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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 13/369,174, filed February 8, 2012 and entitled “SYSTEM FOR REGULATING ACCESS TO AND DISTRIBUTING CONTENT IN A NETWORK,” now U.S. Patent 8,799,468, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 10/989,023, filed November 16, 2004 and entitled “SYSTEM FOR REGULATING ACCESS TO AND DISTRIBUTING CONTENT IN A NETWORK,” now U.S. Patent 8,122,128, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/523,057 filed November 18, 2003, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/538,370 filed January 22, 2004, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/563,064 filed April 16, 2004, the entire content and disclosures of the preceding enumerated provisional and non-provisional applications are hereby incorporated in their entirety.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A system for regulating access to a network, the system comprising:
 - a controller node coupled to the network, the controller node comprising:
 - a first processor for generating controller instructions, and
 - a first network interface for transmitting the controller instructions over the network; and
 - a plurality of gateway units, the gateway units comprising:
 - a user interface receiving user-entered network access requests;
 - a second network interface coupled to the network and receiving the controller instructions from the network; and
 - a second processor, the second processor selectively transmitting at least some of the network access requests over the service provider network in accordance with the controller instructions, and transferring received content data responsive to the transmitted network access requests over the service provider network via the second network interface.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the gateway units further comprise a storage device for storing instructions;

the gateway units further comprise an identifier uniquely associating the gateway units with a user; and the storage device is operable to store user-specific information.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein:

the gateway units comprise a user interface receiving requests to transmit data; and

the gateway units comprise a second processor inspecting the data to selectively transfer the data in accordance with the controller instructions.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein:

the gateway units comprise a user interface receiving requests to receive data; and

the gateway units comprise a second processor inspecting the data to selectively transfer the data in accordance with the controller instructions.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first processor generates the controller instructions automatically.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first processor generates the controller instructions in response to an operator-entered request.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller nodes comprise a first processor generating the controller instructions by operator-controlled network crawling.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller nodes comprise a first processor generating the controller instructions to deny user access to a first group of network servers.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the gateway units comprise a second processor to generate a notification to a controller node if a network access request designates a network server of the first group of network servers.

10. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the gateway units comprise a second processor configured to:

detect a network access request designating a network server a first group of network servers; and

re-direct the access request to a second group of network servers in accordance with the controller instructions.

11. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein:

the controller nodes comprise a first processor generating the controller instructions, the controller instructions including a file identifier; and

the system comprises a plurality of gateway units associated with a user file system, the gateway units comprising a second processor to detect a file in a user file system corresponding to the file identifier.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the gateway units are operable between an active state and an inactive state.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the second processors notify a controller node if the associated gateway unit enters an inactive state.

14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the second processors delete the detected files from a user file system in accordance with the controller instructions.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the second processors delete the detected files from a user file system during the inactive state.

16. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the gateway units notify a controller node if a file corresponding to the file identifier is detected.
17. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units comprise:
a housing; and
a detector for detecting an attempt to open the housing.
18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the gateway unit notifies the controller node of a detected attempt to open the housing after a user-initiated event.
19. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the gateway units comprise a storage device and the second processor prevents access to the storage device when the detector detects an attempt to open the housing.
20. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units comprise a second processor that enters a user-controlled operational mode after receiving permission from the controller node.
21. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller node comprises a copyright registry for tracking copyright status of content data files distributed to gateway units in the system.
22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the user interface receives registrations of the content data files for transmission to the copyright registry.
23. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the second processor causes the gateway unit to access a predetermined network site upon initiation of network browser software, in accordance with the controller instructions.
24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the second processor selects the predetermined network site from a list of predetermined network sites received via

the controller instructions.

25. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the second processor selects the predetermined network site according to a weighting function such that at least a portion of the predetermined network sites are selected more often than others.

26. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units:
receive registration information from a user via the user interface; and
receive initial operating parameters via the second network interface.

27. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units:
receive registration information from a user via the user
interface; and
receive software updates via the second network interface.

28. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein:
the gateway units transmit advertising via the user interface to a user display, the advertising being customized in accordance with information received via at least one of the second network interface and the user interface.

29. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units:
transmit pay-per-view advertising via the user interface for selective display by a user; and
generate payment credits for the user upon display of the advertising by the user.

30. (Original) The system of claim 29, wherein the gateway units generate one of a plurality of viewing modes for viewing the pay-per-view advertising in response to a user selection.

31. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units receive software via the second network interface for execution on the second processor, the software enabling at least one of a fee-based network service, network video calling, and network gaming.

32. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the second processor detects a denial-of-service attack.

33. (Original) The system of claim 32, wherein the second processor detects a denial-of-service attack initiated by a virus.

34. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units selectively transmit to law enforcement terminals information describing at least one of incoming data and outgoing data to the gateway units.

35. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units:
detect a user attempt to at least one of transmit and receive voice traffic; and
selectively block the detected attempt in accordance with the controller instructions.

36. (Original) The system of claim 35 wherein the gateway units transmit, via the user interface, an advertisement offering voice transmission services.

37. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units:
detect a user attempt to at least one of transmit and receive at least one of audio and video traffic; and
selectively block the detected attempt in accordance with the controller instructions.

38. (Original) The system of claim 37, wherein the gateway units transmit, via

the user interface, an advertisement offering at least one of audio and video traffic services.

39. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units:
detect at least one of audio and video traffic flowing through the second network interface; and

selectively reduce the quality of service of the at least one of audio and video traffic in accordance with the controller instructions, wherein reduction of quality of service comprises at least one of:

reducing a duty cycle, inserting TCP/IP messages in the at least one of audio and video traffic, inserting Nak/Ack pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic, and inserting X-On/X-Off pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic.

40. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of access nodes, wherein the controller node comprises a first processor for generating authorization instructions and transmitting the authorization instructions over the network to the access nodes, and the access nodes:

receive the authorization instructions from the controller node; and
selectively permit the gateway units to access the network in accordance with the authorization instructions.

41. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units comprise data storage units partitioned into a network portion and a user portion, and at least one of a first group of gateway units selectively shares data stored in the network partition with at least one of a second group of gateway units, via the second network interface, in accordance with the controller instructions.

42. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the second processor in at least a first one of the gateway units selectively forwards content data received from at least a second one of the gateway units to at least a third one of the gateway units in accordance with the controller instructions.

43. (Original) The system of claim 42 wherein the second processor in at least a first one of the gateway units:

receives portions of a content data file from a group of gateway units in accordance with the controller instructions; and

assembles a data file based on the received portions for transmission to the user via the user interface.

44. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising an intervention node, the intervention node comprising:

an operator interface for receiving operator-entered spoofing attack instructions; and

a third network interface for transmitting at least one substitute file pointer to addresses in the network in accordance with the spoofing attack instructions.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-44 remain pending. Claims 45-115 are canceled herein. No new claims are added. It is respectfully submitted that all claims are fully supported by the original disclosure as originally filed and no new matter has been added.

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DESCRIPTION

Technical Field

[001] This invention is in general related to regulation of access to a network and, more particularly, to distributing content efficiently while protecting the digital rights associated with the content.

Background

[002] The network commonly known as the Internet, or any similar private or managed network, provides a convenient medium for the delivery of electronic data or content such as music, video, games, broadband data, real-time audio and voice applications, and software to subscribers. To accomplish these purposes, the Internet is composed of several components including, for example, content providers for generating content; service providers for delivering content; subscriber terminals for receiving, displaying and playing content; and various additional network elements between service providers and subscribers for aiding in the distribution of the content. Service providers include, for example, telephone line carriers, enterprise data centers, and cable television providers. Subscriber terminals are located at subscriber premises and include, for example, personal computers, televisions configured with modems, a combination of both, or any other combination of consumer electronics capable of presenting electronic content to a subscriber.

[003] Interest in providing delivery of content via the Internet has remained high throughout the growth of the Internet. Several problems have yet to be overcome, however, before the Internet is fully effective at delivering content efficiently and rapidly, while also protecting the rights of the owners of content, that is, the owners of

intellectual property. Techniques for protecting this intellectual property are often referred to as Digital Rights Management (DRM). Recent music industry lawsuits over the distribution of pirated music are evidence of the difficulties not yet solved by current DRM techniques.

[004] Service providers and content providers need the assurance that the intellectual property (music, video, games, software, etc.) will be secure from illegal downloading and transmission over the Internet, a major source of lost revenues and the basis for hundreds of lawsuits. Service providers want this feature to halt the legal onslaught launched by music companies and to encourage the motion picture industry to license their content for distribution over the otherwise unsecured Internet. The motion picture industry is understandably reluctant, having seen the negative impact that piracy has already had on the Music Recording Industry. Content providers thus demand this feature to stop the illegal downloading and transmission of intellectual property over the Internet which has cost the music and movie industries billions of dollars annually. Techniques that reduce the strain on a content provider's resources and reduce the high volumes of network data traffic are also desirable in order to improve the speed and efficiency of accessing content in a network.

[005] Another difficult problem that remains to be solved is providing a means for law enforcement agencies to execute warrants to wire-tap Internet communications such as email and real-time audio and video communications. A solution to this problem is especially desirable considering the importance of thwarting terrorist attacks. The Patriot Act and other recently passed legislation indicate the desirability and importance of providing such capabilities to law enforcement bodies.

[006] It is therefore desirable to provide new access regulation and data traffic control techniques that can be made available to telephone line carriers, ISPs, enterprises, cable television companies, for their Internet access networks. In addition, it is desirable to provide a means for law enforcement bodies to combat the prevalent use of Internet communications in planning illegal operations. In particular, it is desirable to meet these needs using the service provider's existing distribution network.

SUMMARY

[007] Consistent with the invention, there is provided a system for regulating access to a network. The system comprises a controller node coupled to the network, the controller node comprising a first processor for generating controller instructions and a first network interface for transmitting the controller instructions over the network. The system also comprises a plurality of gateway units, the gateway units comprising a user interface receiving user-entered network access requests, a second network interface coupled to the network and receiving the controller instructions from the network and a second processor, the second processor selectively transmitting at least some of the network access requests over the network in accordance with the controller instructions, and transferring content data responsive to the transmitted network access requests over the network via the second network interface.

[008] Consistent with another aspect of the present invention, there is also provided a system for regulating access to a network that is accessed by a plurality of users. The system comprises a controller node coupled to the network, the controller node comprising a first processor for generating controller instructions and a first network interface for transmitting the controller instructions over the network. The

system also comprises a plurality of network units associated with a first group of users, the network units comprising a second network interface coupled to the network and receiving the controller instructions from the network and a second processor, the second processor inhibiting access for a second group of users to content in the network in accordance with the controller instructions.

[009] Consistent with yet another aspect of the present invention, there is also provided a system for distributing content over a network. The system comprises a controller node coupled to the network, the controller node comprising a first processor for generating controller instructions and a first network interface for transmitting the controller instructions over the network. The system also comprises a plurality of network units, the network units comprising a second network interface coupled to the network, the second network interface in at least a first one of the network units receiving the controller instructions from the network and receiving a portion of a content data file from at least a second one of the network units and a second processor, the second processor in the at least first one of the network units selectively forwarding the portion of the content data file received from the at least second one of the network units to at least a third one of the network units in accordance with the controller instructions.

[010] It is to be understood that both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description are exemplary and explanatory only and are not restrictive of the invention, as claimed.

[011] The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate one (several) embodiment(s) of the invention and together with the description, serve to explain the principles of the invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[012] **Figure 1** depicts the overall environment in which the present invention is implemented.

[013] **Figure 2** depicts a communication gateway consistent with the present invention.

[014] **Figure 3** depicts an internet control point consistent with the present invention.

[015] **Figure 4** depicts a network element consistent with the present invention.

[016] **Figure 5** is a flow chart of a method for selectively transmitting network access requests consistent with the present invention.

[017] **Figure 6** is a flow chart of a method for inhibiting access to content servers on a network consistent with the present invention.

[018] **Figure 7** is a flow chart of a method for distributing content in a network consistent with the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[019] System Architecture

[020] Consistent with principles of the present invention, there is provided a system including a Service Preference Architecture (SPA). The SPA is a collection of hardware components and software routines executed by the components.

Components installed at a subscriber's site may be referred to as gateway units, or

more specifically, Communication Gateways (CGs). The subscribers may include residential and business subscribers. The CGs may include a data storage device such as a hard drive, and are operable between active and inactive states. CGs operate in conjunction with SPA-based Internet Service Providers (ISPs) under the control of "controller nodes," hereinafter referred to as Internet Control Points (ICPs). The ICPs are installed in an ISP's network. ICPs may be network-based routers or computers that control the operation of CGs.

[021] The software routines located in CGs and ICPs provide a suite of features for the system. ISPs, such as telecommunication carriers, electronic data centers, and cable TV companies, may be equipped to deliver the suite of features by using a network service based system.

[022] In general, the SPA uses ICPs to control subscriber access to web sites and to deliver data to subscribers. The ICPs control the processing of data sent between subscribers (e.g., client PCs or LAN servers) and the ISPs or content servers with which they are exchanging information, using the CGs. The ICPs cooperate with hardware and software of the CGs located at a subscriber's premises to provide the specific features of the system.

[023] The CGs cannot be tampered with by subscribers. This is accomplished by two aspects of the CGs. First, CGs are specifically designed to permit no subscriber-initiated programming and no access to the CG hardware or software. Instead, the CGs are provided only with compiled code loaded from flash memory, a hard drive, or EEPROM. Updates to this code are obtained from ICPs and encrypted passwords are stored in hidden, undocumented locations to allow authentication of ICP

presence prior to CG control program update. The passwords are changed frequently during an "idle process control" phase and tracked by an ICP.

[024] The second anti-tampering aspect is the provision of a housing for the CGs and a detector consisting of a one or more "deadman" switches that are tripped upon opening the housing or removing a CG's hard drive. The circuit may be either passive or active.

[025] If the detector is passive, it signals an internal controller upon re-start that it has been tripped and causes an event notification sent to an ICP upon next power-up. Upon receipt of the event notification, either the ICP initiates diagnostics and disables the CG if a software tamper has occurred, or the CG disables both its control software and its internal hard drive to prevent the hard drive from operating, until it is returned to the ISP for repair. Subscriber agreements may be used to supply a contract provision specifying that tampering voids the warranty and that the subscriber deeds a portion of the CG to the ISP and agrees to return tampered products to the ISP.

[026] If the detector is active, the "deadman switch" is kept powered by, for example, battery or capacitor. The trip is used to immediately disable the controller software in the processor and the internal hard drive of the CG. Both may be reset only by the ICP, either automatically or by human intervention. These measures prevent subscribers from writing, compiling, executing, modifying, or otherwise tampering with the operating software of the CG. Second, the active mode prevents users from getting access to the content on the hard drive.

[027] In addition to these tamper-proof provisions, all ICP-CG communications take place within the ISP side of the network and ICP-CG communications are secured

with encryption and hashing. Furthermore, all CGs must be registered with the ISP. An ICP will not enable any service to an un-registered CG and an un-registered CG will not operate in an experimental environment at all. At the onset of power-up or transition from an inactive to an active state, the CG signals the ICP and the ICP returns an "OK" message prior to proceeding further. This transaction requires an encrypted password exchange to authorize the CG to enter an "active" state where it can play back, download or be used for anything delivering services to users. These measures ensure secure control of the data flow between both the ICP and the CG. This secure flow of data then enables ISPs to effectively and efficiently control the services provided to subscribers.

[028] Reference will now be made in detail to the present embodiments (exemplary embodiments) of the invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. Wherever possible, the same reference numbers will be used throughout the drawings to refer to the same or like parts.

[029] **Figure 1** illustrates an environment in which the invention may operate. A Service Preference Architecture (SPA) may include at least one Internet Control Point ("ICP") **50** connected to a network **52**. Network **52** may be, for example, the Internet, a metro area network, or a local area network, and may include a plurality of SPA-controlled network elements **54** and non-SPA-controlled network elements **55**. Network elements **54, 55** may include, for example, network switches and routers. SPA-controlled network elements **54** aid in regulating access and distributing content through network **52**.

[030] Also connected to network **52** are content servers including at least one SPA-controlled content server **56** and a plurality of communication gateways (“CGs”) **58**, including CGs **58₁**, **58₂**, . . . **58_n**. A subscriber terminal **60₁**, **60₂**, . . . **60_n** may be connected to each respective CG **58**, or in an alternative embodiment not shown, may be combined with each respective CG **58** to form “converged” CGs **58**.

[031] An SPA-controlled content server **56** may be, for example, a computing terminal used to deliver content services. A content service may include, for example, delivery of any media file (such as movies, music, pictures, and graphics), software file (such as a complete application, operating parameters, data files, or partial application/updates) or a real time application (such as interactive data processing, voice communications or visual communications to an end user). In an alternative embodiment, the functions of SPA-controlled content server **56** and ICP **50** may be combined in a single component.

[032] ICP **50** is typically located remotely from subscriber terminals **60** and regulates both subscriber access to network **52** and distribution of content in network **52**. The content may originate from SPA-controlled content server **56**, for example, or from other content servers **57** in network **52**. ICP **50** works in conjunction with CGs **58** and SPA-controlled network elements **54** by generating instructions which are transmitted over network **52** to CGs **58** and SPA-controlled network elements **54**, where the instructions are executed.

[033] ICP **50** may constitute the source of internet service control and conditional denial of subscriber access to ISP-selected URLs or IP addresses. ICP **50** may control CGs **58** to determine what web site data is allowed to pass through to

subscribers using, for example, web browser programs executing in subscriber terminals **60**. ICP **50** may also control packet inspection processing in CGs **58** to determine which data can be allowed to flow through CGs **58** to and from subscriber terminals **60**, specifically when e-mail or file transfers are initiated. ICP **50** also controls what activities are engaged in by idle CGs **58** when corresponding subscriber terminals **60** are inactive. Idle CGs **58** may receive software downloads from ICP **50**, collect data, and initiate communications activities that are disruptive to certain non-SPA content servers **57** that offer unauthorized copyrighted materials for illegal download by subscribers. Multiple ICPs **50** may be deployed geographically in an ISP's network to support the CG management capacity of ICP **50** and the number of subscribers in its service area.

[034] An ISP may provide an ISP portal **62** to facilitate subscriber access to network **52**. ISP portal **62** may be, for example, an enterprise data center. Access node **66** is associated with the ISP providing ISP portal **62**. ICP **50** interacts with ISP portal **62**, ISP associated access node **66**, and SPA-controlled content server **56** to control subscribers' ability to access services that are offered by ISP portal **62**. ICP **50** also controls CGs **58** to deliver various services, including, for example, advertisements, the home page for ISP Portal **62** or SPA-controlled content server **56** web servers, or software downloads to subscriber terminals **60** for their use of ISP **62** or SPA-controlled content server **56** services.

[035] ICP **50** also interacts with SPA-controlled network elements **54** used by ISP portal **62** to deliver services. ICP **50** controls subscribers' ability to access services that are offered by the ISP portal **62** and controls the operation of the services

themselves by controlling the flow of data through SPA-controlled network elements **54** used by ISP portal **62**.

[036] ICP **50** may be programmed either by human input or by operator-controlled web crawler software. Updates to a database in ICP **50** may be provided by an active intervention system **64** whereby changes to ICP **50** database entries are discovered and implemented. The updates to ICP **50** database may be made in a manner analogous to the regular updating of virus definitions for computer virus and worm protection.

[037] The web crawlers, human intervention, and ICP **50** and CG **58** database updates may be controlled by active intervention system **64**. Active intervention system **64** may include, for example, a set of centrally maintained computer systems. Active intervention system **64** may control the operation of various geographically deployed ICPs **50**.

[038] The process begins with active intervention system **64**. Active intervention system **64** is used by human operators to discover new URLs or IP addresses to “pirate” sites to conditionally deny access to these URLs or IP addresses by CGs **58**, discover changes needed to implement Digital Rights Management (DRM) techniques, discover and record new packet characteristics, install wiretaps as ordered, process new copyright registry entries, change encryption techniques, and perform other management services. ICPs **50** then deliver active and real time executed network management, distribute new database entries and software changes to CGs **58** and track operation of the SPA-controlled network elements **54**. Although one ICP **50** is illustrated there may be more. Thus, multiple ICPs **50** may be networked together to

enable them to manage large numbers of SPA-controlled network elements **54** and provide redundant, highly reliable operation. Furthermore, ICPs **50** may all use identical databases to enable uninterrupted network management.

[039] As illustrated in **Figure 2**, a CG **58** may include a user interface **100** that receives subscriber requests, entered by subscribers at an associated subscriber terminal **60**, to access network **52**. CG **58** may also include a network interface **102** to exchange data with network **52** and to receive instructions from ICP **50**; a memory device **104** including a database for storing ICP-generated instructions, initial operating parameters, and other records; a processor **106** to implement the instructions; a content storage device **108** having a user partition and a network partition for storing content; and a housing disassembly detector **110** to prevent tampering, as described above. Memory device **104** may be, for example, a bank of one or more semiconductor memories, a bank of one or more hard disk drives, a combination of semiconductor memories and hard disk drives or any other device that holds data. Processor **106** may be, for example, a general purpose processor (such as a Pentium 4 processor, an integrated circuit, or collection of integrated circuits) that can execute program instructions and is designed to allow control of CG **58** to be implemented in purely software and may also be used for non-CG related general purpose computing applications, or processor **106** may be a special purpose processor (integrated circuit or collection of integrated circuits) that can execute program instructions and is designed with only the power, bus, memory, logic and hardware accelerators needed to control CG **58**. Content storage **108** may be, for example, a bank of one or more semiconductor memories, a bank of one or more hard disk drives, a combination of

semiconductor memories and hard disk drives or any other device that holds data. CGs may be provided in various forms, such as, for example, a gateway module that combines TV, video, internet and voice access, a dial-up remote access server, an ADSL modem/router, a satellite TV gateway, a cable TV modem, a converged set top-plus-internet gateway, a wireless modem, or other fixed or mobile computing, playback, recording, display or communications device including radio, TV, stereo, wireless phone, phone, DVD, VCR, WLAN access point, wireless broadband or narrowband modem, or similar device.

[040] As illustrated in **Figure 3**, an ICP **50** may include one or more network interfaces **200**, one or more processors **202**, a memory device **204** including a database for storing records, and a non-internet communications link for traffic between processors and shared storage and memory. The records preferably include instructions that may be updated by active intervention system **64** and distributed to CGs **58** and SPA-controlled network elements **54** for execution.

[041] As illustrated in **Figure 4**, SPA-controlled network elements **54** may include one or more network interfaces **300**, one or more processors **302**, a memory device **304** including a database, and one or more switch modules **306** for providing routing and switching services. Components **300**, **302**, and **304** may operate in a similar fashion to the corresponding components of the CGs. SPA-controlled network element **54** may be provided in various forms, such as, for example, a computer used to deliver data services or content services, a core router or ATM switch, a subscriber management system used to control access to the network, authenticate subscribers or devices before allowing access into the network, a DSLAM, cable modem system,

wireless modem system, or any other multiplexing or channel service delivery system, or a satellite that incorporates any of these elements.

[042] Service Initialization

[043] CGs **58** may be required to register with ICP **50** when they are powered up for the first time. CGs **58** will remain inactive until they receive a registration confirmation from SPA-controlled content server **56** or ICP **50**. The registration process may include collection of information by ICP **50** for a warranty registration from the subscriber such as, for example, CG's **58** hardware address and other identifying data. ICP **50** will then send CG **58** the latest operating software, if necessary, and its initial operating parameters to load in memory **104**. Initial operating parameters may include, for example, the address of the CG's **58** ICP **50** and other variables as described below. Subsequent re-registrations may be initiated by CG **58** under subscriber control for address or ISP changes.

[044] Active and Inactive CG Processing Control

[045] Upon power down or inactivity timeout of CG **58**, CG **58** may register itself as "idle" by sending an event notification to ICP **50**. The duration of an inactivity timeout may be preset and may be changed by input to ICP **50** for distribution to all CGs **58** under the control of ICP **50**.

[046] Upon subsequent re-activation, which may be initiated by either power up or signals from subscriber terminal **60**, CG **58** identifies itself as "active" by sending an event notification to ICP **50**, which responds with an acknowledgement. Failure of a CG **58** to receive an acknowledgement results in a series of re-tries until finally a timeout or maximum number of re-tries occurs. When this occurs, a diagnostic program may be

executed in CG **58** to advise the subscriber what to do next, based on the deduced source of the failure. Active CGs **58** may process and control delivery of content and services from SPA-controlled content server **56** or ISP portal **62**. Inactive CGs **58** may process and control either CG maintenance or may carry out activity delegated to inactive CGs by design.

[047] **Conditional Denial**

[048] **Figure 5** shows a method, consistent with the invention for regulating user access to a network. In step **400**, a gateway unit associated with a user receives controller instructions from the network. Next, at step **402**, the gateway unit receives a network access request from a user, via a subscriber terminal. At step **404**, the gateway unit selectively transmits the network access requests over the network in accordance with the controller instructions. Finally, at step **406**, the gateway unit receives content data responsive to the transmitted network access request from the network. Consistent with the present invention, this section, and others that follow, describe in more detail the implementation of this method.

[049] CGs **58**, under ICP **50** control, may provide a network-based Digital Rights Management (DRM) service. The DRM service denies subscribers the capability to send or to receive data from or to “pirate” URLs or IP addresses that are known to contain unlicensed copyrighted material. In implementing this denial, CG **58** deletes the “pirate” URL or IP address and substitutes the URL or IP address of a site that offers licensed copyrighted materials for legal, authorized sale. The list of “pirate” URLs or IP addresses that are known to contain unlicensed copyrighted material may be regularly updated, similar to the manner in which virus definitions are regularly updated.

[050] Furthermore, when other non-web browser programs executing in subscriber terminals **60** attempt to access a blocked site, the request to the URL or IP address of the blocked site may be redirected to a legal content provider's URL or IP address or ignored.

[051] Upon registration of a CG **58** as "active," ICP **50** may update the list in CG **58** of DRM URL or IP address substitutions.

[052] **Packet Inspection**

[053] CGs **58** and SPA-controlled network elements **54** may perform packet inspection to determine the file type of all files being transferred through CG **58** or SPA-controlled network elements **54**, based on file properties, including, for example, file extension, file format, header or trailer contents and URL/IP addresses that are known sources of unauthorized copyrighted material. ICP **50** programs CGs **58** and SPA-controlled network elements **54** with certain data patterns. These data patterns may be any length and may contain exact matches or regular expressions. When certain data patterns are recognized, the data transfer may be stopped or another action may be taken, based on instructions delivered by ICP **50**.

[054] **E-Mail Server & Client Spoofing**

[055] A CG **58** or the first SPA-controlled network element **54** capable of switching traffic inside the network may present itself to the subscriber terminal **60** as the associated subscriber's e-mail server, which may be a network element **54**. In addition, the CG **58** or the first SPA-controlled network element **54** capable of switching traffic inside the network may present itself to the subscriber's e-mail server as a subscriber terminal **60**. In this manner, CG **58** or the first network element **54** capable

of switching traffic inside the network acts as a two-way encryption/decryption point to enable inspection of what would otherwise be encrypted data. When e-mail is sent through CG 58 or the first network element 54 capable of switching traffic inside the network, all attached files are inspected using, for example, packet inspection techniques described above. Based on ICP-delivered instructions, CG 58 or the first network element 54 capable of switching traffic inside the network may then deny access to incoming files, stop transfer of outgoing files, or take other action.

[056] **Browser, Program Communications, & URL or IP Address Access Blocking**

[057] Under control of ICP 50, CG 58 may block subscriber access to a list of URLs or IP addresses. When CG 58 registers with ICP 50 as "active", CG 58 receives from ICP 50 an update to its list of denied URL or IP addresses and its substitute list. The substitute list includes, for example, URLs or IP addresses to be substituted for certain URLs or IP addresses denied to the subscriber by CG 58. A subscriber-entered request in a web browser program to display a denied URL or IP address or a program call made by a program running on subscriber terminal 60 to connect to a denied URL or IP address may be allowed to time out. Alternatively, CG 58 may present a substitute URL or IP address from its substitute list to be displayed to the subscriber. Time-out may occur when no substitute URL or IP address exists. An ISP may optionally allow a subscriber to submit entries to the list of denied URLs or IP addresses for parental control purposes. Converged CGs 58 may also use this blocking feature to grant access and deliver only ISP-provided video services that subscribers have

subscribed to, excluding all others. This blocking feature may also be used to block web sites for public policy, court-ordered or ISP policy purposes.

[058] Event Notification

[059] CGs **58** and SPA-controlled network elements **54** deliver an event notification to ICP **50** whenever a packet inspection match is made or an attempt to access a conditionally denied URL is detected.

[060] Virus-Initiated Denial of Service Traffic Blocking

[061] Repeated and rapid attempts to send data to one or a short list of URLs or IP addresses by any subscriber terminal **60** served by CG **58** are detected by CG **58** and traffic to the identified sites is not forwarded.

[062] Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Blocking

[063] For subscribers who are not VoIP subscribers, CG **58** or SPA controlled network elements **54** may identify attempts to use VoIP services by recognizing destination URL, source URL, packet length, header information or packet contents. Incoming or outgoing VoIP packets may be discarded and an advertisement offering VoIP subscription service may be delivered and displayed to subscriber terminal **60**.

[064] Real Time Video or Audio Streaming Blocking

[065] For subscribers who are not real time quality-of-service subscribers, CG **58** or SPA controlled network elements **54** may identify attempts to use real time applications by recognizing destination URL, source URL, packet length, header information or packet contents. Incoming or outgoing real time packets may be discarded and an advertisement offering a real time streaming subscription service may be delivered and displayed to subscriber terminal **60**.

[066] Real Time Video or Audio Quality-of-Service (QoS) Reduction

[067] For subscribers who are not real time quality-of-service subscribers or who attempt to access portals that are known to offer illegal P2P file sharing, CG 58 or SPA controlled network elements 54 may identify real-time applications by recognizing destination URL, source URL, packet length, header information or packet contents. Upon identification, CG 58 or SPA controlled network elements 54 may reduce the speed with which traffic is delivered through reducing the duty cycle at which data is transferred. This may be done by insertion of TCP/IP messages, Nak/Ack or X-On/X-Off pairs. An advertisement offering real time QoS subscription service may be delivered if the site requested is not a known illegal P2P site.

[068] Internet or Data Network Access Authentication

[069] This technique prevents subscribers from substituting foreign gateways and logging on to Internet (broadband or narrowband remote) access servers without controls on their data flow.

[070] After ICP 50 has authorized the flow of data through a CG 58, ICP 50 may send authorization instructions to access node 66 associated with the ISP providing ISP portal 62. Access node 66 may be, for example, an internet access server or subscriber management system. The authorization instructions must be received by access node 66 before the subscriber may be authenticated and granted internet access.

[071] Denial of Service and Spoofing Attacks on Sites Distributing Unlicensed Copyrighted Material

[072] A method, consistent with the invention, for regulating user access to a plurality of content servers in a network is shown in Figure 6. First, at step 500, a

network unit associated with a first group of users receives controller instructions from the network. Next, at step **502**, the network unit selectively inhibits access to a portion of the content servers by a second group of users in accordance with the controller instructions. Consistent with the present invention, this section describes the implementation of this method in more detail.

[073] Network units, including, for example, powered up and inactive CGs **58** and SPA-controlled network elements **54**, may be directed by instructions received from an ICP **50** to initiate repeated requests for service or other similar transactions to URLs or IP addresses of “pirate” sites, that is, sites that have been identified for interdiction in an ICP-delivered conditional denial of service list. ICP **50** may activate such attacks on any of several bases: “scheduled with duration,” “real time activated” by ICP **50**, or “event driven.” When attacks are “scheduled with duration”, ICP **50** directs CG **58** to attack at a certain time and attack for a specified time interval. When attacks are “real time activated,” ICP **50** directs CG **58** to immediately begin or end attacks. When attacks are “event driven,” ICP **50** directs CG **58** to begin attacks upon instance of an event, such as entering inactive state. A “scheduled with duration” attack may be combined with an “event driven” attack so that an attack begins upon instance of an event and ends after a time interval specified by ICP **50**. In this way, subscribers not served by CGs **58** under ICP **50** control may also be denied access to copyrighted materials. Thus, the impact of initially deployed CGs **58** greatly expands to prevent access to pirated material in network **52**.

[074] In addition to directing denial of service attacks on URLs or IP addresses in the conditional denial of service list, ICP **50** may direct CGs **58** and SPA-controlled

network elements **54** to perform similar attacks on URLs or IP addresses identified by a government or law enforcement body including, for example, the Department of Defense. This technique would be desirable when, for example, an identified URL or IP address is being used to plan dangerous criminal or terrorist activities.

[075] Many P2P servers facilitate the distribution of unlicensed copyrighted content. Human operators using active intervention system **64** may discover the IP address or URLs of such servers. This may be accomplished via several methods, including, for example, subscribing to P2P services or using P2P software from multiple sources.

[076] The files being shared via P2P resource address servers may then be examined by the human operators to discover which Internet servers contain links to unlicensed copyrighted content. The URLs and IP addresses of P2P servers offering or containing links to unlicensed copyrighted material may be blocked by placing them on a blocked address list maintained by ICP **50**.

[077] Human operators then use active intervention system **64** to enter spoofing attack instructions by uploading to various P2P resource address servers substitute file pointers. The substitute file pointers specify to the servers the identities of what are supposedly unlicensed copyrighted files and re-direct access requests from P2P users seeking the unlicensed copyright files to substitute files. Network units, including, for example, powered up and inactive CGs **58** and SPA-controlled network elements **54**, may also be directed by instructions received from an ICP **50** to upload substitute file pointers to various P2P resource address servers.

[078] The substitute files may be, for example, non-working or defectively working files or may contain messages informing the user that access has been prevented and that legal copies may be obtained elsewhere.

[079] **Copyright Registry**

[080] A registry is centrally kept and enabled access by ICP 50. Subscribers who have purchased copyrighted material may be registered by the seller or may self-register as owners of a license to use the material. Furthermore, non-copyrighted material may be registered in order to identify files having no limit on the number of copies made or that may be e-mailed or downloaded without intervention.

[081] **Copyrighted File Deletion**

[082] A powered-up inactive CG 58 may, under ICP 50 control, inspect the computer file system associated with any subscriber terminal 60 available to it on the network to which CG 58 is attached. CG 58 may notify ICP 50 of file names that match packet inspection patterns to identify the presence of copyrighted material to which the associated subscriber may not be entitled. Human intervention via active intervention system 64 or, alternatively, the copyright registry, may be used to verify a subscriber's entitlement to copyrighted materials found on the subscriber's file system. If no entitlement is found, a CG 58 associated with the file system may then delete the files to which the subscriber is not entitled.

[083] **First Portal Visibility ("First Portal")**

[084] The "first portal" feature is used to present to subscribers a specific URL, with content specified by the ISP, as the "first portal" page to be displayed to a subscriber upon launch of a web browser regardless of the subscriber's selection as

“home” in the web browser program running on subscriber terminal **60**. CG **58** delivers the “first portal” under ICP **50** direction. The “first portal” may be selected from a list of URLs or IP addresses upon web browser launch or resumption of activity when, for example, an inactivity timeout has occurred. ICP **50** may periodically change the list of URLs or IP addresses delivered to CG **58**. CG **58** receives the subscriber’s URL requests via user interface **100** and delivers instead the “first portal” URL. The subscriber may be presented with a rotational scroll of URLs or IP addresses, in which each URL in the ICP-delivered list of URLs or IP addresses is presented in round robin fashion each time a new “first portal” opportunity is created. Alternatively, the list received from ICP **50** may consist of one URL or the URLs or IP addresses in the list may be processed by a weighting function so that some URLs appear more often than others. The specific weighting function may optionally be configured by an ISP.

[085] **Advertising**

[086] Under control of ICP **50**, ISP portal **62** may present a set of generalized and/or customized advertisements to subscriber terminal **60** during the presentation of pages from the “first portal” URL and during events specified by ISP portal **62**. CG **58** may receive, via network interface **102**, a list of advertisements or URLs or IP addresses from ICP **50** to be presented to the subscriber associated with subscriber terminal **60**. Ads can be customized by ICP **50** based on ISP input, subscriber input, zip code, URLs or IP addresses viewed by subscribers. A set of events that trigger the ad presentation to the browser on subscriber terminal **60** may be transferred from ICP **50** to CG **58** under operator control. Events may be time triggered or may include such things as new URL or IP ADDRESS requests or commencement or completion of data

transfer. Advertising may be delivered via pop-up windows, browser windows, e-mail messages or physical media sent to subscriber terminal **60**.

[087] Service Applet Downloads

[088] Subscribers who subscribe to fee-based services such as video calling, games or gambling may receive applet downloads from ICP **50** or from SPA content server **56**. The applet downloads may then be loaded to an associated subscriber terminal **60** or network appliance/controller. The applets are typically the resident software required for the service. CG **58**, under ICP **50** control, may restrict the applet download to only the services subscribed to by the subscriber. Applet updates may be delivered to a subscriber when they are on-line and CG **58** is registered with ICP **50** as active.

[089] Law Enforcement Monitoring

[090] Law enforcement or national security agencies worldwide have interests in monitoring use of the Internet and e-mail during "threat" situations. Such agencies are also charged with gaining access to Internet communications under legal warrants. With this feature, some or all data flowing through CG **58** or SPA-controlled network elements **54** may be copied to specific law enforcement or national security monitoring sites (not shown in figures). To send only a portion of traffic, the data stream may be monitored by a packet inspection engine at CGs **58** or SPA-controlled network elements **54** to sniff IP addresses or data and send selected traffic to appropriate agency sites. The monitoring is activated by a human interaction with ICP **50** via active intervention system **64** and monitoring instruction are then sent to the appropriate CG(s) **58** or SPA-controlled network element(s) **54**.

[091] Pay Per View (PPV) Advertising

[092] This technique allows subscribers to view advertising in a searchable format. The advertisements may be video, text, audio or a combination of two or all three media formats. A search result showing short descriptions of returned advertisements may be presented to the subscriber. The subscriber may then select an advertisement they are interested in viewing or listening to.

[093] When packaged with a video delivery service, subscribers may generally skip advertisements that are embedded in the video programming and may search advertisements with text input and receive advertisements that match their interest. For each advertisement viewed, the subscriber may be paid for viewing it. Payment may be nominal and used to stimulate high penetration of advertisement viewing by interested subscribers who are actually shopping and buying products presented in the advertisements.

[094] Playback of advertisements may be in a "click and play" mode, a "short play and skip to the next" mode or a "play until I say stop" mode. Conversion between playback modes may be controlled by the subscriber.

[095] PPV Advertisers may purchase placement high up in the listings. Subscribers may input weighting to search terms to raise or lower the placement order of advertisements for the display of search results.

[096] When PPV Advertising is packaged with audio delivery service, the audio equivalent to display weighting by the subscriber may be delivered by use of subscriber terminal 60 or a remote control. A subscriber may select a continuous playback of

advertisements mode or a “listen and skip” mode to allow the subscriber to listen to any portion then skip to the next advertisement.

[097] Text may be added to either video or audio services by use of a display embedded in the advertisement playback device.

[098] Efficient Content Delivery using CG Based Caching / Storage and Access Network Bandwidth for Content Service Delivery

[099] A method, consistent with the invention, for distributing content data over a network is shown in **Figure 7**. First, at step **600**, a first network unit receives content distribution instructions from the network. Next, at step **602**, the first network unit stores a first portion of content data from the network. Next, at step **604**, the first network unit initiates a request over the network, in accordance with the content distribution instructions and in response to a user request, for the remainder of the content data. At step **606**, the first network unit receives the remainder of the content data from the network. Then, at step **608**, the first network unit assembles the first portion of content data with the remainder of the content data. At step **610**, the first network unit supplies the assembled content data to the user. Finally at step **612**, the first network unit selectively forwards the first portion of content data to a second network unit in accordance with the content distribution instructions.

[0100] In more detail, consistent with the present invention, this method combines the use of network units, such as CGs **58**, that store a portion or slice of content being delivered with ICP control of content delivery so that CGs **58** are used to deliver content to one another from their small slice of content upon request by subscribers. SPA-controlled content server **56** first receives all the incoming content.

SPA-controlled content server **56** may be composed of any number of platforms. The incoming content may be video, music, books, software, games and so forth.

Subsequent to receipt of the content, SPA-controlled content server **56** then distributes a sufficiently large fraction of the content for storage within CGs **58** within its subscriber network so as to reduce demand for data communication through its network connection. Individual CGs **58** receive controller instructions from ICP **50** and a small slice or portion of the total content. The slices of content thus downloaded to CGs **58** approach 100% of the content delivered. The slices of content thus downloaded are stored in a network partition of content storage **108** within each CG **58** to which SPA-controlled content server **56** has the only “write” permission and to which subscribers have only “read” permission and then only by request for the content and as directed to download the content from CG **58** or from SPA-controlled content server **56** to CG **58** by the ICP **50**. Content requested by subscribers may also be stored on this network partition of content storage **108**. A subscriber may have permission to delete content as a result of that subscriber’s request. All subscriber “deletes” may be allowed immediately or delayed to a later event by ICP **50**, based upon the need to distribute the content from CG **58** to additional CGs to satisfy other subscriber requests. The IP address and other unique identifying information about which CG **58** holds which portion of content is tracked by SPA-controlled content server **56** and ICP **50**. This technique furthermore parses each individual file into smaller chunks and then places them in several sets of CGs **58** so as to place several “seed CGs” within the network that contain the same content. In this way, a storm of packets may be created that overcomes the imbalance between upstream and downstream bit rate speeds delivered

to CGs **58**. Many CGs with lower upstream (CG to network) rates can download data to a CG requesting a download with a higher downstream (network to CG) rate. In addition, SPA-controlled network elements **54** may aid in distribution of content by storing seeds, or slices of content, to be distributed so as to reduce demand on SPA-controlled content server **56**.

[0101] In response to a subscriber's request for content, the subscriber may have access to all content stored on the network partition of both their own CG and other CGs under control of ICP **50**. When many subscribers request the same content, then ICP **50** directs a replication of content as it is distributed to CGs **58**. "Replication" is a technique whereby the first CG to receive specific content forwards that content to other CGs. These other CGs may, in turn, download content to several subsequent CGs. Thus CG **58** selectively forwards the portion of the content file in accordance with instructions received from ICP **50**. In this manner, all CGs receive content in a shorter period of time. ICP **50** directs content to be delivered to the requesting subscriber's CG from SPA-controlled content server **56** if the file is not available from any other CG. Once a content file is resident in CG **58**, the associated subscriber may select it for playback. Content is either displayed on consumer electronics, displayed on subscriber terminals **60** or delivered to other terminals, as allowed by the content's license grant. Content delivered at a subscriber's request will be stored on the network partition of that subscriber's CG **58**. Playback, use of content with consumer electronics, and/or file transfer may be allowed, in accordance with the license grant.

[0102] ICP **50** keeps track of which CGs **58** are powered up and are active and available. ICP **50** also keeps track of the content that was written to the active CGs by

SPA-controlled content server **56**. Content may be purged from the CG network partitions on a regular basis by several methods. First, a “deletion date” may be used for each content file. Second, SPA-controlled content server **56** may purge content when new content is delivered, with SPA-controlled content server **56** notifying CG **58** of the purge. Third, the oldest content may be purged if space in the network partition is too small to accept new content. Fourth, subscribers may delete content previously downloaded at subscriber request.

[0103] CG **58** may also contain a user partition in which a subscriber may store his or her own content. The content stored in a user partition may be any file, including, for example, media, software, and data files. The content stored in a user partition may also be accessed by subscribers via subscriber terminal **60** or may be transferred to various consumer electronics at the subscriber location to be played or displayed.

[0104] ICP, CG, and Network Element Database Structures

[0105] Each ICP **50** may keep a master database used for control of SPA-controlled content servers **56**, CGs **58**, and SPA-controlled network elements **54**. The master database may be managed by a database system that is accessed by ICP software. Preferably, no storage space is allocated for record fields with null content. Each CG **58**, network element **54**, and SPA-controlled content server **56** may also keep a subset of the master database for use in processing.

[0106] The following sections describe the various types of data kept in ICP **50** master database and in CG **58**, network element **54**, and SPA-controlled content server **56** databases.

[0107] Individual Managed CG, Network Element, Content Server and Provider/Subscriber Identifiers

[0108] ICP **50**, CG **58**, network element **54**, and SPA-controlled content server **56** databases may each contain hardware records. ICP's **50** master database records may include an active record for each CG **58**, network element **54**, and SPA-controlled content server **56** managed by ICP **50** with a "history archive" including up to ten past records to account for subscriber, ISP portal **62**, network element **54**, CG **58**, and SPA-controlled content server **56** software changes. The information in master database records may include, for example, subscriber/contact name, company name, address, city, state, country, post code, telephone number, e-mail address, hardware addresses of CG **58**, SPA-controlled network element **54**, or SPA-controlled content server **56**, unique identifiers of CG **58**, SPA-controlled network element **54** or SPA-controlled content server **56**, model number, serial number, hardware release version, software release version, law enforcement copy to URLs, events logged from CG **58**, network element **54** or SPA-controlled content server **56**, authentication pre-authorization URL or IP address, active process image ID, inactive process image ID, active/inactive flag, real time QoS Flag, and VoIP QoS Flag.

[0109] CG **58**, network element **54**, and SPA-controlled content server **56** database records may each include their own individual corresponding identifying information.

[0110] Current Production Software Versions and Images by CG, Network Element or Content Server Model

[0111] This record is kept only in ICP 50 master database. The following fields may be kept in the master database record for each managed CG 58, network element 54 or SPA-controlled content server 56: model number, hardware release version, software release version, current code image, last two code images, and release notes for customer support.

[0112] Managing ICP List

[0113] The managing ICP list data is kept only in CG 58, SPA-controlled network element 54, and SPA-controlled content server 56 databases. This data includes a list of URL or IP addresses for ICPs 50 that can control the associated CG 58, network element 54, or SPA-controlled content server 56. The first entry is permanent and allows for initial registration and download of ICP addresses for the ISP associated with the specific CG, network element, or SPA-controlled content server.

[0114] Active Process Image List

[0115] ICP 50, CG 58, network element 54, and SPA-controlled content server 56 databases each contain active process image list data. Active processes are sub-routines that may be executed by the production software running on each CG 58 when the CG is in an active state. The active processes can be changed by ICP 50, without changing the current production software, whenever a CG 58, SPA-controlled network element 54, or SPA-controlled content server 56 performs an "I'm Active" login. Copies of active process routines may be downloaded to CGs 58, SPA-controlled network elements 54, or SPA-controlled content servers 56, as directed by an image

distribution routine applied to ICP **50** by human input at active intervention system **64**.

A human operator may identify a set of “unique identifiers” that may be loaded with each specific active process. The active process image list may be null.

[0116] Idle Process Image List

[0117] ICP **50**, CG **58**, network element **54**, and SPA-controlled content server **56** databases may each contain idle process image list data. Idle processes are sub-routines that may be executed by the production software running on each CG **58** when the CG is in an active state. The idle processes can be changed by ICP **50**, without changing the production software, whenever a CG **58**, SPA-controlled network element **54** or SPA-controlled content server **56** performs an “I’m Idle” login. The idle process images are downloaded to CGs **58**, SPA-controlled network elements **54**, or SPA-controlled content servers **56** as directed by an image distribution routine applied to ICP **50** by human input at active intervention system **64**. The human operator may identify a set of “unique identifiers” that may be loaded with each specific idle process. The idle process image list may be null.

[0118] P2P Idle Process Attack URL List

[0119] P2P idle process attack URL list data is kept only in ICP **50** and CG **58** databases. The data contains a list of URLs or IP addresses of sites containing illegally distributed unlicensed materials that may be attacked by the idle process. The list may be null. This list contains a set of flags to define the type of content the illegal sites are known by active intervention system **64** to offer.

[0120] Department of Defense (DOD) Idle Process Attack URL List

[0121] DOD idle process attack URL list data is kept only in ICP **50**, CG **58**, and SPA-controlled network elements **54** databases. This is a list of URLs or IP addresses, generated by DOD, of sites that are to be attacked during the idle process. The list may be null.

[0122] “First Look” URL List

[0123] “First look” URL list data is kept only in ICP **50** and CG **58** databases. The data contains lists of URLs or IP addresses that will be presented to subscribers with the “first portal” browser screen. This list may be null, or may have one or more entries. Multiple entries may be cycled through by a routine built into ICP **50** or CG **58** software.

[0124] Advertisement Insertion URL List

[0125] Advertisement insertion URL list data is kept only in ICP **50** and CG **58** databases. The data contains a list of URLs or IP addresses that are presented to subscribers as “advertising” browser screens. This list may be null, or may have one or more entries. Multiple entries may be cycled through by a routine built into CG **58**.

[0126] Legal Content URL List

[0127] Legal content URL list data is kept only in ICP **50** and CG **58** databases. The data contains a list of URLs or IP addresses that are presented to subscribers as legal content sites when they attempt to connect their browser to a URL or IP address that is on the “P2P Blocked URL” List. This list may be null, or may have one or more entries. Multiple entries will be cycled through by a routine built into the CG **58**. The content flags from the P2P Blocked URL list are used by active CG **58** or SPA-

controlled content server **56** processes to present the subscriber with a browser screen containing links to "Legal Content URLs" that match what the subscriber tried to access.

[0128] P2P Blocked URL List

[0129] P2P blocked URL list data is kept only in ICP **50** and CG **58** databases. The data contains a list of URLs or IP addresses of sites containing illegally distributed unlicensed materials that are to be blocked from access by the active process. The list may be null. This list contains a set of flags to define the type of content the illegal sites are known by active intervention system **64** to offer. The flags are used by CG **58** software to present a browser screen to subscribers containing "Legal Content Sites" that offer similar content to what the P2P Blocked URL offers when they try to point their browser to a site on this list.

[0130] P2P QoS Restriction URL List

[0131] P2P QoS restriction URL list data is kept only in ICP **50** and CG **58** databases. The data contains a list of URLs or IP addresses of sites containing illegally distributed unlicensed materials whose throughput to and from subscribers is to be severely constricted by the active process. The list may be null. This list contains a set of flags to define the type of content the illegal sites are known by active intervention system **64** to offer. The flags are used by CG **58** active software to present a "first portal" or advertising browser screen to subscribers containing "legal content sites" that offer similar content to what the P2P QoS restricted URL Offers.

[0132] Portal Blocked URL List

[0133] Portal blocked URL list data is kept only in ICP **50**, CG **58**, and network element **54** databases. The data contains a list of URLs or IP addresses that are

blocked as dictated by ISP policy or as required by regulators or court order. Blocking is performed by CG 58 active process or network element 54. The list may be null. The list is used by the active process to present a browser screen to subscribers containing a "URL not available" message, or something similar, to the requesting subscriber.

[0134] Portal QoS Restriction URL List

[0135] Portal QoS restriction URL list data is kept only in ICP 50, CG 58, and network element 54 databases. The data contains a list of URLs or IP addresses of sites whose QoS are to be severely restricted by CG 58 active process or SPA-controlled network element 54 due to lack of contractual arrangements with an associated ISP to deliver high throughput or a high level of traffic generated into the network. The list may be null. Such restriction controls core network costs for an ISP.

[0136] Law Enforcement Agency "Copy To" List

[0137] Law enforcement agency "copy to" list data is kept only in ICP 50, CG 58, and network element 54 databases. The data contains a list of CGs 58, SPA-controlled network elements 54 or SPA-controlled content servers 56 being wiretapped, identified by a unique identifier, and the URL or IP address of the law enforcement site(s) to whose URL the traffic is to be copied. It is created by human input at active intervention system 64 upon receipt of a legal wiretap order. The list may be null. More than one agency may be copied.

[0138] Packet Inspection Pattern List

[0139] Packet inspection pattern list data is kept only in ICP 50, CG 58, and network element 54 databases. The data contains a list of patterns that the packet inspection routine in CGs 58 or SPA-controlled network elements 54 use to discover

patterns that indicate viruses, traffic caused by viruses, or other unwanted data that is being sent into network 52.

[0140] Received Event Log

[0141] Received event log data is kept only in ICP 50 master database. The data contains a log of events reported by CGs 58, SPA-controlled content servers 56 or SPA-controlled network elements 54 to ICP 50. It may contain three fields: a unique ID for the CG 58 reporting it, an event ID and an event description.

[0142] Sent Event Log

[0143] Sent event log data is kept only in the CG 58, network element 54, and SPA-controlled content server 56 databases. The data contains a log of the events reported by CG 58, network element 54, or SPA-controlled content server 56 to ICP 50. It may contain three fields: a unique ID for CG 58, network element 54, or SPA-controlled content server 56 reporting it, an event ID and an event description.

[0144] Copyright Registry

[0145] Copyright registry data is kept only in ICP 50 master database. The data contains identifying information from the copyright holder or subscriber registrant and a file of the entire content that has been registered. Information from the files are used to produce file signatures that the packet inspection process may use to discover that a copyrighted work is being sent or received by e-mail and to block it.

[0146] Content In-Net

[0147] Content in-net data is kept only in ICP 50 master database. The data contains metadata for content that is presently available for subscriber download. Also the data may contain a set of pointers for each metadata file showing which SPA-

controlled content servers **56** or CGs **58** have which portions of the content file presently available for download to CGs **58**. In addition, the data may contain a set of pointers for each metadata file showing which of the SPA-controlled content servers **56** or CGs **58** are to replicate the content and metadata file and a progress indicator for the status of content download to other CGs **58**.

[0148] Content On-Board and being downloaded

[0149] Content on-board and being downloaded data is kept only in the CG **58** and SPA-controlled content server **56** databases.

[0150] In CG **58** this data may contain metadata for content that is presently available for subscriber download or viewing. The data may also contain a set of pointers (sent from ICP **50**) for each content file being downloaded showing which SPA-controlled content servers **56** or CGs **58** have which portions of the content file presently available for download to the CG **58**. The data may also contain a set of pointers (sent from ICP **50**) for each "seed" content file contained in CG **58** showing to which other CGs CG **58** is to replicate the content and metadata file to and a progress indicator for the status of content download to other CGs **58**.

[0151] In SPA-controlled content server **56** this data may contain metadata for content that is presently available from SPA-controlled content server **56** for subscriber download from the corresponding SPA-controlled content server **56** to CG **58**. The data may also contain a pointer for each metadata file showing which CGs **58** are to have the content file downloaded to them and a progress indicator for the status of content download to the CGs **58**.

[0152] Pre-Authorization Flag

[0153] Pre-authorization flag data is kept only in ICP **50**, network element **54**, and SPA-controlled content server **56** databases. This data is used to ensure that the CG **58** being used by the subscriber is "ICP Managed." It is updated every time a CG goes from idle to active or active to idle, which is a transaction initiated by CG **58**. An unpopulated pre-authorization flag is used by SPA-controlled network elements **54** or SPA-controlled content servers **56** to deny service to subscribers attempting to access network **52** with non-managed CGs **58**.

[0154] This invention is not limited to the embodiments as explained above, but can be performed using various configurations. It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made in the context of the present invention, and in its practice, without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for regulating access to a network, the system comprising:
 - a controller node coupled to the network, the controller node comprising:
 - a first processor for generating controller instructions; and
 - a first network interface for transmitting the controller instructions over the network; and
 - a plurality of gateway units, the gateway units comprising:
 - a user interface receiving user-entered network access requests;
 - a second network interface coupled to the network and receiving the controller instructions from the network; and
 - a second processor, the second processor selectively transmitting at least some of the network access requests over the network in accordance with the controller instructions, and transferring content data responsive to the transmitted network access requests over the network via the second network interface.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein:
 - the gateway units further comprise a storage device for storing instructions;
 - the gateway units further comprise an identifier uniquely associating the gateway units with a user; and
 - the storage device is operable to store user-specific information.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein:

the gateway units comprise a user interface receiving requests to transmit data;

and

the gateway units comprise a second processor inspecting the data to selectively transfer the data in accordance with the controller instructions.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein:

the gateway units comprise a user interface receiving requests to receive data;

and

the gateway units comprise a second processor inspecting the data to selectively transfer the data in accordance with the controller instructions.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein the first processor generates the controller instructions automatically.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein the first processor generates the controller instructions in response to an operator-entered request.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein the controller nodes comprise a first processor generating the controller instructions by operator-controlled network crawling.

8. The system of claim 1, wherein the controller nodes comprise a first processor generating the controller instructions to deny user access to a first group of network

servers.

9. The system of claim 8, wherein the gateway units comprise a second processor to generate a notification to a controller node if a network access request designates a network server of the first group of network servers.

10. The system of claim 8, wherein the gateway units comprise a second processor to:

detect a network access request designating a network server a first group of network servers; and

re-direct the access request to a second group of network servers, in accordance with the controller instructions.

11. The system of claim 1, wherein:

the controller nodes comprise a first processor generating the controller instructions, the controller instructions including a file identifier; and

the system comprises a plurality of gateway units associated with a user file system, the gateway units comprising a second processor to detect a file in a user file system corresponding to the file identifier.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein the gateway units are operable between an active state and an inactive state.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein the second processors notify a controller node if the associated gateway unit enters an inactive state.

14. The system of claim 12, wherein the second processors delete the detected files from a user file system in accordance with the controller instructions.

15. The system of claim 14, wherein the second processors delete the detected files from a user file system during the inactive state.

16. The system of claim 11, wherein the gateway units notify a controller node if a file corresponding to the file identifier is detected.

17. The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units comprise:
a housing; and
a detector for detecting an attempt to open the housing.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein the gateway unit notifies the controller node of a detected attempt to open the housing after a user-initiated event.

19. The system of claim 17, wherein the gateway units comprise a storage device and the second processor prevents access to the storage device when the detector detects an attempt to open the housing.

20. The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units comprise a second processor that enters a user-controlled operational mode after receiving permission from the controller node.

21. The system of claim 1, wherein the controller node comprises a copyright registry for tracking copyright status of content data files distributed to gateway units in the system.

22. The system of claim 21, wherein the user interface receives registrations of the content data files for transmission to the copyright registry.

23. The system of claim 1, wherein the second processor causes the gateway unit to access a predetermined network site upon initiation of network browser software, in accordance with the controller instructions.

24. The system of claim 23, wherein the second processor selects the predetermined network site from a list of predetermined network sites received via the controller instructions.

25. The system of claim 24, wherein the second processor selects the predetermined network site according to a weighting function such that at least a portion of the predetermined network sites are selected more often than others.

26. The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units:
receive registration information from a user via the user interface; and
receive initial operating parameters via the second network interface.

27. The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units:
receive registration information from a user via the user interface; and
receive software updates via the second network interface.

28. The system of claim 1, wherein:
the gateway units transmit advertising via the user interface to a user display, the
advertising being customized in accordance with information received via at least one of
the second network interface and the user interface.

29. The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units:
transmit pay-per-view advertising via the user interface for selective display by a
user; and
generate payment credits for the user upon display of the advertising by the user.

30. The system of claim 29, wherein the gateway units generate one of a plurality of
viewing modes for viewing the pay-per-view advertising in response to a user selection.

31. The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units receive software via the
second network interface for execution on the second processor, the software enabling

at least one of a fee-based network service, network video calling, and network gaming.

32. The system of claim 1, wherein the second processor detects a denial-of-service attack.

33. The system of claim 32, wherein the second processor detects a denial-of-service attack initiated by a virus.

34. The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units selectively transmit to law enforcement terminals information describing at least one of incoming data and outgoing data to the gateway units.

35. The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units:
detect a user attempt to at least one of transmit and receive voice traffic; and
selectively block the detected attempt in accordance with the controller instructions.

36. The system of claim 35 wherein the gateway units transmit, via the user interface, an advertisement offering voice transmission services.

37. The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units:
detect a user attempt to at least one of transmit and receive at least one of audio and video traffic; and

selectively block the detected attempt in accordance with the controller instructions.

38. The system of claim 37, wherein the gateway units transmit, via the user interface, an advertisement offering at least one of audio and video traffic services.

39. The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units:

detect at least one of audio and video traffic flowing through the second network interface; and

selectively reduce the quality of service of the at least one of audio and video traffic in accordance with the controller instructions,

wherein reduction of quality of service comprises at least one of: reducing a duty cycle, inserting TCP/IP messages in the at least one of audio and video traffic, inserting Nak/Ack pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic, and inserting X-On/X-Off pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic.

40. The system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of access nodes, wherein the controller node comprises a first processor for generating authorization instructions and transmitting the authorization instructions over the network to the access nodes, and the access nodes:

receive the authorization instructions from the controller node; and

selectively permit the gateway units to access the network in accordance with the

authorization instructions.

41. The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway units comprise data storage units partitioned into a network portion and a user portion, and at least one of a first group of gateway units selectively shares data stored in the network partition with at least one of a second group of gateway units, via the second network interface, in accordance with the controller instructions.

42. The system of claim 1, wherein the second processor in at least a first one of the gateway units selectively forwards content data received from at least a second one of the gateway units to at least a third one of the gateway units in accordance with the controller instructions.

43. The system of claim 42 wherein the second processor in at least a first one of the gateway units:

receives portions of a content data file from a group of gateway units in accordance with the controller instructions; and

assembles a data file based on the received portions for transmission to the user via the user interface.

44. The system of claim 1, further comprising an intervention node, the intervention node comprising:

an operator interface for receiving operator-entered spoofing attack instructions;

and

a third network interface for transmitting at least one substitute file pointer to addresses in the network in accordance with the spoofing attack instructions.

45. The system of claim 1, further comprising network units, the network units comprising:

a network interface coupled to the network and receiving the controller instructions from the network and network traffic from a gateway unit; and

a processor for selectively reducing the flow of the received network traffic in accordance with the controller instructions.

46. The system of claim 45, wherein the network units:

detect the flow of voice traffic; and

selectively block the detected traffic in accordance with the controller instructions.

47. The system of claim 45, wherein the network units:

detect the flow of at least one of audio and video traffic; and

selectively block the detected traffic in accordance with the controller instructions.

48. The system of claim 45, wherein the network units:

detect the flow of at least one of audio and video traffic; and

selectively reduce the quality of service of the detected at least one of audio and video traffic in accordance with the controller instructions,

wherein the reduction of quality of service comprises at least one of: reducing a duty cycle, inserting TCP/IP messages in the at least one of audio and video traffic, inserting Nak/Ack pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic, and inserting X-On/X-Off pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic.

49. A system for regulating access to a network that is accessed by a plurality of users, the system comprising:

a controller node coupled to the network, the controller node comprising:

a first processor for generating controller instructions; and

a first network interface for transmitting the controller instructions over the network; and

a plurality of network units associated with a first group of users, the network units comprising:

a second network interface coupled to the network and receiving the controller instructions from the network; and

a second processor, the second processor inhibiting access for a second group of users to content in the network in accordance with the controller instructions.

50. The system of claim 49, wherein the second processor in the network units inhibits access for a second group of users by performing denial of service attacks in accordance with the controller instructions.

51. The system of claim 50, wherein the second processor performs attacks based on a schedule comprising at least one of:

- a schedule based on duration of the attacks;
- real time response to controller instructions; and
- in response to an event.

52. The system of claim 49, wherein at least a portion of the network units comprise gateway units uniquely associated with a user.

53. The system of claim 52, wherein the gateway units:
are operable between an active state and an inactive state; and
perform denial of service attacks, in accordance with the controller instructions, during the inactive state.

54. The system of claim 49, wherein the second processor detects a denial-of-service attack.

55. The system of claim 54, wherein the second processor detects a denial-of-service attack initiated by a virus.

56. The system of claim 54, wherein the second processor prevents a denial-of-service attack upon detection.

57. The system of claim 49, wherein the network units selectively transmit to law enforcement terminals information describing at least one of incoming data and outgoing data to the gateway units.

58. A system for distributing content over a network, the system comprising:
a controller node coupled to the network, the controller node comprising:
a first processor for generating controller instructions; and
a first network interface for transmitting the controller instructions over the network; and
a plurality of network units, the network units comprising:
a second network interface coupled to the network, the second network interface in at least a first one of the network units receiving the controller instructions from the network and receiving a first portion of a content data file from at least a second one of the network units; and
a second processor, the second processor in the at least a first one of the network units selectively forwarding the received first portion of the content data file to at least a third one of the network units in accordance with the controller instructions.

59. The system of claim 58, wherein:
the second network interface receives a plurality of portions of a content data file from a group of network units in accordance with the controller instructions; and
the second processor assembles a data file based on the received portions for transmission to the user via the user interface.

60. The system of claim 58, wherein:

the second network interface of the second network unit receives a portion of a content data file from a content server; and

the second processor of the second network unit forwards the portion of the content data file to the at least first one of the network units in accordance with the controller instructions.

61. The system of claim 58, wherein the second processor deletes portions of content data in accordance with a predetermined deletion date associated with the content data.

62. The system of claim 58, wherein the second processor deletes portions of content data when new content data is delivered.

63. The system of claim 58, wherein the second processor deletes portions of content data when insufficient storage space remains, deleting oldest content data first.

64. The system of claim 58, wherein the second processor deletes portions of content data in accordance with an associated user's selections.

65. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network comprising:

a user interface to receive requests to transmit data;

a network interface to receive controller instructions from the network; and
a processor to inspect the data and to selectively transmit the data in accordance with the received controller instructions.

66. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network comprising:
a user interface to receive requests to receive data;
a network interface to receive controller instructions from the network; and
a processor to inspect the data and selectively receive the data in accordance with the received controller instructions.

67. A controller node for regulating access to a network, the controller node comprising:
a processor to generate controller instructions for causing a plurality of gateway units to selectively transfer user-entered network access requests over the network, the processor generating the controller instructions by at least one of automatically generating instructions and generating instructions in response to an operator-entered request; and
a network interface to transmit the controller instructions over the network to the plurality of gateway units.

68. The controller node of claim 67, comprising a processor to generate the controller instructions by operator-controlled network crawling.

69. A controller node for regulating access to a network comprising:
a processor to generate controller instructions; and
a network interface to transmit the controller instructions over the network to a plurality of gateway units, the controller instructions causing at least one gateway unit to deny access to a first group of network servers.

70. The controller node of claim 69, wherein the network interface receives notification from at least one gateway unit if the at least one gateway unit detects a request to access a denied network server.

71. The controller node of claim 69, wherein the processor generates instructions causing a gateway unit to re-direct user access requests to a second group of network servers in accordance with the controller instructions.

72. A system for regulating file access in a network, the system comprising:
a controller node coupled to the network, the controller node comprising:
a first processor for generating controller instructions, the instructions including a file identifier; and
a first network interface for transmitting the controller instructions over the network; and
a plurality of gateway units associated with user file systems, the gateway units comprising
a second network interface to receive the controller instructions from the

network; and

a second processor to detect files in the user file systems corresponding to the file identifier.

73. The system of claim 72, comprising a plurality of gateway units operable between an active state and an inactive state.

74. The system of claim 73, wherein the gateway units notify a controller node upon entering the inactive state.

75. The system of claim 73, wherein the gateway units comprise a processor to delete the detected files during the inactive state.

76. The system of claim 72, wherein the plurality of gateway units notify a controller node if at least one file matching the list of file identifiers is detected.

77. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network, comprising:
a user interface receiving user-entered network access requests;
a network interface for transmitting the network access requests to the network;
a housing; and
a detector for detecting a user attempt to open the housing.

78. The gateway unit of claim 77, wherein the detector notifies the controller node of a detected attempt to open the housing after a subsequent user-initiated event.

79. The gateway unit of claim 77 further comprising a storage device and an interlock to prevent access to the storage device when the detector detects an attempt to open the housing.

80. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network, comprising:
a network interface for providing access to the network;
a user interface to receive user-entered network access requests; and
a processor that enters a user-controlled operational mode after receiving permission over the network from a controller node via the network interface.

81. A controller node for regulating file access in a network, comprising a copyright registry and a processor, wherein the processor:
receives registrations of content data files distributed to a plurality of gateway units; and
tracks copyright status of the content data files.

82. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network comprising:
a network interface for providing access to the network and for receiving controller instructions from the network;
a user interface for transferring content between the network and a user; and

a processor for connecting to a predetermined network site upon initiation of network browser software, in accordance with the received controller instructions.

83. The plurality of gateway units of claim 82, wherein the processor selects the predetermined network site from a list of predetermined network sites.

84. The plurality of gateway units of claim 83, wherein the processor selects from the list of predetermined network sites according to a weighting function such that at least a portion of the predetermined network sites are selected more often than others.

85. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network comprising:
a network interface to provide access to the network;
a user interface to transfer content between the network and a user; and
a processor to gather registration information from the user via the user interface and to receive initial operating parameters via the network interface.

86. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network comprising:
a network interface to provide access to the network;
a user interface to transfer content between the network and a user; and
a processor to gather registration information from the user via the user interface and to receive software updates via the network interface.

87. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network comprising:
a network interface to receive information from the network;
a user interface to receive information from a user; and
a processor to transmit advertising via the user interface to a user display,
wherein the advertising is customized in accordance with information received
via at least one of the network interface and the user interface.
88. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network comprising:
a network interface to provide access to the network and to receive pay-per-view
advertising from the network;
a user interface to transfer content between the network and a user; and
a processor to transmit the pay-per-view advertising via the user interface for
selective display by a user and to generate payment credits to the user upon display of
the advertising by the user.
89. The gateway unit of claim 88, wherein the processor generates one of a plurality
of viewing modes for viewing the pay-per-view advertising in response to a user
selection.
90. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network comprising:
a network interface to provide access to the network and to receive software from
the network;
a user interface to transfer content between the network and a user; and

a processor to execute the software to enable the user to use, via the user interface, at least one of a fee-based network service, network video calling, and network gaming.

91. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network comprising:
a network interface to provide access to the network;
a user interface to receive network access requests from a user; and
a processor to detect a denial-of-service attack received from the user interface and transmitted to the network via the network interface.

92. The plurality of gateway units of claim 91, wherein the processor detects a denial-of-service attack initiated by a virus.

93. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network comprising:
a network interface to provide access to the network and to receive controller instructions;
a user interface to transfer incoming data and outgoing data between a user and the network interface; and
a processor to selectively transmit to law enforcement terminals information describing at least one of the incoming data and the outgoing data in accordance with the received controller instructions.

94. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network comprising:
a network interface to provide access to the network and to receive controller instructions;
a user interface to transfer traffic between the network and a user; and
a processor to detect a user attempt to at least one of transmit and receive voice traffic over the network, the processor selectively blocking the detected attempt in accordance with the received controller instructions and transmitting, via the user interface, an advertisement offering voice transmission services.

95. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network comprising:
a network interface to provide access to the network and to receive controller instructions;
a user interface to transfer traffic between the network and a user; and
a processor to detect a user attempt to at least one of transmit and receive at least one of audio and video traffic over the network, the processor selectively blocking the detected attempt in accordance with the received controller instructions and transmitting, via the user interface, an advertisement offering at least one of audio and video traffic services.

96. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network comprising:
a network interface to provide access to the network and to receive controller instructions;
a user interface to transfer traffic between the network and a user; and

a processor to detect at least one of audio and video traffic flowing through the user interface, the processor selectively reducing the quality of service of the detected at least one of audio and video traffic in accordance with the received controller instructions,

wherein reduction of quality of service comprises at least one of: reducing a duty cycle, inserting TCP/IP messages in the at least one of audio and video traffic, inserting Nak/Ack pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic, and inserting X-On/X-Off pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic.

97. A network unit for regulating access to a network comprising:

a network interface to provide access to the network and to receive controller instructions and network traffic; and

a processor to detect voice traffic over the network, the processor selectively blocking the traffic in accordance with the received controller instructions.

98. A network unit for regulating access to a network comprising:

a network interface to provide access to the network and to receive controller instructions and network traffic; and

a processor to detect at least one of audio and video traffic over the network, the processor selectively blocking the traffic in accordance with the received controller instructions.

99. A network unit for regulating access to a network comprising:
a network interface to provide access to the network and to receive controller instructions and network traffic; and
a processor to detect at least one of audio and video traffic, the processor selectively reducing the quality of service of the detected at least one of audio and video traffic in accordance with the received controller instructions,
wherein reduction of quality of service comprises at least one of: reducing a duty cycle, inserting TCP/IP messages in the at least one of audio and video traffic, inserting Nak/Ack pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic, and inserting X-On/X-Off pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic.

100. A controller node for regulating subscriber access to a network comprising:
a processor to generate authentication instructions on behalf of an authenticated subscriber; and
a network interface to transmit the authentication instructions to an access node coupled to the network,
wherein the access node selectively permits subscriber access to the network in accordance with the authentication instructions.

101. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network comprising:
a network interface to provide access to the network and to receive controller instructions;
a data storage unit partitioned into a network portion and a user portion; and

a processor to selectively transmit data stored in the network partition, via the network interface, in accordance with the received controller instructions.

102. A network unit for regulating access to a network, comprising:

a user interface receiving user-entered network access requests;

a network interface coupled to the network and receiving controller instructions from the network; and

a processor, the processor selectively transmitting at least some of the network access requests over the network in accordance with the controller instructions, and transferring content data responsive to the transmitted network access requests over the network via the network interface;

wherein the network unit selectively forwards content data received from a first associated network unit to at least a second associated unit in accordance with the controller instructions.

103. The network unit claim 102, wherein the processor

receives portions of a content data file from a group of third associated network units in accordance with the controller instructions; and

assembles a data file based on the received portions for transmission to a user via the user interface.

104. The network unit of claim 102, wherein the processor:

receives a portion of a content data file from a content server; and

forwards the portion of the content data file to the first associated network unit in accordance with the controller instructions.

105. A network unit for regulating access to a network comprising:

a network interface to provide access to the network and to receive controller instructions;

a processor to perform denial of service attacks in accordance with the received controller instructions.

106. A method for regulating access to a network, the method comprising:

receiving controller instructions from a network at a gateway unit associated with a user;

receiving a network access request at the gateway unit from a user;

selectively transmitting the network access request over the network in accordance with the controller instructions; and

receiving content data responsive to the transmitted network access request from the network.

107. A method for regulating access to a plurality of content servers, the method comprising:

receiving controller instructions from the network at a network unit associated with a first group of users; and

selectively inhibiting access to a portion of the content servers by a

second group of users in accordance with the controller instructions.

108. The method of claim 107, wherein inhibiting access for a second group of users comprises performing denial of service attacks.

109. A method for distributing content data over a network, the method comprising:
receiving content distribution instructions from the network;
storing a first portion of content data from the network at a first network unit;
initiating a request over the network, in accordance with the content distribution instructions and in response to a user request, for the remainder of the content data;
receiving the remainder of the content data from the network;
assembling the first portion of content data with the remainder of the content data; and
supplying the assembled content data to the user.

110. The method of claim 109, further comprising selectively forwarding the first portion of content data to a second network unit in accordance with the content distribution instructions.

111. A gateway unit for regulating access to a network, the gateway unit comprising:
a user interface receiving user-entered network access requests;
a network interface coupled to the network and receiving controller instructions

from a controller node in the network; and

a processor, the processor selectively transmitting at least some of the network access requests over the network in accordance with the controller instructions, and transferring content data responsive to the transmitted network access requests over the network via the network interface.

112. A network unit associated with a first group of users for regulating access to a network, the network unit comprising:

a network interface coupled to the network and receiving controller instructions from a controller node associated with the first group of users; and

a processor, the processor inhibiting access for a second group of users to content in the network in accordance with the controller instructions.

113. A controller node for regulating access to a network, the controller node comprising:

a processor for generating controller instructions; and

a network interface for transmitting the controller instructions over the network, the controller instructions being configured to cause a user-associated gateway unit to selectively transmit over the network at least some user-entered network access requests.

114. The controller node of claim 113 further comprising a content server for providing content data in response to the user-entered network access requests.

115. A controller node for regulating access to a network, the controller node comprising:

a processor for generating controller instructions; and

a network interface for transmitting the controller instructions over the network to network units associated with a first group of users, the controller instructions being configured to cause the network units to inhibit access for a second group of users to content in the network.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is provided a system for regulating access and managing distribution of content in a network, such as the Internet. The system includes communication gateways, installed at a subscriber site, internet control points, installed remotely, and various network elements installed throughout the network. The communication gateways and network elements operate in conjunction with the internet control points to restrict or allow access to specified Internet sites and to manage efficient distribution of content such as music, video, games, broadband data, real-time audio and voice applications, and software to subscribers.

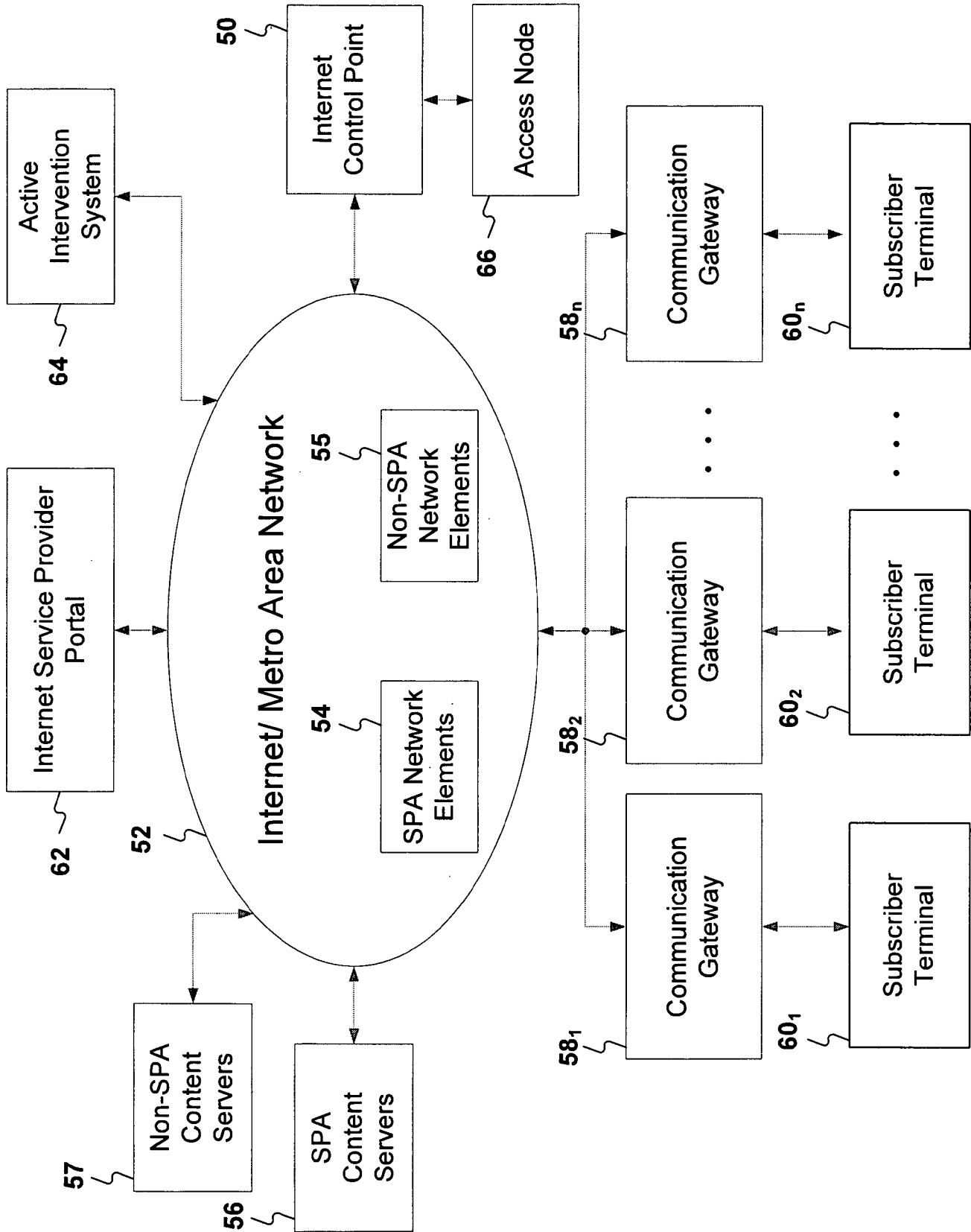


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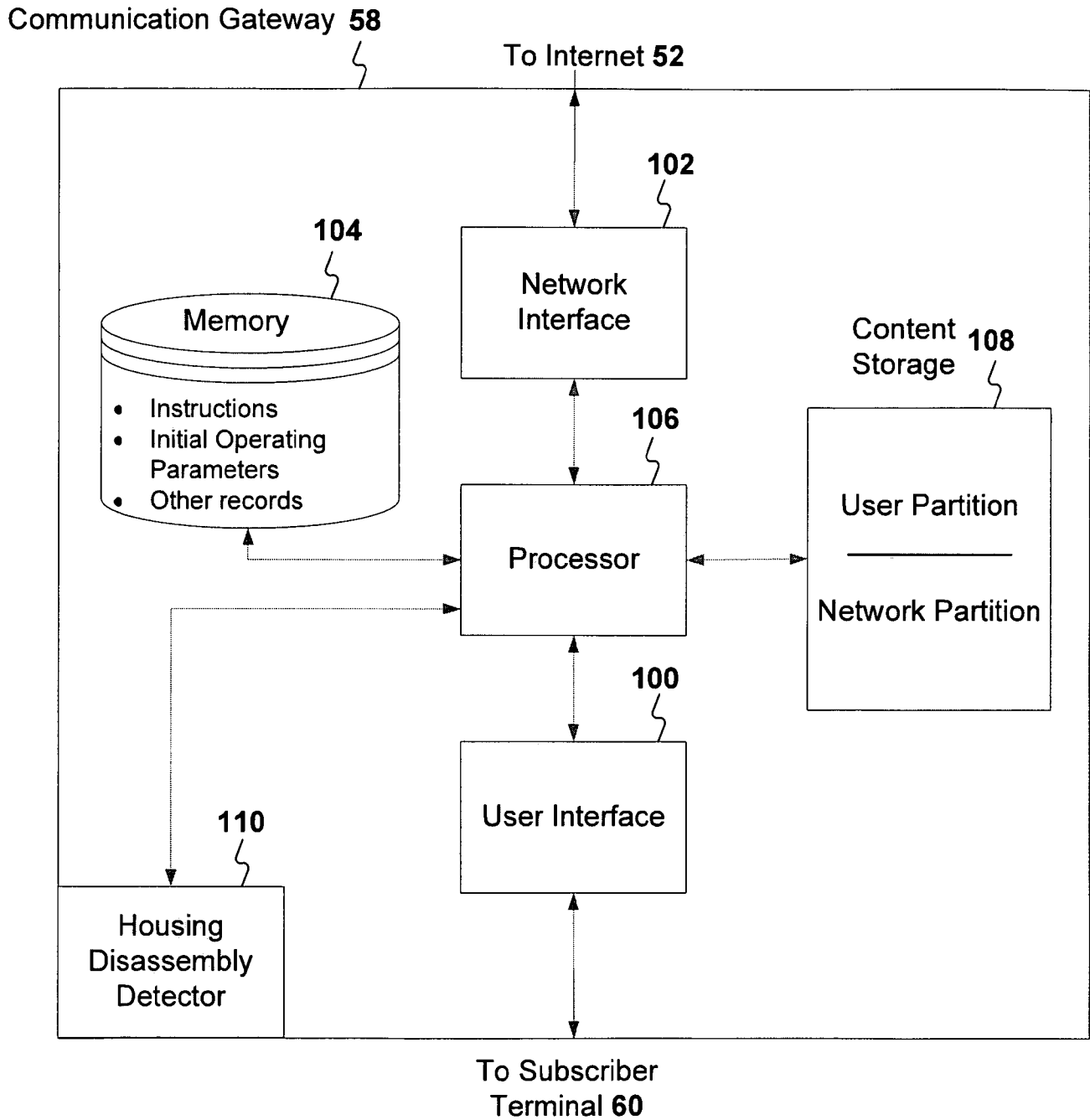


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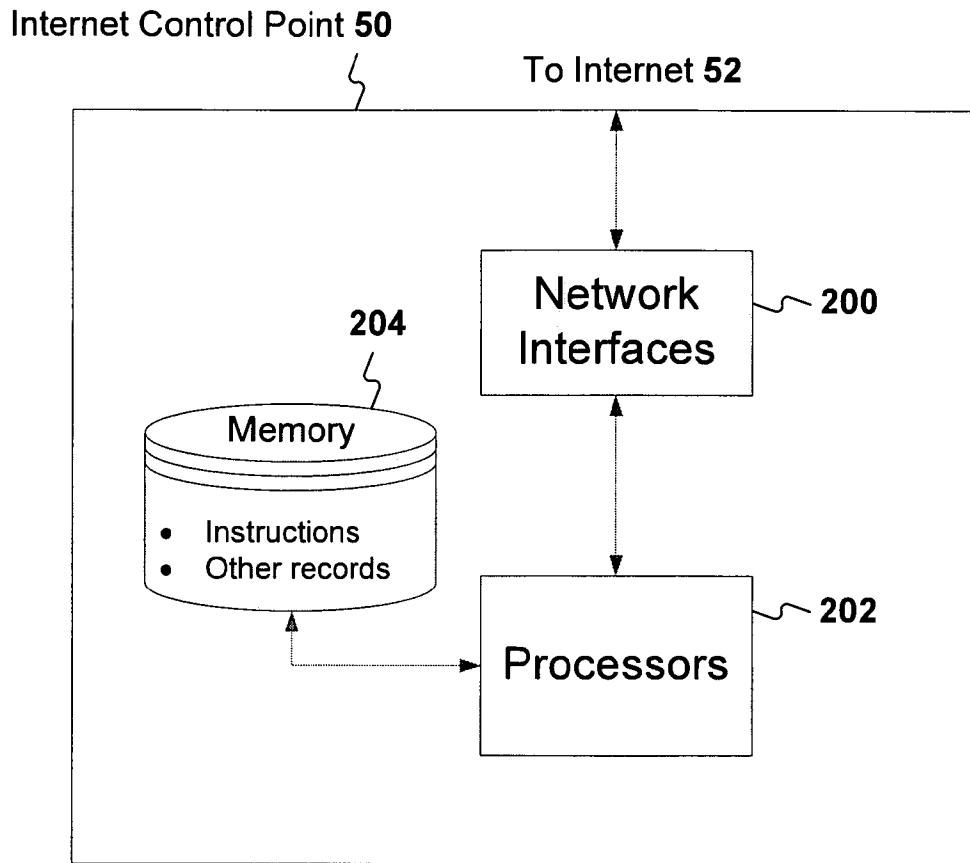


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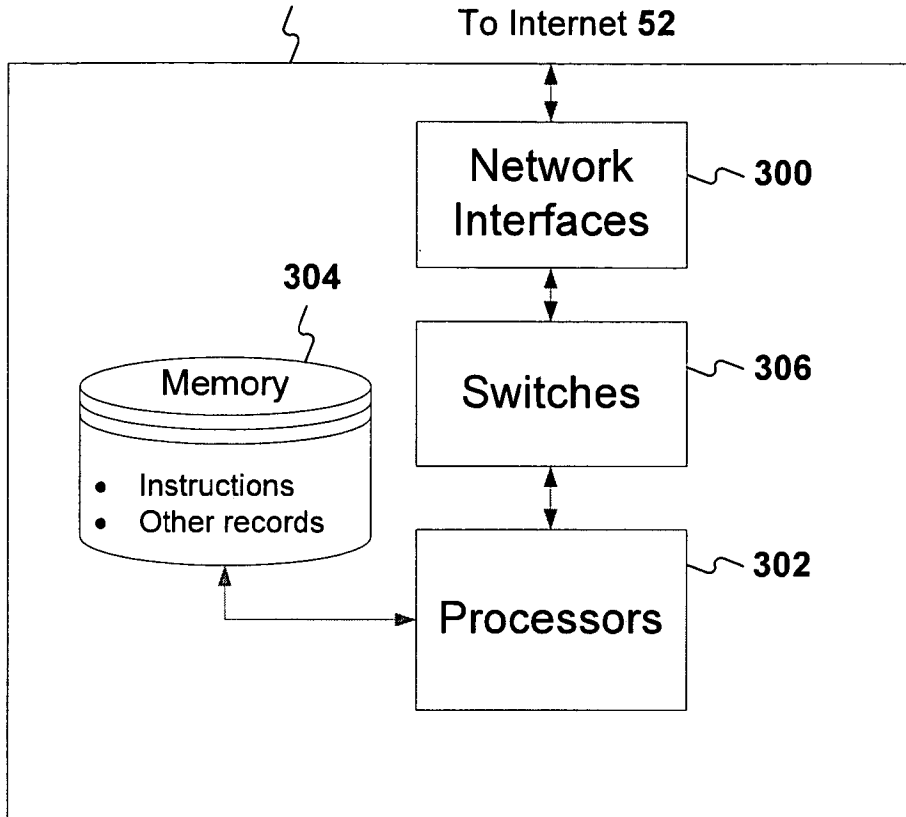


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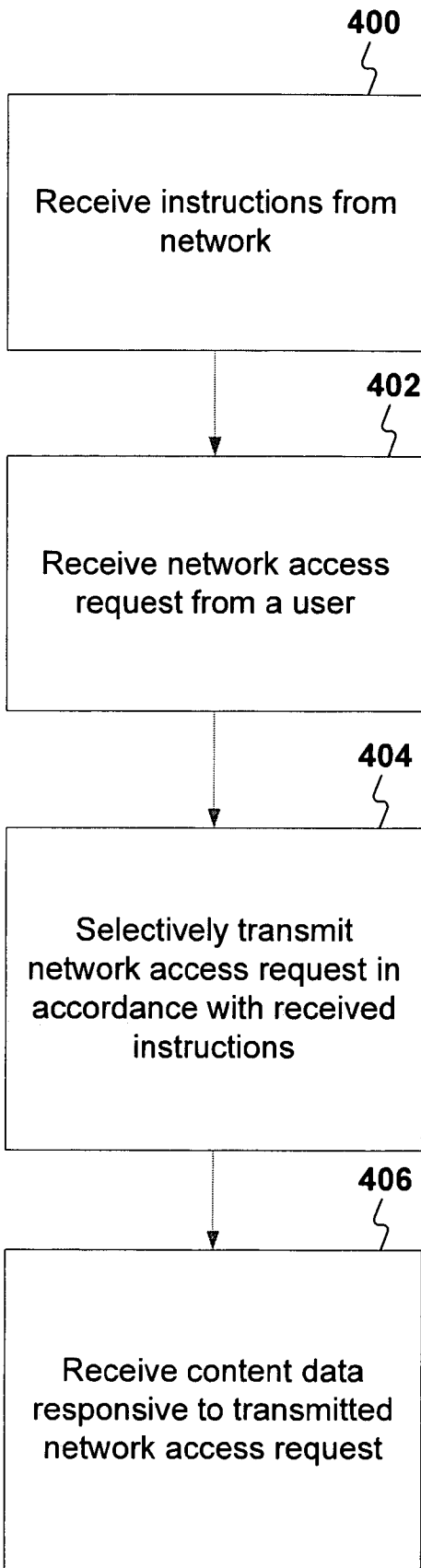


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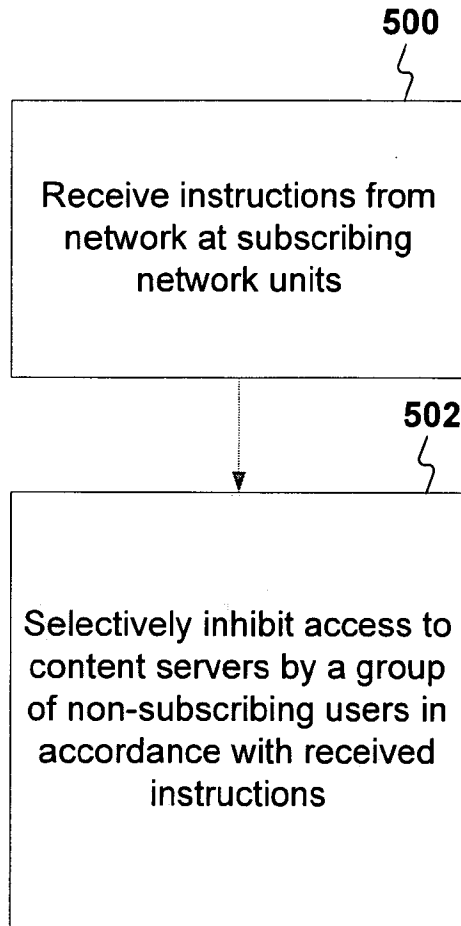


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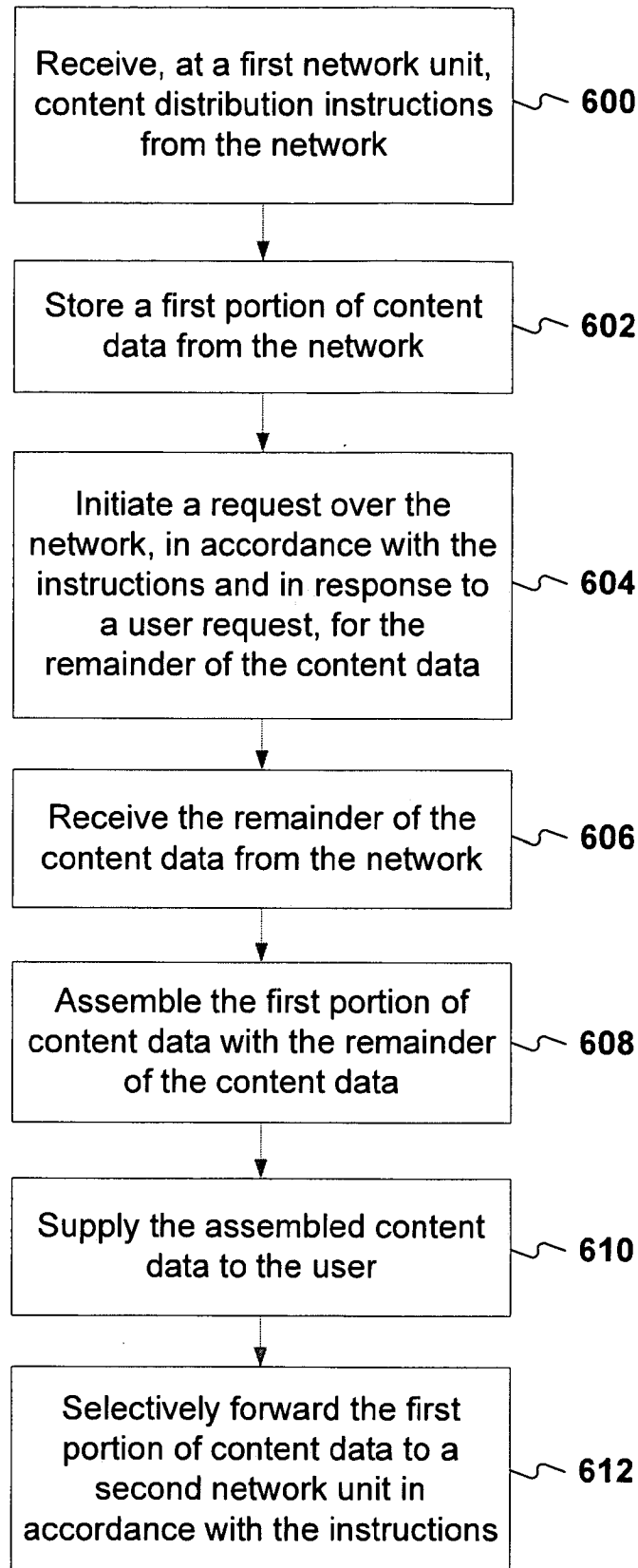


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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for regulating access to a service provider network, the system comprising:
 - a controller node coupled to the service provider network, the controller node comprising:
 - a first processor ~~for generating~~ to generate controller instructions, and
 - [[a]] first one or more network interfaces ~~for transmitting~~ to transmit the controller instructions over the service provider network to a plurality of network elements; and
 - ~~the~~[[a]] plurality of ~~gateway units~~network elements, each of the plurality of network elements~~gateway units~~ comprising:
 - ~~a user interface receiving user entered network access requests;~~
 - [[a]] second one or more network interfaces coupled to the service provider network ~~and~~ to receive ~~receiving~~ the controller instructions from the controller node through the service provider network; and
 - at least a second processor coupled to the second one or more network interfaces, wherein the second processor is to selectively transmitting at least some of the network access content requests ~~over to~~ the service provider network in accordance with the controller instructions, and ~~transferring~~ received content data responsive to the transmitted ~~network access content~~ requests ~~over from~~ the service provider network via the second one or more network interfaces.
2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein:
 - each of the gateway units~~network elements~~ further comprises a storage device ~~for storing~~ to store the controller instructions; and
 - each the network elements ~~gateway units~~ further ~~comprise~~ has an identifier that

~~uniquely associating~~ identifies the network element gateway units with a user; and the storage device is operable to store user-specific information.

3 - 7 (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~the controller nodes comprise a first processor generating~~ the controller instructions include instructions to deny user access to a first group of network servers of the service provider network.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein ~~the gateway units~~ the controller instructions comprise ~~a second processor~~ instructions to generate a notification to the controller node if a network access content request designates a network server of the first group of network servers service provider network.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the ~~gateway units~~ controller instructions ~~comprise a second processor~~ are to further configured to:

detect a ~~network access content request that designates~~ designating a first network server of the first group of network servers of the service provider network; and

re-direct the ~~access content request to a second group of network server~~ of the service provider network in accordance with the controller instructions.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein:

~~the controller nodes comprise a first processor generating the controller instructions,~~ the controller instructions include including a file identifier; and

~~the system comprises a plurality of gateway units associated with a user file system, the gateway units comprising a second processor~~ the controller instructions are to detect a file in a user file system in a network element that corresponds corresponding to the file identifier, and on detection, delete the file from a file system in the network element.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein each of the network elements gateway units is operable between an active state and an inactive state, and wherein the controller instructions are to notify the controller node if a network element enters the inactive state.

13 - 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein at least one the gateway units network elements comprises:

a housing to house at least the second one or more network interfaces, and the second processor; and

a detector for detecting to detect an attempt to open the housing;

wherein the controller instructions are to notify the controller node and prevent access to at least the storage device in response to a detection of an attempt to open the housing.

18 - 19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are to place a network element the gateway units comprise a second processor that enters in an user controlled operational mode after receiving on receipt of permission from the controller node.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller node further comprises a copyright registry for tracking to track copyright status of content data files distributed to the network element gateway units in the system.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions include a pre-determined network site, and the controller instructions are to cause the second processor causes the a network element gateway unit to access [[a]] the predetermined network site upon initiation of network browser software, in accordance with the controller instructions.

24 – 25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are to enable a network element the gateway units to:
receive registration information from a user via the user interface;
and
receive initial operating parameters from the controller node via the second one or more network interfaces.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein:
the controller instructions are to enable each of the network elements gateway units to customize and transmit advertising received via the user second one or more network interfaces to a user display via a gateway unit, the advertising being customized in accordance with information received via at least one of the second network interface and the user interface.

29. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are to enable each of the network elements gateway units to:
transmit pay-per-view advertising received from the service provider network via the user second one or more network interfaces to a display unit via a gateway unit for selective display by a user; and
generate payment credits for the user notify the controller node upon display of the advertising by the user to enable payment credits be generated.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are to further enable the gateway units a network element to receive additional software via the second one or more network interfaces for execution on the second processor, the software enabling at least one of a fee-based network service, network video calling, ~~or~~ network gaming.

32. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are to further enable a network element to the second processor detects detect a denial-of-service attack against the service provider network.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are further to enable a network element the gateway units to selectively transmit to law enforcement terminals information describing at least one of incoming data and outgoing data ~~[[to]]~~ of the network element gateway units.

35- 38 (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are further to enable a network element the gateway units to:
detect at least one of audio and video traffic flowing through the second network interface; and
selectively reduce the quality of service of the at least one of audio and video traffic ~~in accordance with the controller instructions~~, wherein reduction of quality of service comprises at least one of:
reducing a duty cycle, inserting TCP/IP messages in the at least one of audio and video traffic, inserting Nak/Ack pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic, and

inserting X-On/X-Off pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein each of the gateway units-network elements further comprise at least one data storage unit[[s]] partitioned intohaving a network portion and a user portion, and at least one of a first group of the network elements gateway units selectively shares data stored in the network partition with at least one of a second group of the network elements gateway units, via the second network interface, in accordance with the controller instructions provided to the first and second groups of the network elements.

42. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are further to enable second processor in at least a first one of the network elements gateway units to selectively forward[[s]] content data received from at least a second one of the network elements gateway units to at least a third one of the network elements gateway units in accordance with the controller instructions.

43. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 42 wherein the second processor in controller instructions are further to enable at least a first the third one of the network elements gateway units to:

receive[[s]] portions of a content data file from a group of other network elements gateway units in accordance with the controller instructions; and

assemble[[s a]]the content data file based on the received portions for transmission to playing for the a user via the user interface associated with a gateway unit.

44. (Canceled)

45-115. (Canceled)

116. (New) A method for regulating access to a service provider network, the method comprising:

- generating, by a controller node coupled to the service provider network, controller instructions;
- transmitting the controller instructions, by the controller node, to a plurality of network elements of the service provider network;
- receiving, by the network elements, content requests for the service provider network;
- selectively transmitting, by the plurality of network elements, the content requests to the service provider network in accordance with the controller instructions; and
- transferring, by the network elements,, received content data responsive to the transmitted content requests from the service provider network.

117. (New) The method of claim 116 further comprising storing the controller instructions, by the network element, in storage devices of the network elements, wherein each of the network elements has an identifier that uniquely identifies the network element.

118. (New) The method of claim 116, further comprising the network elements denying access to a first group of network servers of the service provider network, in accordance with the controller instructions.

119. (New) The method of claim 118, further comprising the network elements notifying the controller node if a content request designates a network server of the service provider network.

120. (New) The method of claim 118, further comprising the network elements detecting a content request that designates a first network server of the service provider network; and re-directing the content request to a second network server of the service provider network.

121. (New) The method of claim 116, wherein the controller instructions include a file identifier; and the method further comprises a network element detecting a file in a user file system associated with a network element or a gateway unit that corresponds to the file identifier, and on detection, deleting the file from the user file system.

122. (New) The method of claim 121, wherein each of the network elements is operable between an active state and an inactive state, and wherein the method further comprises a network element notifying the controller node if the network element enters the inactive state.

123. (New) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element entering a user-controlled operational mode on receipt of permission from the controller node.

124. (New) The method of claim 116, further comprising the controller node tracking copyright status of content data files distributed to the network elements.

125. (New) The method of claim 116, wherein the controller instructions include a pre-determined network site, and the method further comprises a network element accessing the predetermined network site, in accordance with the controller instructions.

126. (New) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element receiving initial operating parameters from the controller node.

127. (New) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element customizing and transmitting advertising received to a user display associated with a gateway unit.

128. (New) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element transmitting pay-per-view advertising received from the service provider network to a display unit associated with a gateway unit for selective display; and notifying the controller node upon displaying of the advertising to enable payment credits be generated.

129. (New) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element receiving additional software for execution, the software enabling at least one of a fee-based network service, network video calling, and network gaming.

130. (New) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element detecting a denial-of-service attack against the service provider network.

131. (New) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element selectively transmitting to law enforcement terminals information describing at least one of incoming data and outgoing data of the network element.

132. (New) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element detecting at least one of audio and video traffic; and selectively reducing the quality of service of the at least one of audio and video traffic in accordance with the controller instructions; wherein reduction of quality of service comprises at least one of:

reducing a duty cycle, inserting TCP/IP messages in the at least one of audio and video traffic, inserting Nak/Ack pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic, and inserting X-On/X-Off pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic.

133. (New) The method of claim 116, wherein each of the network elements further comprises a data storage unit having a network portion, and the method further comprises at least one of a first group of the network elements selectively sharing data stored in the network partition with at least one of a second group of the network elements, in accordance with the controller instructions provided to the first and second groups of the network elements.

134. (New) The method of claim 116, further comprising at least a first one of the network elements selectively forwarding content data received from at least a second one of the network elements to at least a third one of the network elements in accordance with the controller instructions.

135. (New) The method of claim 134 further comprising the third one of the network elements receiving portions of a content data file from a group of other network elements in accordance with the controller instructions; and assembling the content data file based on the received portions for transmission.

136. (New) The system of Claim 1 wherein the controller node is to control a plurality of subscribers' ability to access services, content and operation of the services via control of data flow through the plurality of network elements.

137 (New) The system of Claim 1 wherein the controller node is to deliver active and real time executed network management, distribute new database entries and software changes to a plurality of communication gateways via the plurality of network elements.

138 (New) The system of Claim 1 wherein the controller instructions include controller instructions to be distributed to a plurality of communication gateways via the plurality of network elements.

139 (New) The system of Claim 1 wherein the network elements are members of a subscriber management system used to control access to the service provider network, to authenticate subscribers or devices before allowing access into the service provider network.

140 (New) The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the network elements is a selected one of a DSLAM, a cable modem, a wireless modem , a multiplexing or channel service delivery system, or a satellite.

141 (New) The System of Claim 1 wherein network elements are to perform packet inspection to determine: file types , URL/IP addresses of content sources or destinations, or data patterns, in accordance with the controller instructions.

142 (New) The system of Claim 1 wherein the network elements are to further send a copy of data originated from or sent to content servers or gateways being wiretapped to law enforcement agencies, as directed by an active intervention system or controller.

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 were pending. Claims 45-115 were previously canceled. In this paper, claims 3-7, 13-16, 18-19, 22, 24, 25, 27, 30, 33, 35-38, 40 and 44 have been canceled. Claims 1-2, 8-12, 17, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 39-43 have been amended. Claims 116 – 135 have been added, which are method claims of selected ones of the system claims. Thus, no new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 8-12, 17, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 39, 41-43 and 116 – 135 are now pending. Examination is respectfully requested.

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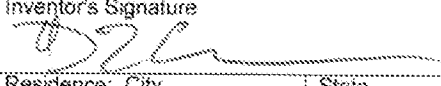
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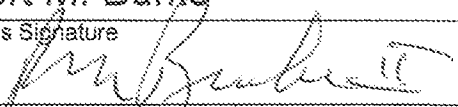
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First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Robert M. Burke
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Filed: July 22, 2014

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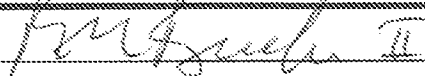
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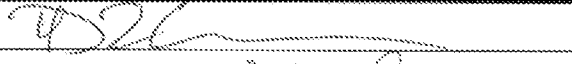
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This application is a CON of 13/369,174 02/08/2012 PAT 8799468
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which claims benefit of 60/563,064 04/16/2004
and claims benefit of 60/538,370 01/22/2004
and claims benefit of 60/523,057 11/18/2003

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Title

SYSTEM FOR REGULATING ACCESS TO AND DISTRIBUTING CONTENT IN A NETWORK

Preliminary Class

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APPLICATION AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a), (b), or (c))	N/A	N/A
SEARCH FEE (37 CFR 1.16(k), (l), or (m))	N/A	N/A
EXAMINATION FEE (37 CFR 1.16(o), (p), or (q))	N/A	N/A
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(j))	48 minus 20 = *	28
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(h))	2 minus 3 = *	
APPLICATION SIZE FEE (37 CFR 1.16(s))	If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$310 (\$155 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(j))		

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Robert M. Burke

Application No.: 14/338,240

Filed: July 22, 2014

For: SYSTEM FOR REGULATING
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Respectfully submitted,
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Dated March 5, 2015

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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)		Attorney Docket Number	123205-198706	
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(Title of the Invention)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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The attached application,

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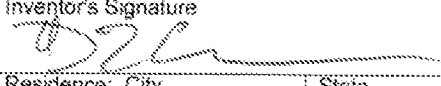
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2. **Claim 1** is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 8,799,468.

14/338240 (Instant Application)	US 8,799,468 (Patented Application)
<p>1. A system for regulating access to a service provider network, the system comprising:</p> <p>a controller node coupled to the service provider network, the controller node comprising:</p> <p>a first processor to generate controller instructions, and first one or more network interfaces to transmit the controller instructions over the service provider network to a plurality of network elements;</p>	<p>A system for regulating access to a service provider network, the system comprising:</p> <p>a controller node coupled to the service provider network, the controller node comprising:</p> <p>a first processor configured to generate controller instructions, and a first network interface configured to transmit the controller instructions over the service provider network to a plurality of gateway units;</p>

<p>and the plurality of network elements, each of the plurality of network elements comprising:</p> <p>second one or more network interfaces coupled to the service provider network to receive the controller instructions from the controller node through the service provider network;</p> <p>and at least a second processor coupled to the second one or more network interfaces, wherein the second processor is to selectively transmit content requests to the service provider network in accordance with the controller instructions,</p> <p>and transfer received content data responsive to the transmitted content</p>	<p>and the plurality of gateway units, each of the plurality of gateway units comprising:</p> <p>a user interface configured to receive user-entered content requests for the service provider network; a second network interface coupled to the service provider network and configured to receive the controller instructions from the controller node through the service provider network;</p> <p>and a second processor coupled to the user interface and the second network interface, wherein the second processor is configured to selectively transmit the content requests to the service provider network in accordance with the controller instructions,</p> <p>and transfer received content data responsive to the transmitted content</p>
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requests from the service provider network via the second one or more network interfaces.	requests from the service provider network via the second network interface.
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3. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because they recite similar limitations in different form and therefore are obvious variants of each other.

Conclusion


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In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2015, please amend the application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on page **2** of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page **12** of this paper.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A system for regulating access to a service provider network, the system comprising:
 - a controller node coupled to the service provider network, the controller node comprising:
 - a first processor to generate controller instructions, and
 - first one or more network interfaces to transmit the controller instructions over the service provider network to a plurality of network elements; and
 - the plurality of network elements, each of the plurality of network elements comprising:
 - second one or more network interfaces coupled to the service provider network to receive the controller instructions from the controller node through the service provider network; and
 - at least a second processor coupled to the second one or more network interfaces, wherein the second processor is to selectively transmit content requests to the service provider network in accordance with the controller instructions, and transfer received content data responsive to the transmitted content requests from the service provider network via the second one or more network interfaces.
2. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein:
 - each of the network elements further comprises a storage device to store the controller instructions; and
 - each the network elements has an identifier that uniquely identifies the network element.
- 3 - 7 (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions include instructions to deny access to a first group of network servers of the service provider network.

9. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the controller instructions comprise instructions to generate a notification to the controller node if a content request designates a network server of the service provider network.

10. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the controller instructions are to further:

detect a content request that designates a first network server of the service provider network; and

re-direct the content request to a second network server of the service provider network.

11. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein:
the controller instructions include a file identifier; and
the controller instructions are to detect a file in a user file system in a network element that corresponds to the file identifier, and on detection, delete the file from a file system in the network element.

12. (Previously presented) The system of claim 11, wherein each of the network elements is operable between an active state and an inactive state, and wherein the controller instructions are to notify the controller node if a network element enters the inactive state.

13 - 16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein at least one the network elements comprises:

a housing to house at least the second one or more network interfaces, and the second processor; and

a detector to detect an attempt to open the housing;
wherein the controller instructions are to notify the controller node and prevent access to at least the storage device in response to a detection of an attempt to open the housing.

18 - 19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are to place a network element in an operational mode on receipt of permission from the controller node.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller node further comprises a copyright registry to track copyright status of content data files distributed to the network element.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions include a pre-determined network site, and the controller instructions are to cause a network element to access the predetermined network site.

24 – 25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are to enable a network element to:
receive initial operating parameters from the controller node via the second one or more network interfaces.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein:

the controller instructions are to enable each of the network elements to customize and transmit advertising received via the second one or more network interfaces to a user display via a gateway unit, the advertising being customized in accordance with information received via the second network interface .

29. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are to enable each of the network elements to:

transmit pay-per-view advertising received from the service provider network via the second one or more network interfaces to a display unit via a gateway unit for selective display by a user; and

notify the controller node upon display of the advertising to enable payment credits be generated.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are to further enable a network element to receive additional software via the second one or more network interfaces for execution on the second processor, the software enabling at least one of a fee-based network service, network video calling, or network gaming.

32. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are to further enable a network element to detect a denial-of-service attack against the service provider network.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are further to enable a network elements to selectively transmit to law enforcement terminals information describing at least one of incoming data and outgoing data of the network element.

35- 38 (Canceled)

39. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are further to enable a network element to:

detect at least one of audio and video traffic flowing through the second network interface; and

selectively reduce the quality of service of the at least one of audio and video traffic, wherein reduction of quality of service comprises at least one of:

reducing a duty cycle, inserting TCP/IP messages in the at least one of audio and video traffic, inserting Nak/Ack pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic, and inserting X-On/X-Off pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein each of the network elements further comprise at least one data storage unit having a network portion, and at least one of a first group of the network elements selectively shares data stored in the network partition with at least one of a second group of the network elements, via the second network interface, in accordance with the controller instructions provided to the first and second groups of the network elements.

42. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller instructions are further to enable at least a first one of the network elements to selectively forward content data received from at least a second one of the network elements to at least a third one of the network elements.

43. (Previously presented) The system of claim 42 wherein the controller instructions are further to enable at least the third one of the network elements to:
receive portions of a content data file from other network elements; and
assemble the content data file based on the received portions for playing for a user associated with a gateway unit.

44. (Canceled)

45-115. (Canceled)

116. (Previously presented) A method for regulating access to a service provider network, the method comprising:

generating, by a controller node coupled to the service provider network, controller instructions;

transmitting the controller instructions, by the controller node, to a plurality of network elements of the service provider network;

receiving, by the network elements, content requests for the service provider network;

selectively transmitting, by the plurality of network elements, the content requests to the service provider network in accordance with the controller instructions; and

transferring, by the network elements,, received content data responsive to the transmitted content requests from the service provider network.

117. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116 further comprising storing the controller instructions, by the network element, in storage devices of the network elements, wherein each of the network elements has an identifier that uniquely identifies the network element.

118. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116, further comprising the network elements denying access to a first group of network servers of the service provider network, in accordance with the controller instructions.

119. (Previously presented) The method of claim 118, further comprising the network elements notifying the controller node if a content request designates a network server of the service provider network.

120. (Previously presented) The method of claim 118, further comprising the network elements detecting a content request that designates a first network server of the service provider network; and re-directing the content request to a second network server of the service provider network.

121. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116, wherein the controller instructions include a file identifier; and the method further comprises a network element detecting a file in a user file system associated with a network element or a gateway unit that corresponds to the file identifier, and on detection, deleting the file from the user file system.

122. (Previously presented) The method of claim 121, wherein each of the network elements is operable between an active state and an inactive state, and wherein the method further comprises a network element notifying the controller node if the network element enters the inactive state.

123. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element entering a user-controlled operational mode on receipt of permission from the controller node.

124. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116, further comprising the controller node tracking copyright status of content data files distributed to the network elements.

125. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116, wherein the controller instructions include a pre-determined network site, and the method further comprises a network element accessing the predetermined network site, in accordance with the controller instructions.

126. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element receiving initial operating parameters from the controller node.

127. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element customizing and transmitting advertising received to a user display associated with a gateway unit.

128. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element transmitting pay-per-view advertising received from the service provider network to a display unit associated with a gateway unit for selective display; and notifying the controller node upon displaying of the advertising to enable payment credits be generated.

129. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element receiving additional software for execution, the software enabling at least one of a fee-based network service, network video calling, and network gaming.

130. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element detecting a denial-of-service attack against the service provider network.

131. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element selectively transmitting to law enforcement terminals information describing at least one of incoming data and outgoing data of the network element.

132. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116, further comprising a network element detecting at least one of audio and video traffic; and selectively reducing the quality of service of the at least one of audio and video traffic in accordance with the controller instructions; wherein reduction of quality of service comprises at least one of:

reducing a duty cycle, inserting TCP/IP messages in the at least one of audio and video traffic, inserting Nak/Ack pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic, and inserting X-On/X-Off pairs in the at least one of audio and video traffic.

133. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116, wherein each of the network elements further comprises a data storage unit having a network portion, and the method further comprises at least one of a first group of the network elements selectively sharing data stored in the network partition with at least one of a second group of the network elements, in accordance with the controller instructions provided to the first and second groups of the network elements.

134. (Previously presented) The method of claim 116, further comprising at least a first one of the network elements selectively forwarding content data received from at least a second one of the network elements to at least a third one of the network elements in accordance with the controller instructions.

135. (Previously presented) The method of claim 134 further comprising the third one of the network elements receiving portions of a content data file from a group of other network elements in accordance with the controller instructions; and assembling the content data file based on the received portions for transmission.

136. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 1 wherein the controller node is to control a plurality of subscribers' ability to access services, content and operation of the services via control of data flow through the plurality of network elements.

137. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 1 wherein the controller node is to deliver active and real time executed network management, distribute Previously presented database entries and software changes to a plurality of communication gateways via the plurality of network elements.

138. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 1 wherein the controller instructions include controller instructions to be distributed to a plurality of communication gateways via the plurality of network elements.

139. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 1 wherein the network

elements are members of a subscriber management system used to control access to the service provider network, to authenticate subscribers or devices before allowing access into the service provider network.

140. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the network elements is a selected one of a DSLAM, a cable modem, a wireless modem , a multiplexing or channel service delivery system, or a satellite.

141. (Previously presented) The System of Claim 1 wherein network elements are to perform packet inspection to determine: file types , URL/IP addresses of content sources or destinations, or data patterns, in accordance with the controller instructions.

142. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 1 wherein the network elements are to further send a copy of data originated from or sent to content servers or gateways being wiretapped to law enforcement agencies, as directed by an active intervention system or controller.

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 8-12, 17, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 39, 41-43 and 116 – 142 (to be renumbered claims 1-48) were pending, and rejected for double patenting under the judicially created doctrine, in view of USPA 8,799,468.

In response, Applicant has submitted a Terminal Disclaimer, overcoming the rejections. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 8-12, 17, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 39, 41-43 and 116 – 142 (to be renumbered claims 1-48) are now believed to be in condition of allowance. Early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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14/338,240	07/22/2014	Robert M. Burke II	123205-198706	7564

TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM FOR REGULATING ACCESS TO AND DISTRIBUTING CONTENT IN A NETWORK

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 14/338,240	Applicant(s) BURKE ET AL.	
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14/038,240	07/22/2014	Robert M. Burke II	123205-198706	7564

TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM FOR REGULATING ACCESS TO AND DISTRIBUTING CONTENT IN A NETWORK

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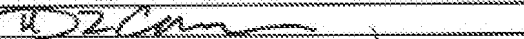
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