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(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING PRIORITY AMONG MULTIPLE MOBILE COMPUTING DEVICES TO CONTROL AN APPLIANCE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

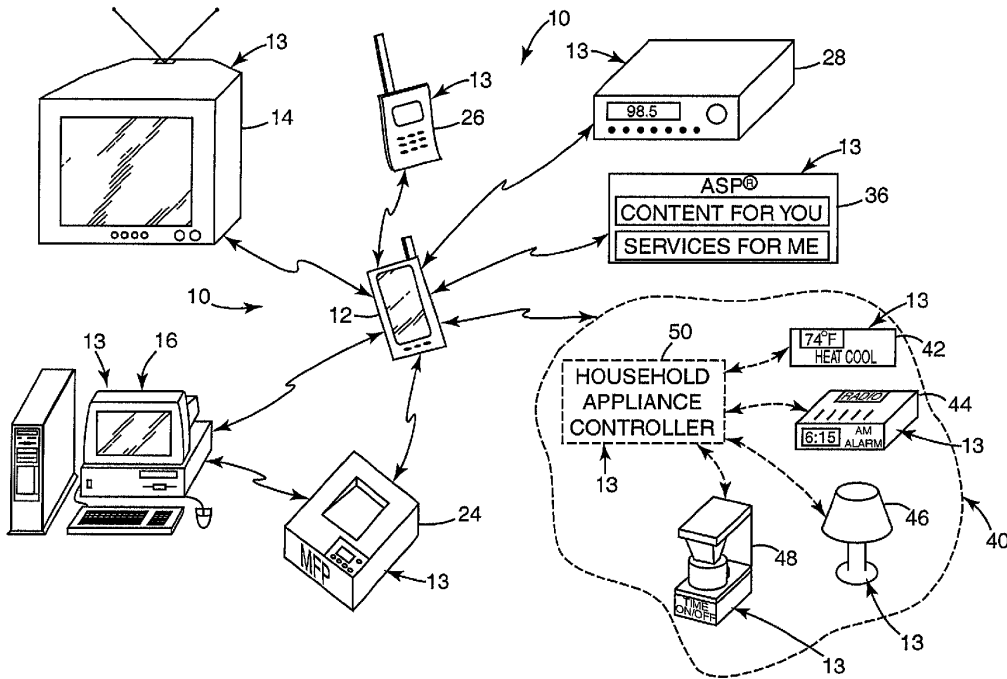
A method of controlling an appliance comprises controlling the appliance with at least one of a plurality of mobile computing devices and establishing priority of control over the appliance between the plurality of mobile computing devices using a priority rule.

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An appliance control system comprises at least one appliance, a first mobile computing device and a second mobile computing device, each of which includes a priority contention moderator configured for determining and awarding priority over control of the appliance to one of the first and second computing devices.

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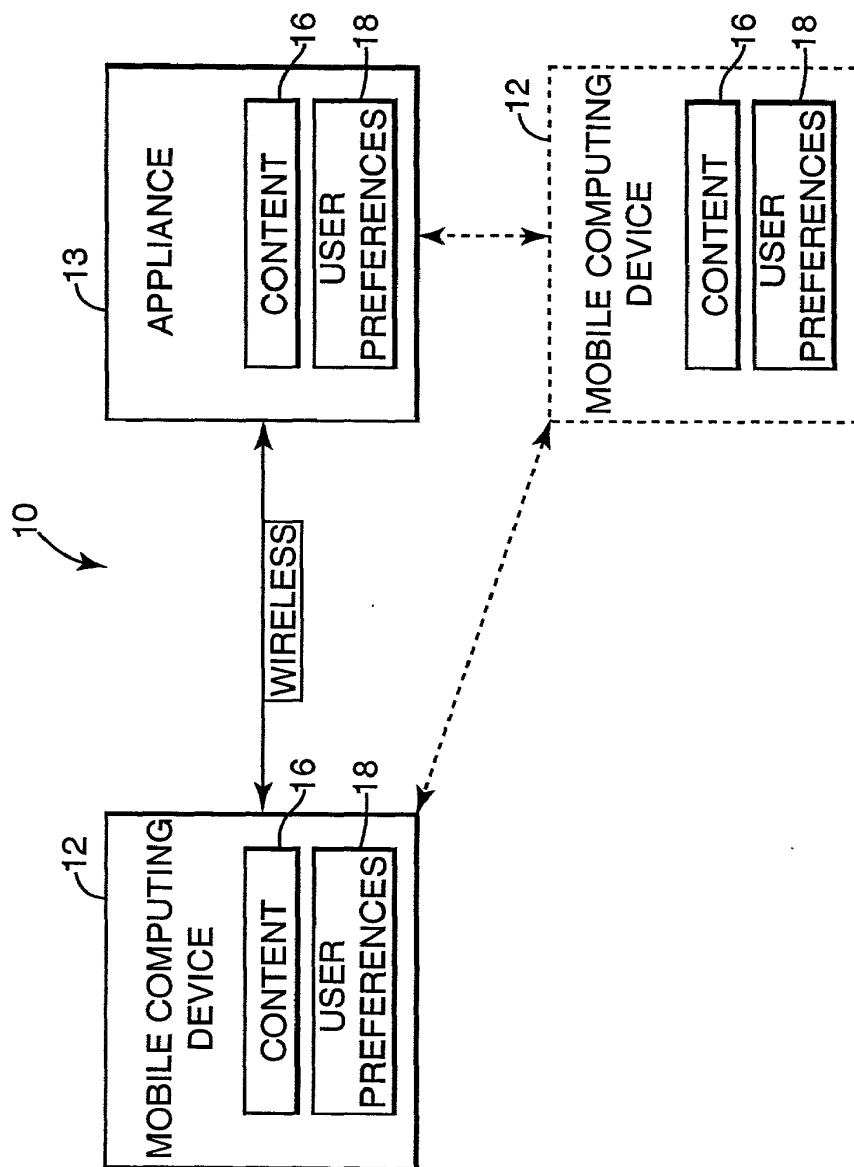


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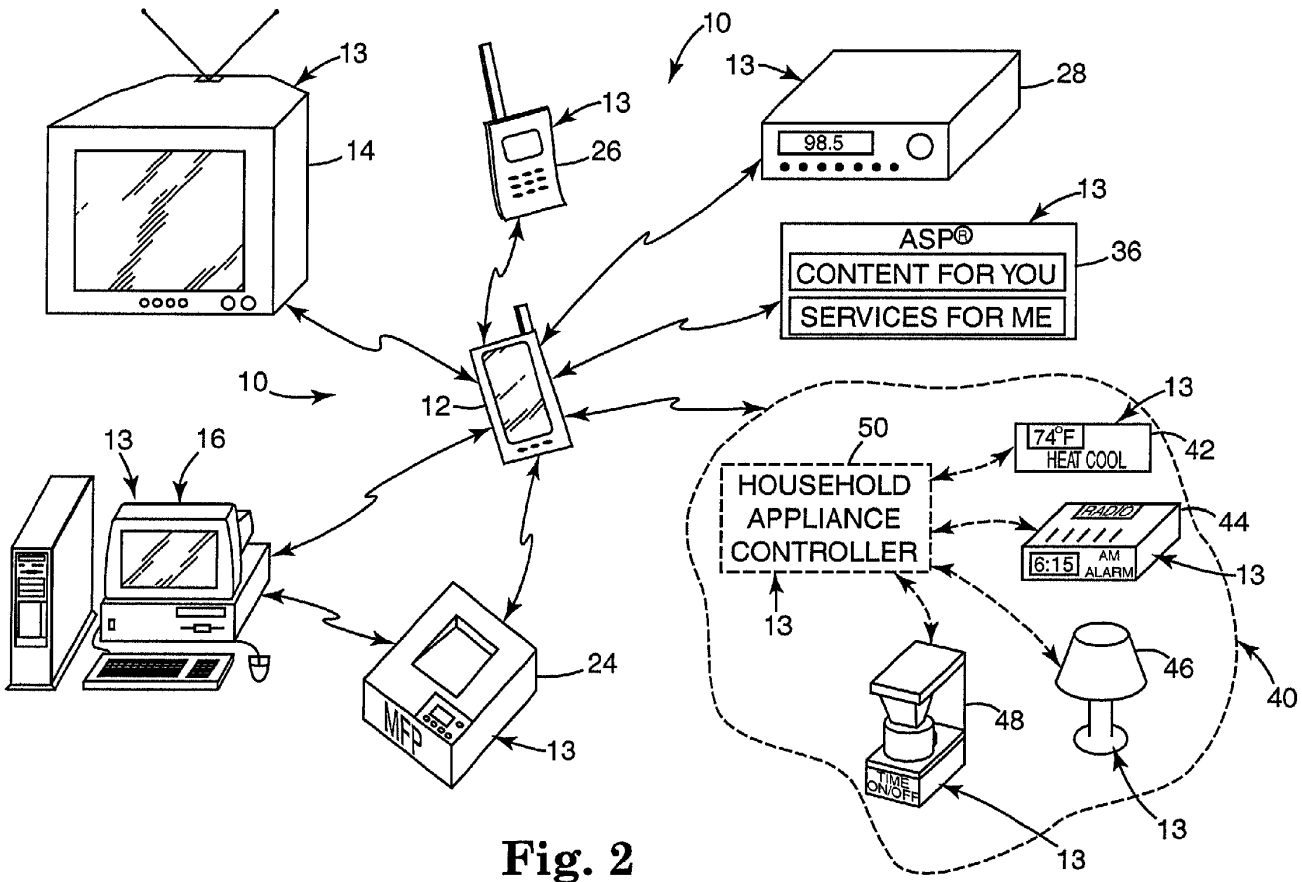


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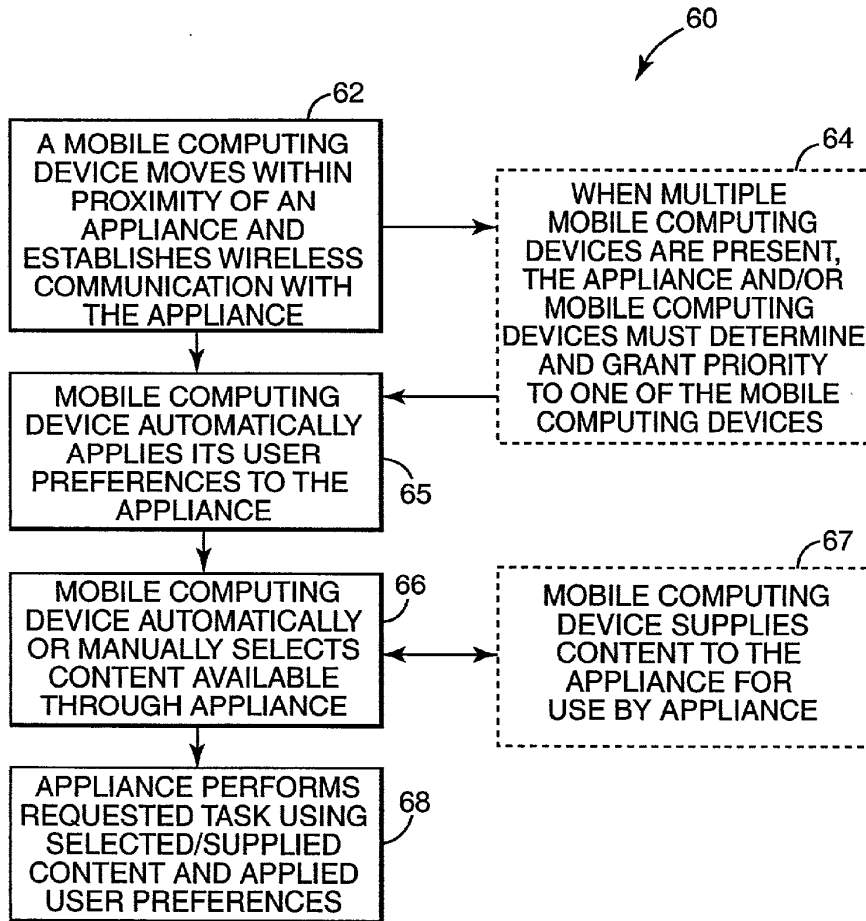


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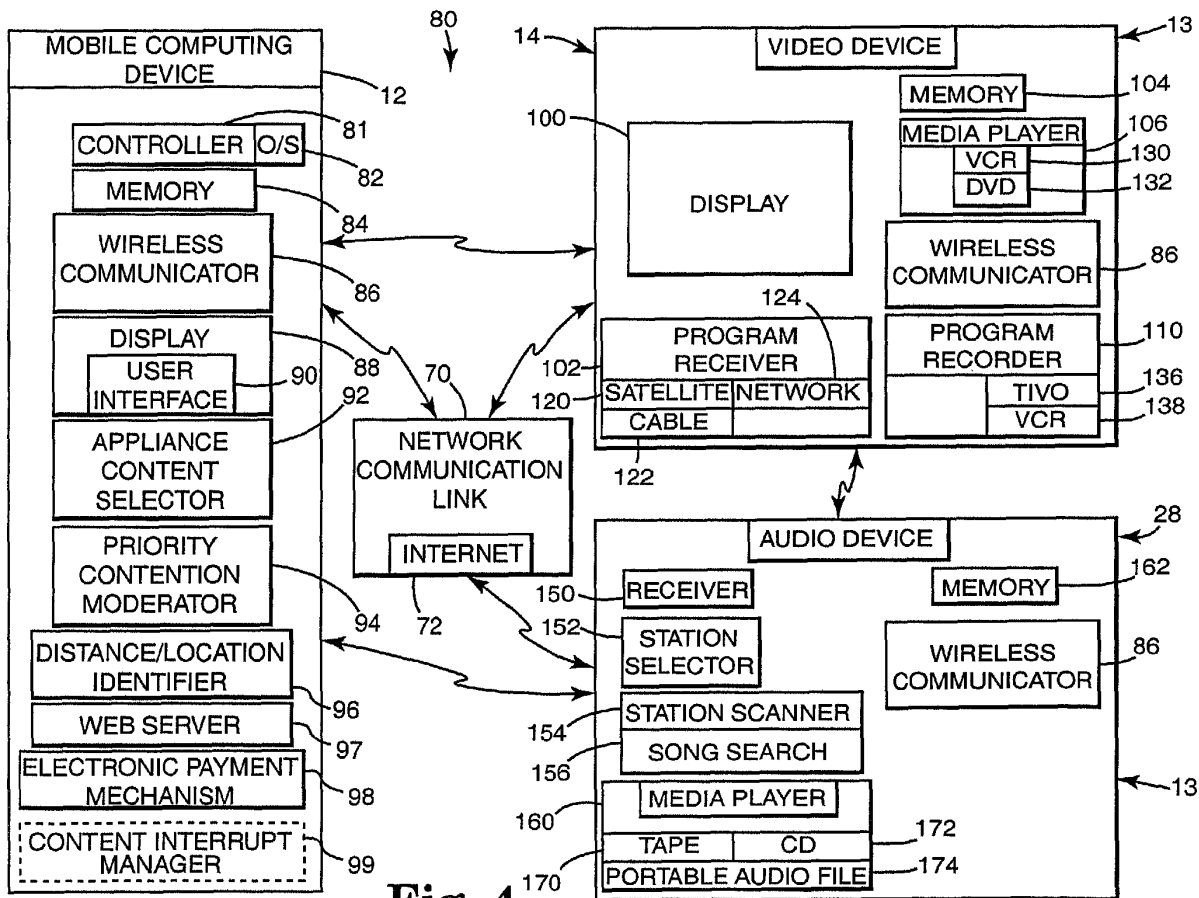


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