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(54) METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SELECTING STREAMING MEDIA IN **REAL-TIME**

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(57)**ABSTRACT**

Streaming media over a packet switched network includes processes for tracking which users are receiving a particular media stream and how long each of the users receives in order to collect time line information. Advertisements are preferably selected in real-time based on predefined criteria and switched, in response to a trigger, in place of a source signal during a streaming session.

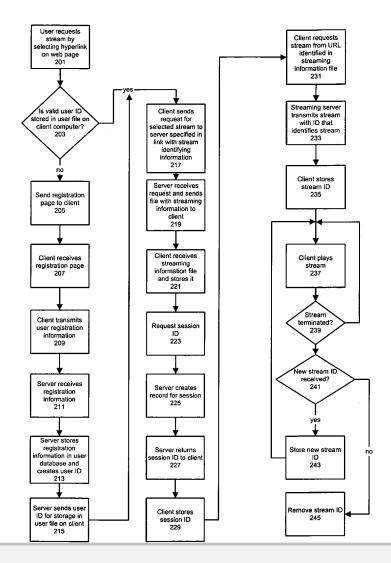
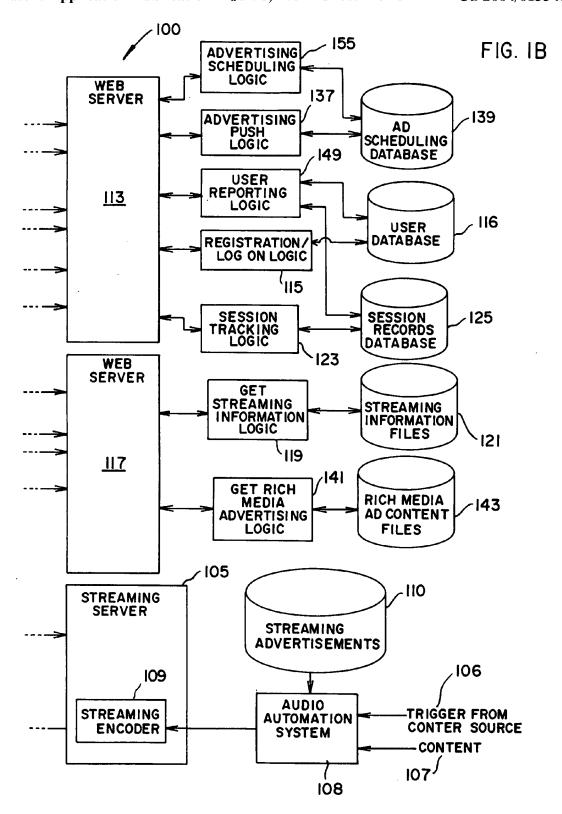
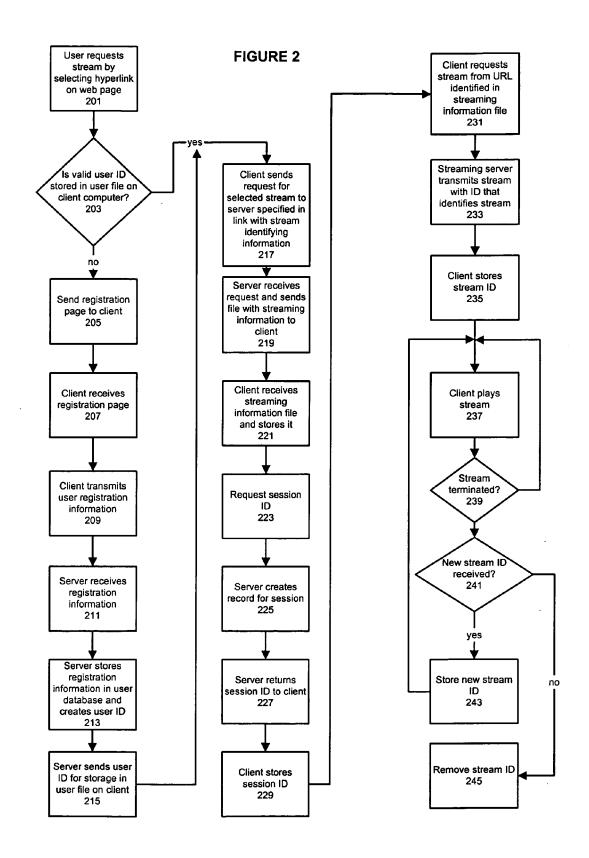




FIG. IA .151 **CLIENT** 145 USER TRACKING REPORT 1 **/153** CLIENT 147-USER TRACKING REPORT 2 - 159 CLIENT 157-AD SCHEDULING INTERFACE 101 **USER CLIENT** Ш **WEB BROWSER** 122-PLAYER APPLICATION SESSION TRACKING LOGIC 127-AD DISPLAY LOGIC 133 STREAM CONTROL LOGIC 129 RICH MEDIA AD DISPLAY WINDOW 135 131-STREAMING MEDIA PLAYER PACKET NETWORK FIG. I FIG. IA FIG. IB <u>103</u>







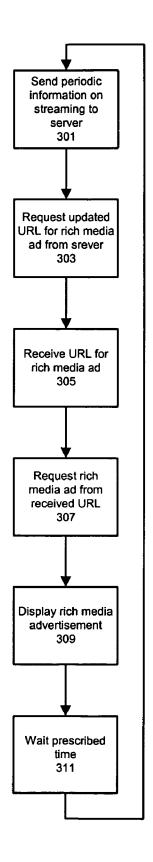


FIGURE 3



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