe des Schnittstellen-Emulators 4 ist die Konvertierung der Steuer- und Statussignale von dem Kraftfahrzeug-Audiogerät 1 und dem MP3-Player 7. Die von dem Kraftfahrzeug-Audiogerät 1 über die Schnittstelle 2 übertragenen Steuer- und Statussignale sind auf einen CD-

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Weehsler abgestimmt. Der Schnittstellen-Emulator 4 cmpfängt diese Signale und konvertiert diese in ein Format für den MP3-Player 7. Die konvertierten Steuer- und Statussignale werden dann von dem Schnittstellen-Emulator 4 über die Luftschnittstelle 5 gesendet und mittels der Luftschnittstelle 9 vom MP3-Player 7 empfangen und ausgeführt. Umgekehrt sendet der MP3-Player 7 seine Statussignale über die Luftschnittstelle 9, die von der Luftschnittstelle 5 des Schnittstellen-Emulators 4 empfangen werden, Der Schnittstellen-Emulator 4 konvertiert die Statussignale des MP3- 10 Players 7 in Statussignale eines CD-Wechslers und überträgt diese über die Schnittstelle 2 an das Kraftfahrzeug-Radio 1. Signaltechnisch bewirkt der Schnittstellen-Emulator 4, daß das Kraftfahrzeug-Radio mit einem virtuellen CD-Wechsler kommuniziert,

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1. Kraftfahrzeug-Audiogerät, umfassend eine Schnittstelle für einen CD-Wechsler, dadurch gekennzeich- 20 net, daß an der Schnittstelle (2) für den CD-Wechsler ein Schnittstellen-Emulator (4) und an dem Schnittstellen-Emulator (4) ein Abspielgerät (7) für komprimiert abgespeicherte Audiosignale angeschlossen ist, wobei der Schnittstellen-Emulator (4) vom Kraftfahrzeug- 25 Audiogerät (1) kommende Steuer- und Statussignale in ein für das Abspielgerät (7) kompatibles Format und vom Abspielgerät (7) kommende Statussignale in ein CD-Wechsler kompatibles Format umsetzt.

 Kraftfahrzeug Audiogerät nach Anspruch 1, da- 30 durch gekennzeichnet, daß ein Signalausgang des Abspielgerätes (7) direkt mit einem Signaleingang (3) des Kraftfahrzeug-Audiogerätes (1) verbunden ist.

- Kraftfahrzeug-Audiogerät nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß der Schnittstellen-Emu- 35 lator (4) und Abspielgerät (7) als separate Binheiten ausgebildet sind, die über mindestens eine Schnittstelle zur drahtlosen Verbindung (5, 9) miteinander kommunizieren.
- Kraftfahrzeug-Audiogerät nach einem der vorange- 40 gangenen Ansprüche, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß über den Schnittstellen-Emulator (4) oder eine Steckverbindung Abspielgerät (7) mit dem Kraftfahrzeug-Bordnetz (8) verbunden ist.
- 5. Kraftfahrzeug-Audiogerät nach einem der vorange- 45 gangenen Ansprüche, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß im Schnittstellen-Emulator (4) Mittel zur Konvertierung verschiedener tragbarer Medienwiedergabegeräte abgelegt sind, die wahlweise mit dem Schnittstellen-Emulator (4) verbindbar sind.

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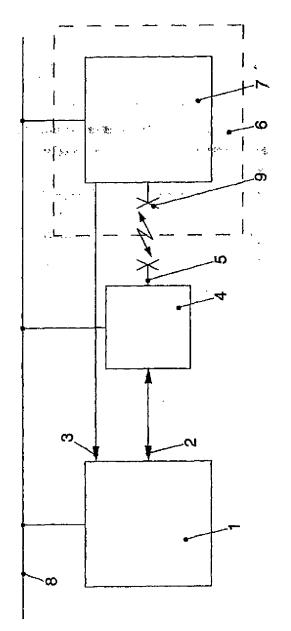
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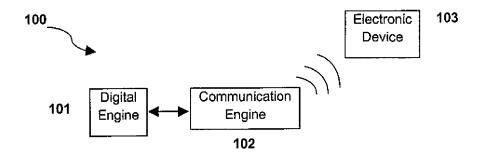


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SYSTEM AND METHOD TO COMMUNICATE TARGETED INFORMATION

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/495,190, filed on June 30, 2009, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 12/015,320, filed January 16, 2008, which is now U.S. Patent No. 7,778,595, which issued on August 17, 2010, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/947,755, filed on September 23, 2004, which is now U.S. Patent No. 7,324,833, which issued on January 29, 2008, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/537,812, filed on March 28, 2000, which is now U.S. Patent No. 7,187,947, which issued on March 6, 2007, the disclosures of which are all hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety for all purposes.

Field of the Disclosure

[0002] The present disclosure relates to digitally stored content and, more specifically, to a content delivery system and method.

Background

[0003] The first commercial radio stations in the United States began operation around 1920. Today, there may be as many as 12,000 radio stations in the United States programming in several distinct formats. When broadcasting their respective signals, these radio stations often use an analog signal, which may be modulated based on frequency or amplitude. Frequency modulated (FM) radio appears to be the dominant entertainment medium while amplitude modulated (AM) radio seems to be a popular outlet for news and information.

[0004] Unfortunately, analog radio may be unable to provide the sound quality and consistency that radio listeners desire. As such, several broadcasting related companies have begun to consider a movement to digital radio. Unlike analog radio reception, digital radio reception may be able to provide compact disk (CD) quality sound while remaining virtually

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immune to interference. Being immune to interference may result in reducing static growls or "multipath" echoes, echoes caused by signal reflections off buildings or topographical features.

[0005] Some countries, like Canada and many European countries, may choose to have digital radio operate in a single digital radio band such as the L-band between 1452-1492 megahertz (MHz). This band would allow the reception of both terrestrially and satellite-originated signals. By comparison, FM radio typically operates between 88 and 108 MHz while AM radio typically operates between 0.525 and 1.705 MHz. Neither of these bands allows for easy transmission via satellite.

[0006] Canada proposed using the L-Band for digital radio as early as 1992. Several countries throughout the world have since agreed to use the L-Band for digital radio with one notable exception. It appears the United States has chosen not to operate its digital radio within the L-Band. In the United States, the L-Band may already be committed for military uses. Apparently, the United States plans to adopt a system called in-band on-channel, or IBOC, which fits within the AM and FM frequencies.

[0007] IBOC technology may offer some advantages over L-Band transmissions. For example, there may be no need for new spectrum allocations. There may be backward and forward compatibility with existing AM and FM systems on both the transmitter and receiver sides, and there may be a low-investment upgrade to digital systems. Unfortunately, a workable IBOC solution is yet to be seen though technology may someday make IBOC digital radio commercially possible.

[0008] Even if an IBOC solution becomes commercially available in the United States, IBOC digital radio may suffer from several shortcomings. For example, there may global standardization problems. Though the United States favors IBOC, the European and Canadian communities seem to favor L-Band making the establishment of a global standard difficult.

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Brief Description of the Drawings

- [0009] A more complete understanding of the present embodiments and advantages thereof may be acquired by referring to the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like reference numbers indicate like features, and wherein:
- [0010] FIG. 1 depicts a general system for wirelessly communicating selective information to an electronic device in accordance with one aspect of the present invention;
- [0011] FIG. 2 illustrates a block diagram of a method of wirelessly communicating selected information to an electronic device;
- [0012] FIG. 3 illustrates an electronic device operable to receive selected audio information in accordance with the teachings of the present invention;
- [0013] FIG. 4 illustrates a graphical user interface (GUI) for displaying selectable audio information according to one aspect of the present invention;
- [0014] FIG. 5A illustrates a portable radio system having a mount for an electronic device according to one embodiment of the present invention;
- [0015] FIG. 5B illustrates an automobile console having a mount for coupling an electronic device according to one aspect of the present invention;
- [0016] FIG. 6 illustrates a block diagram of a system for communicating voice mail messages using email according to one embodiment of the present invention;
- [0017] FIG. 7 illustrates a flow chart for providing voice email messages according to one embodiment of the present invention;
- [0018] FIG. 8 illustrates a flow diagram of a method for providing selected audio information to an electronic device according to one embodiment of the present invention; and
- [0019] FIG. 9 illustrates an automobile console having a mount for an electronic device according to one embodiment of the present invention.

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Detailed Description

[0020] The conceptual groundwork for the present invention includes wirelessly communicating selective information to an electronic device. According to one aspect, a user may interact with the Internet to select information, such as audio information, and wirelessly communicate the selected information to an electronic device. The electronic device receives the information via a wireless communications network and processes the information accordingly. In a particularized form, a user may select information from an Internet website operable to allow selectivity of audio information such as songs, on-line radio stations, on-line broadcasts, streaming audio, or other selectable information. Upon selecting the audio information, information or data associated with the selected audio information is wirelessly communicated to an electronic device. The electronic device may then be used to process the selected audio information. In this manner, a user may receive selective audio information via a wireless electronic device.

[0021] In one form, the electronic device may be operable to communicate with an individual's automobile audio system. A user may select audio information utilizing a personal computer with access to a website operable to display selectable audio information. The selected audio information may then be wirelessly communicated to the electronic device associated with an automobile's audio system. Therefore, upon receiving the selected audio information, a user may access and play the received audio information utilizing the electronic device in association with the automobile's audio system.

[0022] The present invention is not limited to communicating only audio information. One skilled in the art can appreciate that other types of information, such as video, textual, etc. may be communicated utilizing the systems and methods disclosed herein without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention. Additionally, it will be understood that information may be formatted in a plurality of ways at different phases of communication without loosing the underlying content of the selected information. For example, an audio file

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may be formatted, segmented, compressed, modified, etc. for the purpose of providing or communicating the audio invention. Therefore, the term "audio information" or "information" is used in a general sense to relate to audio information in all phases of communication.

[0023] FIG. 1 depicts a general system for wirelessly communicating selective information to an electronic device in accordance with one aspect of the present invention. The system, illustrated generally at 100, includes a digital engine 101 coupled to a communications engine 102. Communications engine 102 is remotely coupled to an electronic device 103. Digital engine 101 may be directly or indirectly coupled to storage device 105 operable to store information. Digital engine 101 maintains information or data associated with selected information in a digital format. The information may be stored within storage device 105 or other storage devices operable to maintain data or information associated with the selected information.

[0024] Communications engine 102 is communicatively coupled to digital engine 101 and operable to wirelessly communicate the selected information to electronic device 103. During operation, audio information may be selected by a user utilizing a personal computer or other devices operable to communicate with an information network. Digital engine 101 is operable to maintain information associated with the selected audio information. For example, the information could be several songs or titles configured as an audio file and formatted in a digital format such as an MP3 file, wave file, etc. The maintained information may also be a reference to a network location where an audio file may be stored, a network location where a network broadcast of audio information may be located, etc. or other network locations having information associated with the selected audio information. Therefore, digital engine 101 may maintain a plurality of different types of information or data associated with the selected audio information.

[0025] System 100, utilizing communication engine 102, may wirelessly communicate data or information associated with the selected audio information to electronic device 103

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thereby providing wireless communication of selected information to an electronic device operable to receive wireless communications. In one embodiment, digital engine 101 may be used in association with an Internet website configured to provide access to selectable information. The Internet website operably associated with digital engine 101 allows a user to select information to be wirelessly communicated to electronic device 101 utilizing a network environment. The Internet website may include several different types of information related to audio information.

[0026] FIG. 4, described in greater detail below, illustrates one embodiment of providing an Internet website for displaying selectable audio information. For example, the Internet website may include music and/or artist search engines, playlists, top 10 charts, artists by genre, and other information associated with audio information. A user may select information associated with the audio information and digital engine 101 can maintain the information or data associated with the selected information in a digital format. Communications engine 102 coupled to digital engine 101 may wirelessly communicate data associated with the selected audio information to electronic device 103. Therefore, a user may access and select audio information via an Internet website and wirelessly communicate the data to an electronic device. As such, system 100 advantageously allows for wireless communication of selected audio information to electronic devices that may be remotely located from a conventional terrestrial communication network.

[0027] Electronic device 105 may be configured in a plurality of ways for receiving wireless communication of selected audio information. In one embodiment, electronic device 105 may be operable as a component configured to receive a cellular signal comprising the selected information communicated by the communication engine. For example, a device having a cellular modern may be operable to receive the information at specified intervals. Upon receiving the information the electronic device may process the received information. Electronic devices are described in more detail below and may include a network radio, a

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modular device, an audio system, a personal digital assistant (PDA), a cellular phone, or other electronic devices operable to receive information wirelessly communicated by communication engine 102.

[0028] Communications engine 102 may be operable to wirelessly communicate selected information to electronic device 103 in a plurality of ways. The present invention advantageously allows for several different embodiments of wirelessly communicating selected audio information to electronic device 103 and is not limited to any specific configuration described below. Several different types or combinations of wireless communication may be realized by the present invention. Communications engine 102 may be operable to wirelessly communicate the selected information from an information network, such as the Internet, to an electronic device operable to receive wireless communications. In one embodiment, communications engine 102 may comprise a conduit to interface information with a wireless communication network. The conduit may configure the information located within the information network into a format operable to be transmitted via wireless communication.

[0029] For example, a wireless device may be operable to receive packets of information having a specific size and in a specific format. In such an embodiment, communications engine 102 could format the information into a desirable format for wirelessly communicating the information to electronic device 103. Several types of wireless communication may be used by communications engine 102 to communicate the selected information to an electronic device. Communications networks such as GSM, Digital Satellite communication, SB, Radio bands, DRC, SuperDRC or other systems or types of transmission such as TDMA, CDMA, spread spectrum, etc. or frequencies such as between about 1.7 GHz and 2.0 GHz may be realized by the present invention for communicating information or data representing the selected audio information to electronic device 103.

[0030] In one embodiment, the selective information may be communicated using a digital broadcast signal. Digital broadcast includes providing information via a signal such as

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AM, FM, and the like. Digital information may be included or encoded as a sub-carrier within the broadcast signal and received by electronic device 103. A digital sub-carrier may include a selective bandwidth of frequencies for a specific radio station (i.e., 6 MHz for FM). The selective information may be wirelessly communicated to electronic device 103 utilizing a communication engine 102 operable to communicate the selective information via a digital FM signal. In this manner, selective information may be communicated within digital FM sub-carriers to an electronic device operable to receive the information. For example, a user may subscribe to communicate the information via an FM sub-carrier and receive the selective data through wireless communication via a specified FM sub-carrier.

[0031] In one embodiment, the selected information may be formatted and transmitted to achieve a desirable transmission rate. For example, conventional systems may transmit information at a speed of 10 kilobits per second. Therefore, for 1 megabyte of information to be communicated to an electronic device, a transmission time of approximately 800 seconds may be required. The present invention may allow for a relative increase in transmission speed by removing the requirement that information be communicated asynchronously to an electronic device. For example, conventional wireless communication utilizes a specified frequency to communicate information in two directions (i.e., cellular phones). As such, information is communicated across a channel in an asynchronous manner to provide a continuous audio signal to the recipient.

[0032] The present invention advantageously allows for signals to be transmitted to an electronic device in a less than asynchronous manner. For example, if a user selected a song to be wirelessly communicated to an electronic device, system 100 could communicate the information in a less than asynchronous manner allowing the selected information to be transmitted efficiently thereby decreasing the overall download time for the selected audio information. In one embodiment, the selected information may be compressed and transmitted across the same frequency but at different phases thereby allowing plural signals having

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different phases to be wirelessly communicated to an electronic device. Therefore, the electronic device may be operable to receive multiple phased signals and process the selective information accordingly.

[0033] In one embodiment, the information may be wirelessly communicated at a relatively slow transmission rate. For example, a user may schedule when the selected audio information may be used by electronic device 103. The user may select several different audio tracks or songs to be transmitted to an electronic device associated with the user's vehicle such that the user can listen to the user selected audio information during the drive home at the end of a workday. Therefore, it may be desirable to utilize a slower transfer speed due to the extended amount of time available prior to actual use of the selected audio information. In this manner, communications networks having less or slower transfer rates may be used to wirelessly communicate the selected audio information to the electronic device.

[0034] In another embodiment, high-speed wireless communication networks may be used to communicate the selected audio information. For example, a user may want to listen to an Internet broadcast of an Internet radio station. Therefore, high-speed communication may be required to wirelessly communicate or stream the selected audio information to an electronic device. In another embodiment, a hybrid of wireless communication rates may be deployed depending on the requirements of the selected audio information and/or the electronic device. For example, the selected audio information may first be transmitted to the electronic device via high-speed communication until enough information has been wirelessly communicated and buffered into a memory device operably associated with the electronic device. Upon communication of a certain percentage of the selected audio information, slower communication speeds may then be used to communicate additional selected audio information.

[0035] Therefore, system 100 may be configured in a plurality of ways to communicate selected information to electronic device 103. Digital engine 101 may be used to maintain data or information associated with the selected information and communication engine 102,

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communicatively coupled to digital engine 101, may wirelessly communicate selected information to electronic device 103.

[0036] FIG. 2 illustrates a block diagram of a method of wirelessly communicating selected information to an electronic device. The method may be used in association with the system illustrated in FIG. 1 or other systems operable to utilize the method of FIG. 2.

[0037] The method begins generally at step 200. At step 201, selectable audio information may be accessed utilizing a network communications device. For example, selectable audio information may be displayed at an Internet website accessible by a personal computer. In another embodiment, the selectable information may be accessed utilizing a wireless communications device such as, a cellular phone, a PDA device, or other devices operable to provide access to the selectable audio information.

[0038] Upon accessing the selectable information, the method proceeds to step 202 where a user can identify or select audio information to be wirelessly communicated to an electronic device. For example, a user may select an entire album to be wirelessly communicated to a PDA device.

[0039] Upon the user selecting the audio information, the method proceeds to step 203 where the method maintains information associated with the selected information. In one embodiment, the information may be an audio file, such as a wave file, and MP3 file, etc. representative of the selected audio information. In another embodiment, a network location that comprises a file representing the selected information may be maintained. Another example may include a network location of a network broadcast of audio information. Therefore, the method at step 203 may maintain several different types of information associated with the selected audio information.

[0040] Upon maintaining information or data associated with the selected information, the method proceeds to step 204 where the method wirelessly communicates information associated with the selected information to an electronic device. For example, if an audio file

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associated with the selected audio information was maintained, the method would communicate the audio file to the electronic device. In another embodiment, a link or network address broadcasting the selected audio information may be accessed and, at step 204, wirelessly communicated to an electronic device. In another embodiment, a combination of different types of audio information may be wirelessly communicated to an electronic device. Upon transmitting the selected audio information, the method proceeds to step 205 where the method ends.

[0041] Selected audio information may be communicated in a plurality of ways as described above including communicating via a cellular communications network to an electronic device operable to receive cellularly-communicated signals. For example, the information may be selected from a website operable to display selectable information. Upon selecting the audio information, a data file representing the selected audio information may be wirelessly communicated to an electronic device thereby allowing a user to select audio information via the Internet and wirelessly communicate the information to an electronic device.

[0042] In some embodiments, the wireless communication to an electronic device may occur in an off-line environment. For example, a user may go "on-line" to access a website and select information and then go "off-line" or end the browsing session. The wireless communication may then occur while the user is off-line thereby removing the confines of using an active or on-line browsing environment (i.e. Internet radio broadcast, streaming audio, etc.) for accessing selected information. Therefore, the method of FIG. 2 allows for information, such as audio information, to be communicated from a network location such as a web site, to an electronic device "via" wireless communication. The present invention advantageously allows users to access and download information accessible by a network location to an electronic device operable to receive wireless communications thereby reducing

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the need for land lines, terrestrial communication networks, etc. for communicating selective information.

[0043] In one embodiment, the method of FIG. 2 may be deployed in association with an Internet website operable to display selectable links for downloading information. The information may include audio information such as MP3s, streaming audio, streaming. Internet broadcasts, etc. are selectable by a user and operable to be wirelessly communicated to an electronic device. By providing a user with a website of selectable audio information operable to be wireless communicated to an electronic device, a user may customize information communicated to an electronic device. In one embodiment, a user may communicate information to an electronic device that may not be owned by the user. For example the method of FIG. 2 could be modified to allow a user to wirelessly communicate audio information to a plurality of electronic devices that may or may not be owned by the user.

[0044] FIG. 3 illustrates an electronic device operable to receive selected audio information in accordance with the teachings of the present invention. Electronic device 300 includes a communication module 301 such as a transceiver coupled to storage medium 303 such as a high speed buffer, programmable memory, or other devices operable to store information. Electronic device 300 may also include processor 302 operably associated with communication module 301 and storage medium 303. Processor 302 may be operable to process wirelessly communicated selected information and in one embodiment may be integrated as part of communication module 301 of storage medium 303. In the same manner, as larger scale integration of electronic devices proliferate, communication module 301, processor 302, and storage medium 303 may be integrated into one communication component or device operable as electronic device 300.

[0045] Processor 302 may be operable using software that may be stored within storage medium 303. In one embodiment, software upgrades may be communicated to electronic device 300 via wireless communication allowing for efficient system upgrades for electronic device

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300. Storage medium 303 may include one or several different types of storage devices. For example, storage medium 303 may include programmable gate arrays, ROM devices, RAM devices, EEPROMs, minidisks or other memory devices operable to store information.

[0046] During use, electronic device 300 receives wireless communications of selective information. The information may be transmitted via a wireless communications network and received by electronic device 300 via transceiver 301. Transceiver 301 may be operable to convert the received wireless communication signal into a desirable format and store the received information within storage medium 303. The received information may then be processed by electronic device 300.

[0047] In one embodiment, electronic device 300 may be operable as an audio player configured to play digital representations of music. For example, electronic device 300 may also include an MP3 player operable to process the received information into an audio signal. Therefore, electronic device 300 may be used to receive wirelessly communicated MP3 audio files and play these files using an MP3 player when desired. In another embodiment, electronic device 300 may be configured as a PDA wherein the PDA includes a web browser operable to wirelessly communicate with the Internet. The PDA device may include a user interface allowing a user to select information to be wirelessly communicated to electronic device 300.

[0048] By providing a website of selectable information, the PDA devices may provide an efficient embodiment for electronic device 300 in that is allows a user to access and select information using a wireless communication network and receive the selected information using the same or different wireless communication network. In yet another embodiment, electronic device 300 may be configured as a component operable to receive selective information via wireless communication and communicate the information to a second electronic device such as an automobile sound system, home stereo, etc.

[0049] For example, electronic device 300 may utilize transceiver 301 to receive wirelessly communicated information. Electronic device 300 may then be coupled to an

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automobile sound system using an interface and communicate the received information to the automobile sound system. In this manner, electronic device 300 may be used to provide the automobile sound system with audio files received via wireless communication.

[0050] In another embodiment, electronic device 300 may be operable to communicate the received audio information to an audio system via a localized communications-signaling network. One such network may include utilizing "Bluetooth" communication standard, used to provide communication between electronic devices in a proximal setting. In one embodiment, electronic device 300 may be integrated into an audio component such as a radio receiver. Electronic device 300 integrated into an audio component may be configured to process digital audio files wirelessly communicated to an audio component. In another embodiment, electronic device 300 may be operable to communicate with an analog receiver at a predetermined frequency.

[0051] For example, a specific frequency may be selected (i.e., 93.7 MHz) for communicating the wireless received selected information from electronic device 300 to a localized audio system. Electronic device 300 communication of the wirelessly received information allows a conventional receiver to receive the selected audio information. In one embodiment, the conventional receiver may be configured to receive a digital sub-carrier, oncarrier, or other within a specified frequency. Therefore, electronic device 300 may be operable to locally transmit the signal at a specific frequency thereby allowing the conventional receiver to receive the information. In another embodiment, electronic device 300 may be operable to scan plural bandwidths to receive the selective information. For example, transceiver 301 may be operable to receive selective information across several frequencies and process the received information accordingly.

[0052] In another embodiment, electronic device 300 may be operable to scan several frequencies to obtain the desirable information. For example, a user may select several Internet broadcasts comprised of streaming audio information. Therefore, the information may be

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transmitted across several wireless frequencies receivable by electronic device 300. Electronic device 300 may then be operable to allow a user to scan wirelessly communicated Internet broadcast signals thereby providing a user selected virtual broadcast radio network. In another embodiment, electronic device 300 may include a user interface operable to communicate with an Internet website operable to display selectable audio information. The Internet website may be configured as a user-preferred environment displaying a users selected audio information. Internet broadcast selections, streaming audio selections, etc.

[0053] With a display device for displaying a Website having selectable information, electronic device 300 may allow a user to select audio information via a user interface and receive the selected information via wireless communication thereby providing a customizable WebRadio device for the user. In another embodiment, electronic device 300 may be a modular device configured to be coupled to, for example, a portion of a cars interior. For example, electronic device 300 may be mounted to a portion of a car's console thereby providing a removably coupled electronic device operable to wirelessly receive selected audio information. As a removable device, electronic device 300 may also be coupled to a home audio system, a portable radio system or other systems thereby providing a versatile electronic device operable to receive wirelessly communicated selected audio information.

[0054] In another embodiment, electronic device 300 may be operable as a PDA and/or a cellular phone that may be mounted to an automobile's console. Electronic device 300 may then integrate with a user's automobile to provide an all-encompassing communications device. For example, electronic device 300 configured as a PDA and cellular phone may allow for communication with a user's email account, voice mail account, the Internet, as well as allowing for the receipt of selected audio information via wireless communication. Electronic device 300 may be operable in a hands-free mode allowing a user to maintain safe driving fundamentals. During use, electronic device 300 may be processing selective audio information

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for communicating with an automobile audio system and may further be operating to receive incoming cellular calls.

[0055] Electronic device 300 may be set-up by the user to pause the music being played and allow the received cellular call to be communicated either via an independent speaker or utilizing the automobiles "audio system." Additionally, electronic device 300 may be operable to adjust the listening level of an automobile's audio system, it may play received voice mail messages, allow a user to view the Internet, etc. In one embodiment, electronic device 300 may be operable as a dual mode electronic device capable of receiving both digital and analog wireless communication signals. In this manner, electronic devices may efficiently utilize available bandwidth for receiving selected information from a communications engine. For example, transceiver 301 may be a wireless communications modem operable to receive digital or analog signals.

[0056] FIG. 4 illustrates a graphical user interface (GUI) for displaying selectable audio information according to one aspect of the present invention. The GUI may be operable with a computer system, cellular device, PDA, or other electronic devices or systems operable to display the GUI of FIG. 4. The GUI, shown generally at 400, may be displayed using a conventional web browser 402 such as Microsoft.RTM. Internet Explorer, a WAP browser, or other browsers operable to display the audio information. Browser 402 includes browser functions, shown collectively at 403, for navigating a network such as the Internet or an intranet. Homepage 401 may be displayed using browser 402 and may include several functions, features, information, etc. related to audio information. Home page 401 may be developed using several different types of programming (i.e., HTML, XML, Java, etc.) used to developing a network location or website.

[0057] The present invention is not limited to any one specific type of software and may be realized in plurality of ways as can be appreciated by those skilled in the art. Homepage 401 may also include login region 410 allowing a user to log into homepage 401 and display a user-

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preferred environment. For example, a user may want Radio Dial 412 to appear when a user logs into homepage 401. In another embodiment, a user may want to view a current playlist selected by the user or the status of wirelessly communicated playlist. A user may also provide demographic information allowing advertisers to access the demographic information and provide advertisements based upon the demographic information. For example, an advertiser may want to target Hispanic females in the 21-25 year old age group.

[0058] Through providing demographic information to advertisers, when a user logs into homepage 401 selective advertising can be "targeted" for a group of users. Homepage 401 may also include several tabs for efficiently navigating homepage 401. Library tab 405 may be provided to allow a user to browse available audio information that may be presented by title, genre, artist, decade, culture, etc. Store tab 407 may also be provided for locating items available for purchase such as CDs, PDA devices, MP3 players, wireless communication hardware, interfaces, software or other types of products that may be purchased while on-line. Chat tab 408 may also be provided allowing a user to chat with other users of home page 401. For example, a guest musical artist may be available to chat with visitors of home page 401 via a chat page associated with chat tab 408. Home page 401 may also include contest tab 409 for displaying current contests, prizes, and/or winners.

[0059] Radio tab 406 may also be provided for displaying audio information. For example, radio tab 406 may display a collective menu 411 of selectable functions or features associated with audio information. Top ten lists may be provided to a user based on several different billboard polls or genres. A search engine may be provided allowing a user to search for a specific type of audio information such as an artist, song title, and genre. Internet radio station, etc. In one embodiment, a user may input the lyrics to a song within the search engine. As such, the search engine may locate several different songs having the desirable lyrics and allow a user to select the search results. A user may also use a select a device feature that allows a user to select a destination device for communicating selected audio information. For

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example, a user may want to communicate a playlist to several different devices such as a PDA, a home computer system, a work computer system, etc.

[0060] As such, a user can communicate selective information to several devices without having to download the information separately for each device. A send a friend link may also be provided allowing a user to send selective audio information to a friend's electronic device. A user may also join a group comprised of individuals that select a certain genre of music to be communicated to the user's electronic device. For example, a user may want to join a group that plays only 50s swing music. As such, the user could communicate the group's selected songs to the user's electronic device. A user may also utilize an email account provided by homepage 401 allowing a user to correspond with others via email. A user may also access a list of guest DJs that may provide playlists of songs chosen by the guest DJ and selectable by a user.

[0061] In one embodiment, a user's radio dial 412 may be provided when a registered user logs into homepage 401. As such, radio dial 412 may include several functional buttons similar to conventional systems such as a volume control and a station control. However, radio dial 412 surpasses the limitations of conventional systems through providing a programmable radio dial of user customized audio information. Radio dial 412 includes several stations that may be programmed using program interface 413. The preset stations may include several different types of user customized preset information such as user selected playlists, Internet broadcast stations, top lists, group playlists, artist-selected lists, on-line radio station, conventional radio stations. Internet phone, cellular phone, etc. and other functions, features, or information associated with audio information.

[0062] Radio dial 412 may also be displayed as a separate user interface and in some embodiments, does not require a "browsing" environment to view radio dial 412. For example, an electronic device, such as a PDA, having a display may graphically present radio dial 412 to a user. One example may be using electronic device in association with an automobile audio system. Electronic device may display radio dial 412 and may allow a user to navigate, modify,

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select, adjust volume, access daytimer, access phone lists, etc. or perform other functions while the electronic device is used in association with an automobile sound system. Therefore, radio dial 412 may be operable as an application for use with several different types of electronic devices (i.e., computer systems, portable computing devices, cellular phones, etc.) operable to display radio dial 412 and in come embodiments may be wirelessly communicated to an electronic device.

[0063] In another embodiment, homepage 401 may allow a user to select when to download the information to an electronic device. For example, a user may want to listen to a certain genre of music at a specific time of day thereby allowing a user to select the information. As such, a user may select a different playlist for every day of the week thereby allowing a user to listen to different songs on different days of the week. The user can further identify when the selected playlist should be available for listening. For example, if a user wanted to listen to "playlist #1" on Monday morning during the drive into work between 8:00 am and 9:00 am, the user would enter the time and the day "playlist #1" would be available for listening. In this manner, the playlist may be communicated to the electronic device thereby allowing a user to listen to selective audio information at a desirable time.

[0064] FIG. 5A illustrates a portable radio system having a mount for an electronic device according to one embodiment of the present invention. Portable radio 500 includes a mount 501 operable to receive electronic device 502. Mount 501 may include a connector operable to provide communications and power to electronic device 502. During use, electronic device 502 when mounted within portable radio 500 communicates with portable radio to provide remotely received selective audio information. In one embodiment, electronic device 502 may include a user interface allowing a user to access the Internet. Therefore, selective audio information located on the Internet may be accessed by the user and remotely communicated to electronic device 502 coupled to portable radio 500.

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[0065] In another embodiment, portable radio 500 may include memory operably located within for storing downloaded information. For example, portable radio 500 may include 32 MB of RAM allowing electronic device 502 to receive selective information and download the selective information to memory located within portable radio 500. In this manner, the downloaded music may be operable to be played within portable radio 500 while allowing electronic device to be removed from portable radio 500. Therefore, portable radio 500 including electronic device 502 allows a user to communicate selected audio information to portable radio 500.

[0066] FIG. 5B illustrates automobile console having a mount for coupling an electronic device according to one aspect of the present invention. Console 510 includes mount 511 operable to receive electronic device 512. Mount 511 may be located in many different locations within an automobile such as coupled to a sun visor, center console, dashboard, floorboard, etc. Mount 511 allows the user to couple electronic device 512 to the automobile and provide an interface for communication between electronic device 512 and the automobile audio system. Mount 511 may also include a power connection that allows electronic device 512 to use the automobiles power during use. The power connection may also be used in association with a recharging circuit operable to recharge a power supply within the electronic device. During operation, electronic device 512 coupled to mount 511 may receive selected audio information via wireless communication and communicate the selective information to the automobile audio system.

[0067] In one embodiment, the automobile may include memory operable associated with the automobile for storing-information. The memory may be used in association with mount 511 and electronic device 512 to store the selected audio information. In this manner, voluminous audio information can be stored within the memory allowing electronic device 512 to receive additional information. In one embodiment, a mount may be provided for a home audio system (not shown) for downloading selected audio information for use with a home

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audio system. For example, a mount device may be coupled to a home stereo system such that the upon placing an electronic device such as electronic device 500 within the mount, selected audio information may be communicated to the home audio system thereby allowing a home audio system to be used in association with an electronic device.

[0068] FIG. 6 illustrates a block diagram of a system for communicating voice mail messages using email according to one embodiment of the present invention. The system, indicated generally at 600, includes email server 601 coupled to a voice mail storage device 602. System 600 further includes a computer system or network terminal 603 such as a computer coupled to network 604. System 600 further includes mount 605 for mounting electronic device 606 for hardwire communication of information. Device 606 may also communicate with network 604 using a wirelessly communication network operably associated with network 604 and coupled, for example, via tower 607.

[0069] During operation, system 600 communicates voice mail messages to a user utilizing email server 601. For example, if a user receives a voice mail message, email server 601 would be notified and a voice mail message would be sent to the user's email account in the form of an email message. For example, a voice mail message would be sent to a user's email account within intranet 604 in the form of an audio file as an attachment to the email. Upon receiving the email, a user may click on the audio file representing the voice mail message to hear the message left by a caller.

[0070] In one embodiment, a user may be accessing the Internet via a phone line and, as such, be unable to receive notification that a voice mail message has been received. System 600 would receive the voice mail message and send an email comprising the voice mail message to the user email account. In this manner, a user can remain connected to the network and receive voice mail without having to log off or disconnect from the Internet. In one embodiment, a user may receive the voice mail message via a portable electronic device. For example, a user may be using remote device 605 operable to receive wirelessly communicated information. System

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600 would receive the voice mail message and forward the voice mail message to a user's portable electronic device 606. In this manner, a user may be capable of receiving voice emails at remote locations.

[0071] In another embodiment, a user may subscribe to use an Internet email account that may be operably associated with system 600. Utilizing an Internet email account may allow a user the flexibility to check voice email messages from any location in the world. For example, a user may access a "Hotmail" email account while traveling on business in a foreign country. The user, upon gaining access to the "Hotmail" account, would be able to listen to voice mail messages sent to the user via the "Hotmail" email account. Through utilizing an email account to receive voice mail messages, a user may be afforded great flexibility in communicating voice mail messages. For example, a user may be able to forward a voice mail message received in the form of an email to one or a plurality of other email accounts. In this manner, a voice email message may be sent efficiently to other email users.

[0072] For example, a user may maintain a distribution list of individuals working on a particular project that may have a need to hear certain voice email messages. In this manner, a user may efficiently disseminate information to other individuals while adding additional textual information to the body of the email allowing a user to comment on the original voice email message. In another embodiment, a user may forward a received voice email message to another account operable to receive forwarded voice email messages. For example, system 600 may be operable to receive an email message having a voice mail message as an attachment. The system would then be operable to forward the voice mail message to specified phone number, separate email account, and/or voice mail account, etc. thereby providing a user flexibility in receiving voice email.

[0073] In one embodiment, a user may utilize an email account to establish an answering service for voice mails. For example, a user's telephone number may be operable with an email account to provide an answering service. A user may record a message for a specified phone

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number or extension and, upon receiving an incoming call; the recorded message may be played back to incoming the call's initiator. System 600 would then forward the received voicemail message via an email account to the user. For example, a user may have an account set up at a residence for receiving voicemail messages via a user-defined email account. The user could then forward all received voice mails from the home account to an email account at a place of work. Therefore, the user may have complete access to received voicemail messages. In the same manner, a user could set up their work phone number to forward a voicemail message to the user's home email account thereby allowing a user to receive a voicemail at a home email account. Therefore, system 600 may be operable in a plurality of ways to provide email messages comprised of voicemail messages received via a voice mail or email account.

[0074] FIG. 7 illustrates a flow chart for providing voice email messages according to one embodiment of the present invention. The method begins at step 701 where a voice mail message is left for a user. The message could be at a residence, place of business, etc. The method then proceeds to step 702 where the message may be stored as an audio file within a database operable to store a file comprised of the voice mail message. Upon storing the file, the method proceeds to step 703 where an electronic mail message may be generated. The electronic mail message may be addressed to the recipient of the voice mail message. The method then proceeds to step 704 where the audio file representing the voice mail message is attached to the electronic message.

[0075] Upon attaching the audio file, the method then proceeds to step 705 where the email message may be sent to the email address. Upon sending the email message the method proceeds to step 706 where the method determines if the email message should be sent to a wireless electronic device. If the message is not to be sent to a wireless device, the method proceeds to step 720 where the method ends. If the message is to be sent to a wireless electronic device, the method proceeds to step 707 where a signal may be sent to the wireless electronic device and at step 708 an indication is provided to the electronic device indicating that a

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voicemail message has been received via a user's email account. The method may then proceed to step 709 where the user decides whether or not to listen to the voice email message. If the user decides not to listen to the voice email message, the method may proceed to step 710 where the method ends. If the user decides to listen to the voice email message, the method proceeds to step 711 where a request may be sent by the electronic device requesting the voice email message be forwarded to the user's electronic device.

[0076] At step 712, the voicemail message may be sent to the user's electronic device. Upon forwarding the voicemail message to the user the method may proceed to step 720 where the method ends. As such, FIG. 7 depicts one method of providing an email message comprised of a voice mail message. Certainly, other methods may be deployed as advancements in technology and are made without departing for the spirit and scope of the present invention.

[0077] FIG. 8 illustrates a flow diagram of a method for providing selected audio information to an electronic device according to one embodiment of the present invention. The method begins at step 800 where a user accesses a webpage via the Internet. The webpage may be a home page illustrated in FIG. 4 or other web pages operable to display selectable references to audio information. The method proceeds to step 801 where a user selects desirable audio information. For example, a user may select a single song, a plurality different songs, an entire album, a broadcast station, streaming audio, etc. or other selectable audio information. Upon the user selecting a reference to audio information, the method may proceed to step 802 where a playlist may be created that represents the user's selected audio information.

[0078] The playlist may be variable in size and comprised of a plurality of different types of available audio information. Upon creating a playlist, the method may proceed to step 803 where information associated with the playlist is obtained. For example, a list of network or URL locations comprised of the desirable audio information may be obtained. In this manner, desirable audio information may be obtained from many different sources such as URLs,

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network addresses, hard drives, databases comprised of audio information, etc. The sources may be accessed to obtain the selected audio information.

[0079] Upon obtaining data associated with the customized playlist, the method may proceed to step 804 where the user is prompted for a destination for the playlist. For example, a user may want to communicate the selected audio information to a remote electronic device, an automobile audio system, a home stereo system, a home computer, an electronic device coupled to a home network or computer system, etc. or other locations or devices operable to receive the selected audio information. In one embodiment, a user may select a device owned by a friend to accept the selected audio information. For example, a husband may want to send a romantic playlist to his wife on their anniversary. In this situation, the husband would select his wife's electronic device as the receiving device for the selected audio information.

[0080] Upon selecting a device, the method proceeds to step 805 where the method determines the destination of the selected audio information. If the information is to be sent to a device via a wire line connection, the method proceeds to step 813 where playlist data is sent to a user via a wire line connection. The method may then proceed to step 814 where the playlist is executed at the device. If the information is to be sent to a device requiring wireless communication, the method proceeds to step 806 where the information is formatted for communicating the information to a wireless electronic device. For example, a wireless PDA device may be selected as a destination device for the selected audio information. The PDA device may include an audio player, such as an MP3 player operable to play or execute MP3 audio files. In such an embodiment, the method could format the information such that the information may be wirelessly communicated and subsequently played by the MP3 player.

[0081] Upon formatting the information, the method may then proceed to step 807 where the audio information is wirelessly communicated to the selected device. In some embodiments, the device may be operable to receive a limited amount of information based upon storage capacity of the device (i.e., 16 MB). In such a case, the method may divide the information into

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component parts and periodically communicate the component parts, such as packets, to the electronic device. Upon communicating the audio information, the method may then proceed to step 808 where the signal may be received by the destination or electronic device.

[0082] The method may then proceed to step 809 where the method determines if all of the audio information has been received. For example, if 16 MB or 32 MB of selected audio information was initially transmitted due to capacity limitations of the selected device, the method may query the selected device to determine if capacity is available. If available memory exists, the method may proceed to step 807 where the method may communicate additional audio information based upon the amount of available memory. The method repeats until all of the selected audio information has been transmitted.

[0083] Upon communicating the selected information, the method may proceed to step 810 where the playlist may be executed. For example, a user may select a continuous communication of selected audio information (e.g., several hours of music. Internet broadcast, etc.). As such, the method may continuously play or execute the received audio information. In another embodiment, the method may proceed to step 811 where the method may store or buffer the received information until it is desirable to execute the received selected audio information. As such, upon executing the selected audio information, the method may proceed to step 809 where the method may repeat. In one embodiment, a user may elect to download a broadcast of an on-line radio station. For example, a user may want to listen to a radio station located in a remote location wherein conventional radio receivers could not receive the desired broadcast. For example, a person living in Houston, Tex. may not be able to receive a radio broadcast signal from a radio station in Seattle, Wash. utilizing a conventional radio receiver.

[0084] In accordance with the teachings of the present invention, a user may select an online broadcast or radio station as all or a part of the selected audio information. The user may then receive radio broadcasts without having to use a home computer system or conventional radio receiver.

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[0085] At step 804, a user may select a device that does not require remote communication of information. For example, a user may elect to communicate the selected audio information to device, such as a personal computer, PDA device, MP3 player, etc. coupled via a network connection to the Internet or an Intranet. The user may receive the selected playlist at the determined device for eventual playing. In one embodiment, a user may select a plurality of devices as destination devices for receiving downloads of the selected audio information. For example, the user may want to download the information to a home stereo system, a PDA device, and an automobile stereo. As such, the selected information may be communicated to more than one destination device. In addition, the format of the download may match or conform to the selected destination device(s).

[0086] The present invention may be configured in a plurality of ways to communicate desirable audio information to users by allowing users to select desirable audio information and transmitting the desirable audio information to a specified destination thereby allowing a user to receive on-demand customized audio information. Moreover, the download may occur in an off-line environment, allowing a user to enjoy the selected audio information accessed on-line without having to be on-line or utilizing a browsing environment. In one embodiment of the present invention, the method of FIG. 8 may be modified to allow a user to select a "user group" for receiving customized audio information. For example, a "user group" may include users that prefer contemporary jazz wherein a user may request a certain song. Therefore, a virtual request line may be designed for a specific genre of music allowing "members" to transmit audio information to the "group".

[0087] In another embodiment of the present invention, the method may be modified to allow a user to select a specific genre to be transmitted to the users device. For example, a user may elect to have random country and western music transmitted to a destination device. The user could efficiently create a radio station format and have the format received at a destination device.

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[0088] In a further embodiment, a user may select a group of genres to be downloaded to a desirable device. As such, the method may be modified to allow a user to select several different genres to download random music within the specified genres. In another embodiment, a user may elect to download the same music as another individual. For example, a user may want to download the same music as their best friend. Therefore the user could elect to download the same music as their friend or group of friends. In another example, a user may want to listen to the same music that an artist listens to on a specific weekday of evening. For example, a user may want to listen to the same music that Barry White listens to on a Saturday night.

[0089] Therefore, the user may select "Barry White's" Saturday night playlist and receive the same playlist Barry White receives on Saturday night. In another embodiment, the method of FIG. 8 may be modified to allow a user to manipulate song post download. For example, a user may want to store, delete, replay, copy, forward, etc. received audio information. Therefore, the method of FIG. 4 may be modified such that a user can manipulate or process the received audio information in a plurality of ways. In one embodiment of the present invention, an on-line radio station may be provided. For example, the radio station may be created for transmitting audio or on-line broadcasts. The on-line broadcasters or hosts may create their own format for broadcast. For example, an on-line radio station may be provided that transmits only children's songs.

[0090] Prior to conception of the present invention, conventional radio stations were monetarily limited to be capable of transmitting music such as children's songs to conventional radio receivers. The present invention, by providing a medium for transmitting selectable audio information, enables the existence of on-line broadcasting with little or no overhead cost for a host. A user may select an on-line broadcast for on-line or off-line delivery. In another embodiment, on-line broadcast of audio information representing books or novels may be provided to individuals such as the visually impaired. For example, an on-line broadcast station

may provide several hours of audio information broadcast representing books or novels to be broadcast with very little overhead.

[0091] FIG. 9 illustrates an automobile console having a mount for an electronic device according to one embodiment of the present invention. Console 900 includes a conventional audio system 901 comprised of a receiver 902 and CD player 903. Interface 904 may be coupled to audio system 901 via plug 905 and cable 908, which may be coupled to an auxiliary line into audio system 901. Interface 904 may also include contact 906 for contacting electronic device 907. Cable 908 may be a multiple conductive cable for providing power from the automobiles power system via a protection circuit or fuse 909 for powering electronic device 907. In one embodiment, interface 904 may be operable to recharge electronic device 907 utilizing a power source associated with an automobile.

[0092] During operation, electronic device 907 may be mounted within interface 904. Electronic device 907 may also be powered or recharged via power line 910 and communicate with the systems audio system via interface cable or bus line 911. Audio information communicated to electronic device 907 may be transferred to audio system 901 such that a user may listen to selected audio information. For example, a user may have previously selected a plurality of audio files to be transmitted to electronic device 907. Electronic device 907 may communicate the selected audio information to the automobiles audio system that utilizes interface 901 thereby allowing the user to listen to selected audio information. In one embodiment, cable 908 may be custom-installed to audio system 901. For example, the cable may be coupled to an auxiliary line for the system's radio or may be coupled to CD player line 912.

[0093] In another embodiment, a radio manufacturer may provide interface 904 as a standard interface integrated into the audio system, thereby allowing communication between electronic device 907, audio system 901 and/or console 900. Electronic device 907 may include a plurality of different types of devices. For example, electronic device 907 may include a PDA

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device operable to store selected audio information. The information may be either remotely downloaded using an Internet web browser and wireless communication to the PDA device. In another embodiment, selected audio information may communicated to a PDA device via a hard wire coupled to a computer system interfacing with the Internet. In another embodiment, electronic device 907 may include an audio file player operable to play audio files such as MP3s, etc.

[0094] The audio files may be remotely or locally communicated to electronic device 907 and upon coupling to audio system 901, the audio files may be transmitted to audio system 901 in a form receivable by audio system 901. Although the disclosed embodiments have been described in detail, it should be understood that various changes, substitutions and alterations can be made to the embodiments without departing from their spirit and scope.

[0095] The benefits, advantages, solutions to problems, and any element(s) that may cause any benefit, advantage, or solution to occur or become more pronounced are not to be construed as a critical, required, or essential feature or element of the present invention. Accordingly, the present invention is not intended to be limited to the specific form set forth herein, but on the contrary, it is intended to cover such alternatives, modifications, and equivalents, as can be reasonably included within the spirit and scope of the invention as provided by the claims below.

[0096] While the present invention has been described with respect to a limited number of embodiments, those skilled in the art will appreciate numerous modifications and variations therefrom. It is intended that the appended claims cover all such modifications and variations as fall within the true spirit and scope of this present invention.

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What is claimed is:

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1	1. A method for targeted advertising, comprising:
2	accessing at least one piece of demographic information associated with a user of
3	a portable device comprising a display, a non-volatile memory, a processing device
4	operable to execute instructions stored in the non-volatile memory, a portion of
5	instructions saved locally at the portable device and configured to facilitate accessing of a
6	network based resource, and at least one wireless transceiver;
7	selecting an advertisement to be delivered to the user based at least in part on the
8	at least one piece of demographic information; and
9	initiating communication of a version of the advertisement that is configured for
10	presentation at the portable device.

- 1 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the at least one piece of demographic information is selected from a group consisting of a gender demographic, an age demographic, and an ethnic demographic.
 - 3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the at least one piece of demographic information is derived from information input by the user.
- 1 4. The method of Claim 1, further comprising selecting the advertisement to 2 be delivered to the user based at least in part on a second piece of demographic 3 information.
- 1 5. The method of Claim 4, further comprising selecting the advertisement to 2 be delivered to the user based at least in part on a third piece of demographic information.

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1	6.	The method of Claim 1, further comprising formatting the advertisement					
2	for receipt by	y a cellular telephone, wherein the portable device is operable as a cellular					
3	telephone.						
1	7.	The method of Claim 1, further comprising accepting a user inputting of					
2	the at least o	ne piece of demographic information.					
1	8.	The method of Claim 1, further comprising recognizing that the portable					
2	device is con	nmunicating with a network resource.					
1	9.	The method of Claim 8, wherein the network resource is operable to					
2	communicate	e a streamed delivery of a media originating in a geographic location remote					
3	from a then of	current location of the portable device.					
1	10.	The method of Claim 9, wherein the at least one piece of demographic					
2	information	is a current location of the portable device.					
1	11.	A targeted advertisement system, comprising:					
2	a mei	mory maintaining a piece of demographic information about a user who has a					
3	cellular telep	phone;					
4	a firs	t resource communicatively coupled to the memory and configured to select					
5	a particular a	dvertisement that is targeted for a particular demographic group of which					
6	the user is a	part according to the piece of demographic information; and					
7	a con	nmunication resource communicatively coupled to the first resource and					
8	configured to initiate a sending of the particular advertisement to the cellular telephone.						

1	12.	The system of Claim 11, wherein the communication resource is further						
		format information representing the particular advertisement into a format						
2								
3	receivable by	the cellular telephone.						
1	13.	The system of Claim 11, wherein the communication resource is operable						
2	to utilize hype	er text markup language.						
1	14.	The system of Claim 11, wherein the memory is maintaining a second						
2	piece of demo	ographic information about the user, further wherein the first piece relates to						
3	a gender of th	e user and the second piece relates to an age of the user.						
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1	15.	The system of Claim 11, wherein the piece of demographic information is						
2	derived from	information input by the user.						
1	16.	The system of Claim 11, further comprising the cellular telephone,						
2	wherein the co	ellular telephone comprises a processor, a communication module						
3	configured to	receive a wirelessly communicated collection of digital data packets, a						
4	display config	gured to present a user interface, a memory operable to store an over the air						
5	1 ,	pplication, and a Bluetooth communication module.						
1	17	A						
1	17.	A computer readable medium to store computer executable modules for						
2	use by an adv	ertising resource, the computer executable modules comprising:						
3	a com	puter executable demographic module to identify a first and a second piece						
4	of demograph	ic information about a user with a portable device that is capable of						

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communicating with a wireless network; and

6	a computer executable advertising module to select a targeted advertisement to be
7	sent to the portable device, wherein the targeted advertisement is selected based upon at
8	least the first piece of demographic information.

- 1 18. The computer readable medium of Claim 17, further comprising a computer executable database module to maintain a user name and password for the user.
- 1 19. The computer readable medium of Claim 17, further comprising an insertion module to initiate communication of the targeted advertisement to the portable device.
- 1 20. The computer readable medium of Claim 17, further comprising a 2 formatting module to ensure that the targeted advertisement is presentable by the portable 3 device.

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SYSTEM AND METHOD TO COMMUNICATE TARGETED INFORMATION

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method for targeted advertising is disclosed. The method includes accessing at least one piece of demographic information associated with a user of a portable device, selecting an advertisement to be delivered to the user based at least in part on the demographic information, and initiating communication of a version of the advertisement configured for presentation at the portable device.

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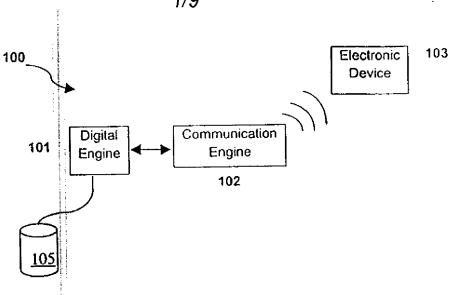


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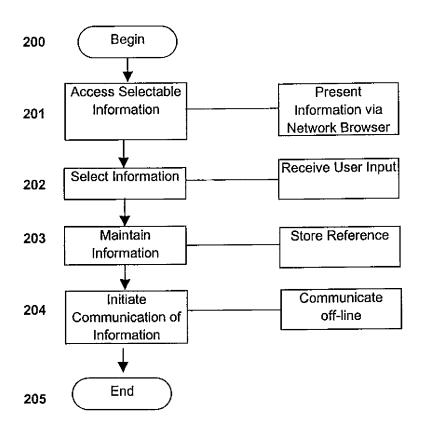
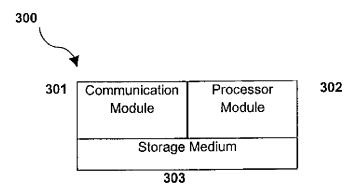


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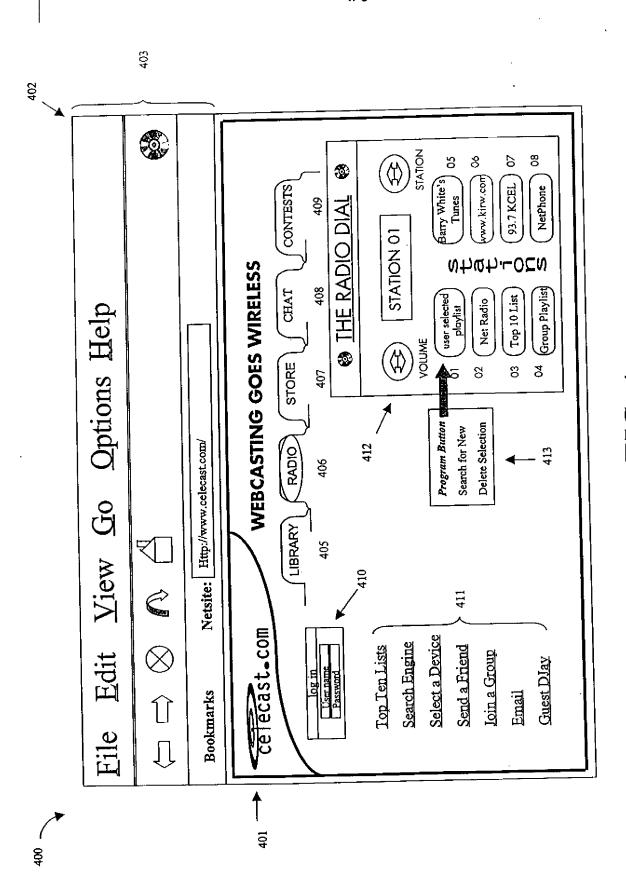
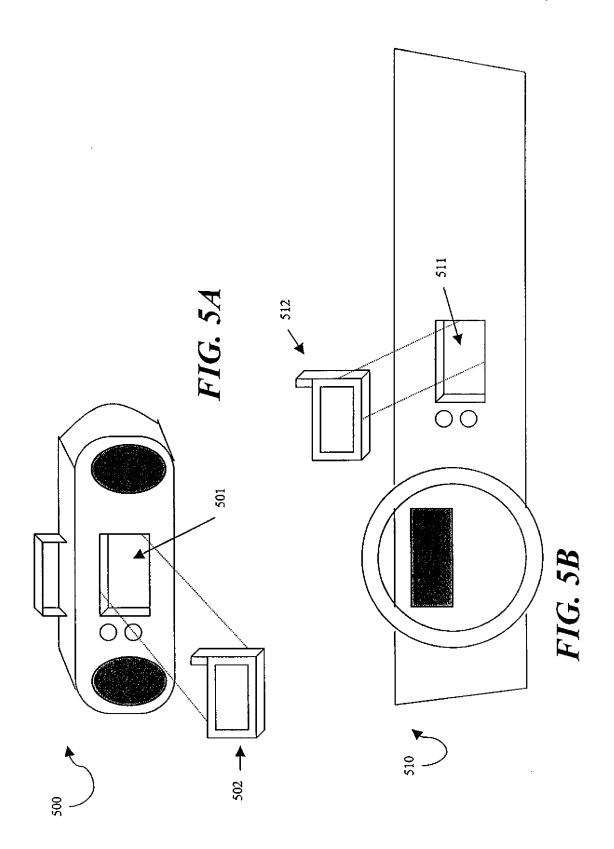
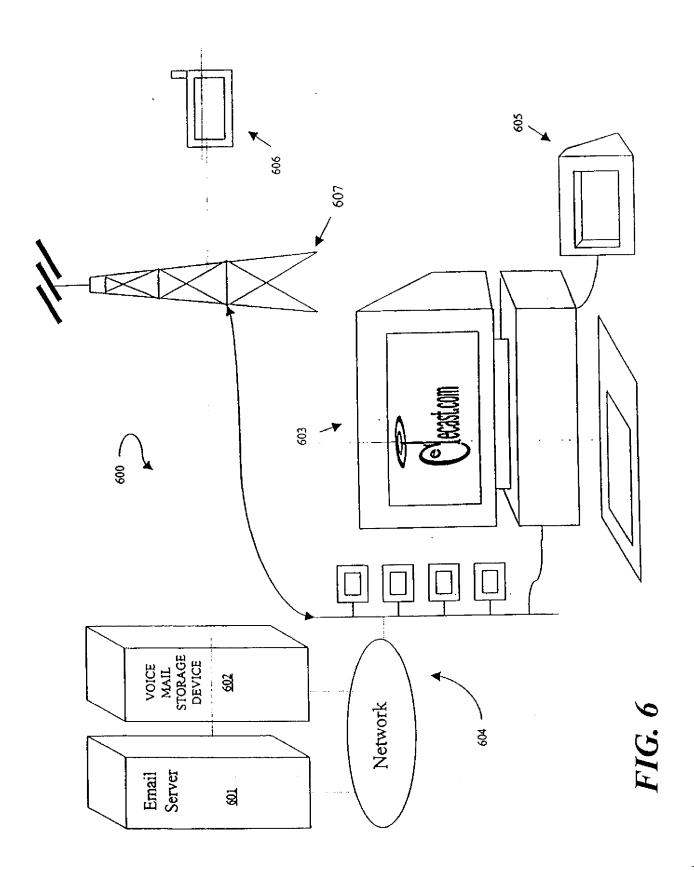
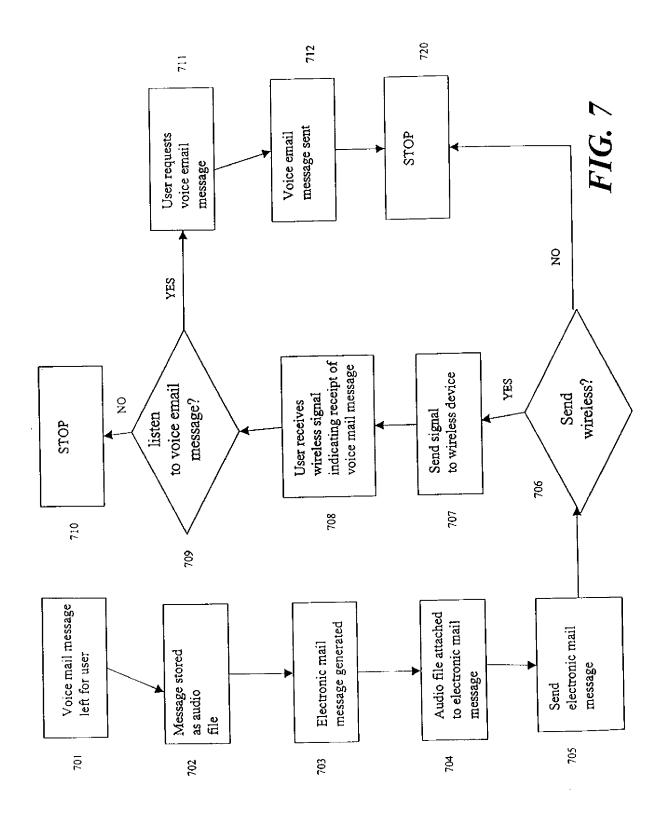
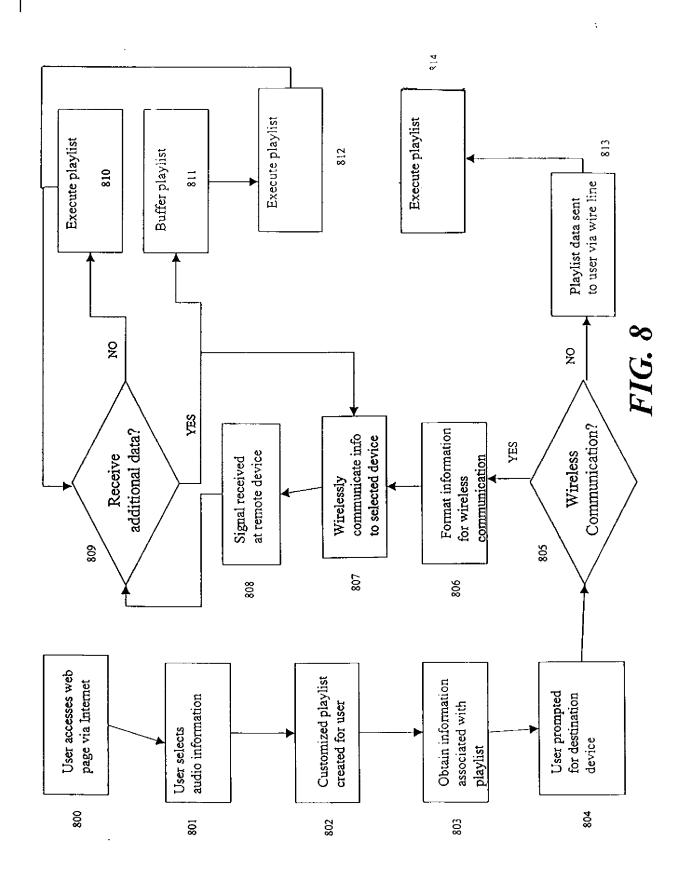


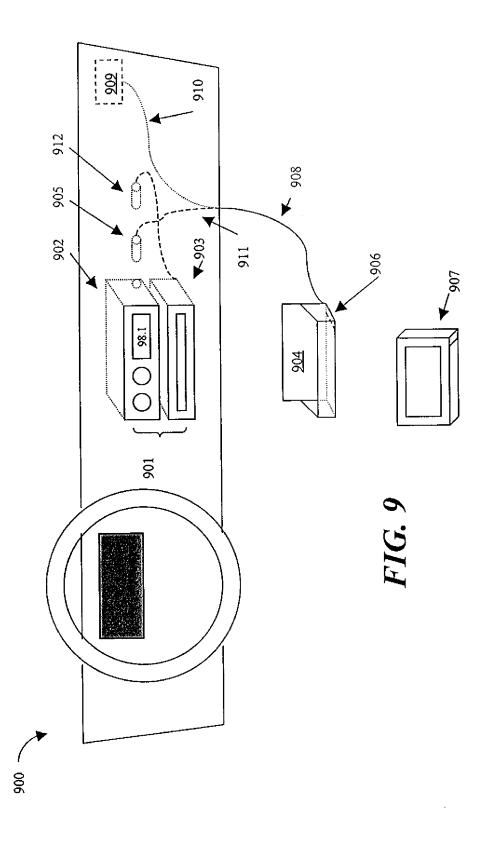
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