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(54) CONTROL SYSTEM FOR NETWORK OF INPUT DEVICES WITH AUTOMATIC AUDIO/VIDEO RECEIVER DETECTION AND CONTROL CONFIGURATION

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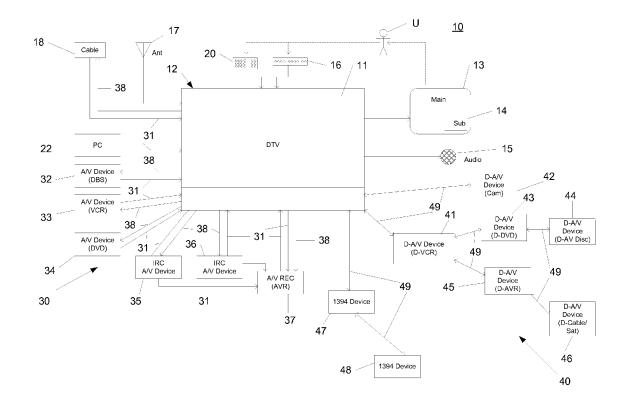
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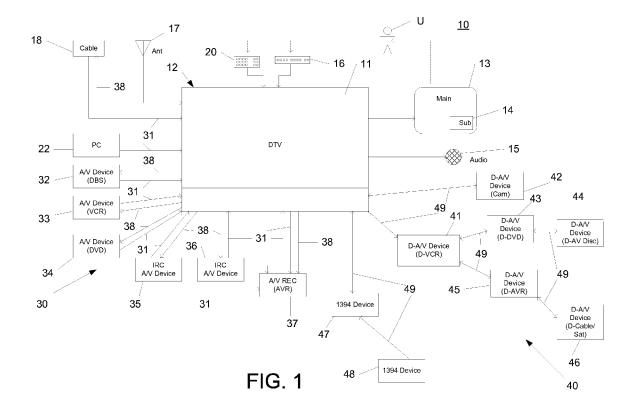
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ABSTRACT

Apparatus, methods, and systems for centrally and uniformly controlling the operation of a variety of devices, such as communication, consumer electronic, audio-video, analog, digital, 1394, and the like, over a variety of protocols within a network system and, more particularly, a control system and uniform user interface for centrally controlling these devices in a manner that appears seamless and transparent to the user. In a one embodiment, the control system will detect the change of state of an audio output sensor coupled to the audio output port.







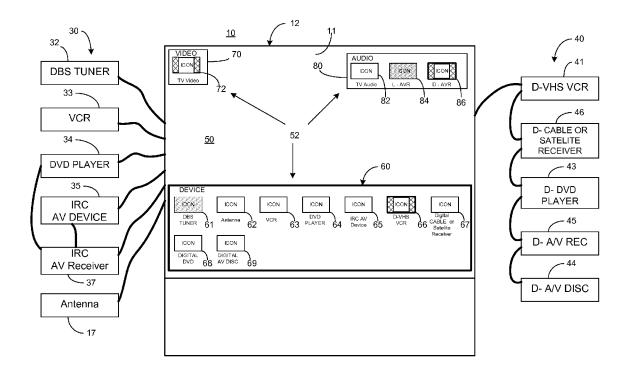


FIG. 2A

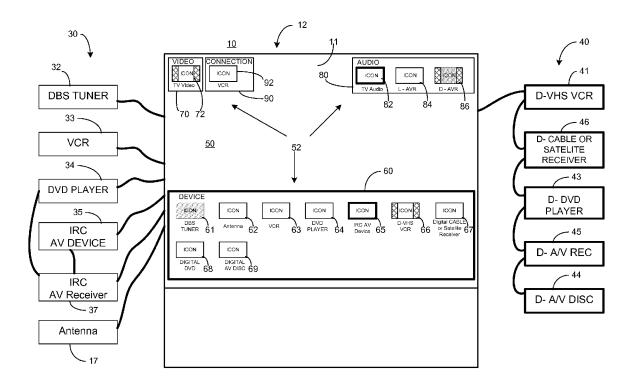


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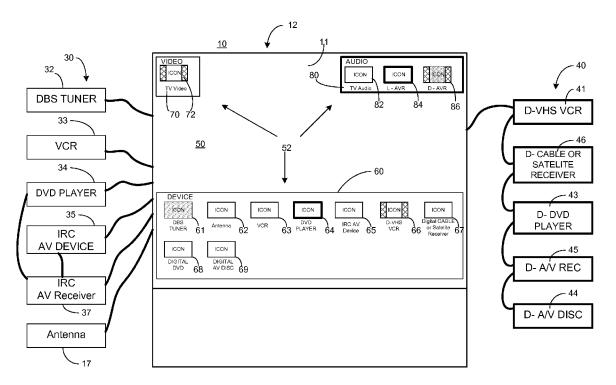


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