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PLAYLIST MENU NAVIGATION

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Background of the Invention

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User’s of on demand services typically navigate through a series of selection menus displayed on a television screen by a set-top terminal to locate and request a desired program. Each selection menu has different selection links. The selection links may be provided to the set-top terminal by a cable system offering the on demand services, via a broadcast file system server carousel for example. The carousel may continuously and serially provide files containing selection links for all the available services provided by the cable system. The set-top terminal may retrieve the appropriate files from the carousel after a service is selected by a user. Typically, the selection links are displayed on a blank or colored screen. There is limited, if any, graphics provided, since the carousel is generally too slow.

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