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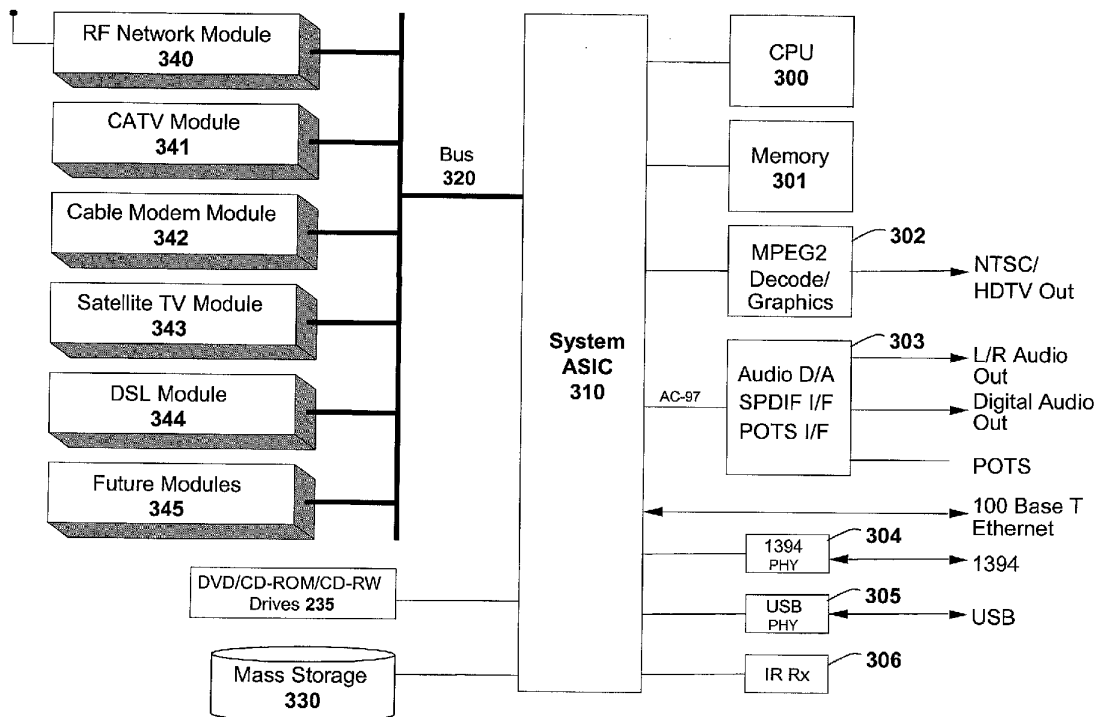
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system is disclosed comprising: a plurality of disparate databases containing data related to multimedia content and/or Internet content; a plurality of applications to access and process data from the databases; and a node layer comprising a first type of nodes adapted to retrieve data from a first type of database and a second type of nodes to retrieve data from a second type of database, wherein both the first type of nodes and the second type of nodes provide the data to the applications in a consistent data format.

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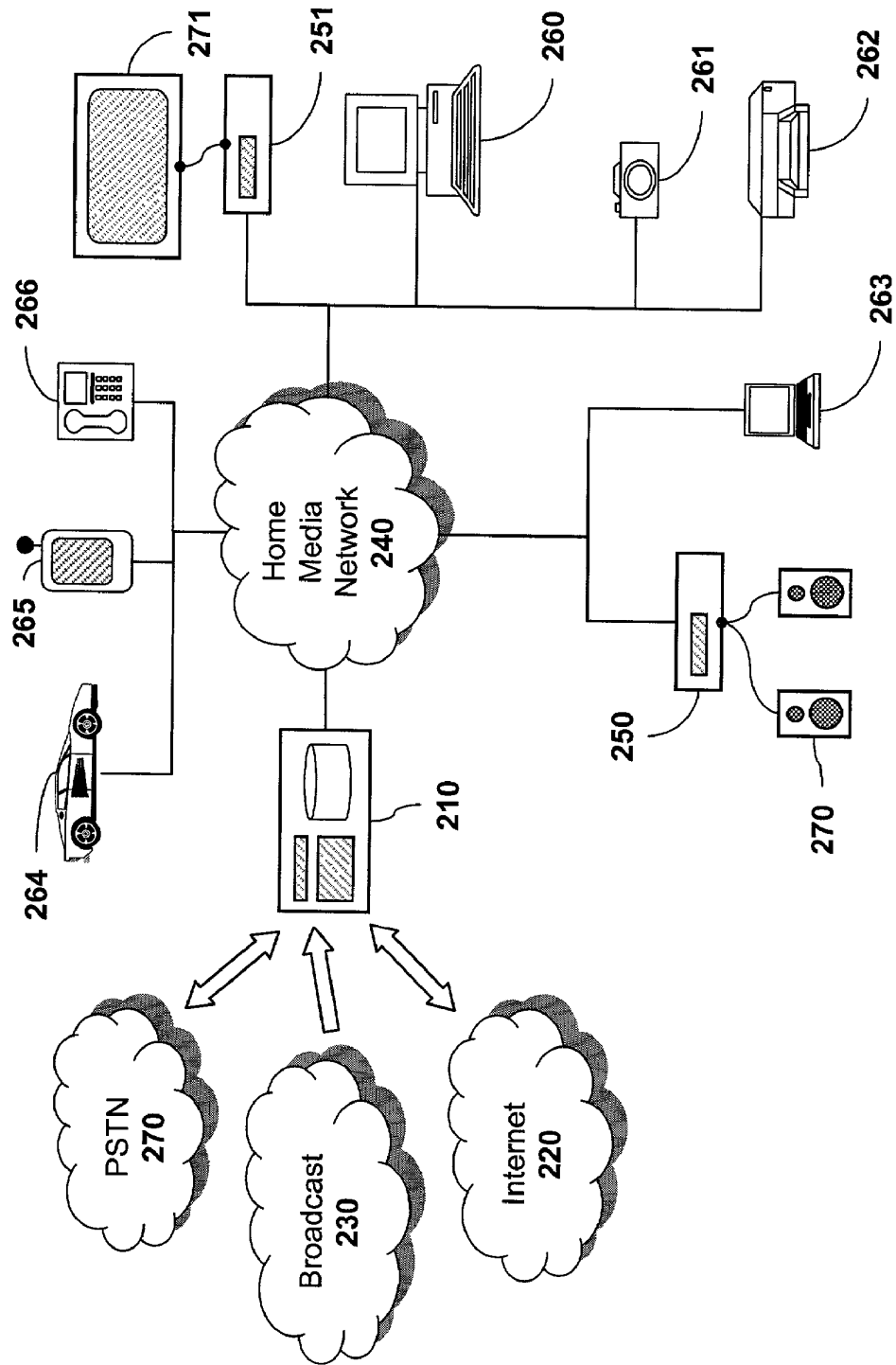


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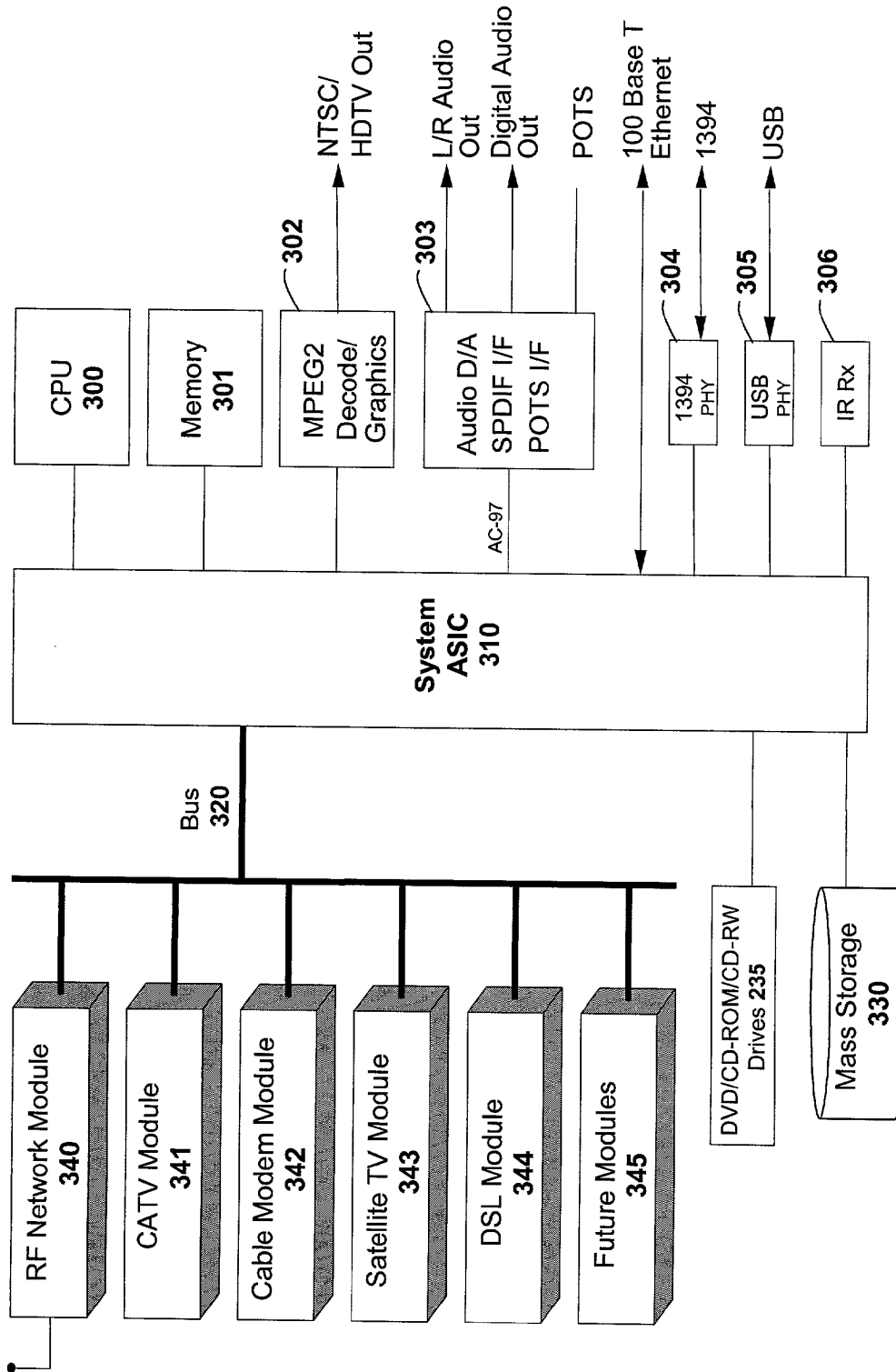


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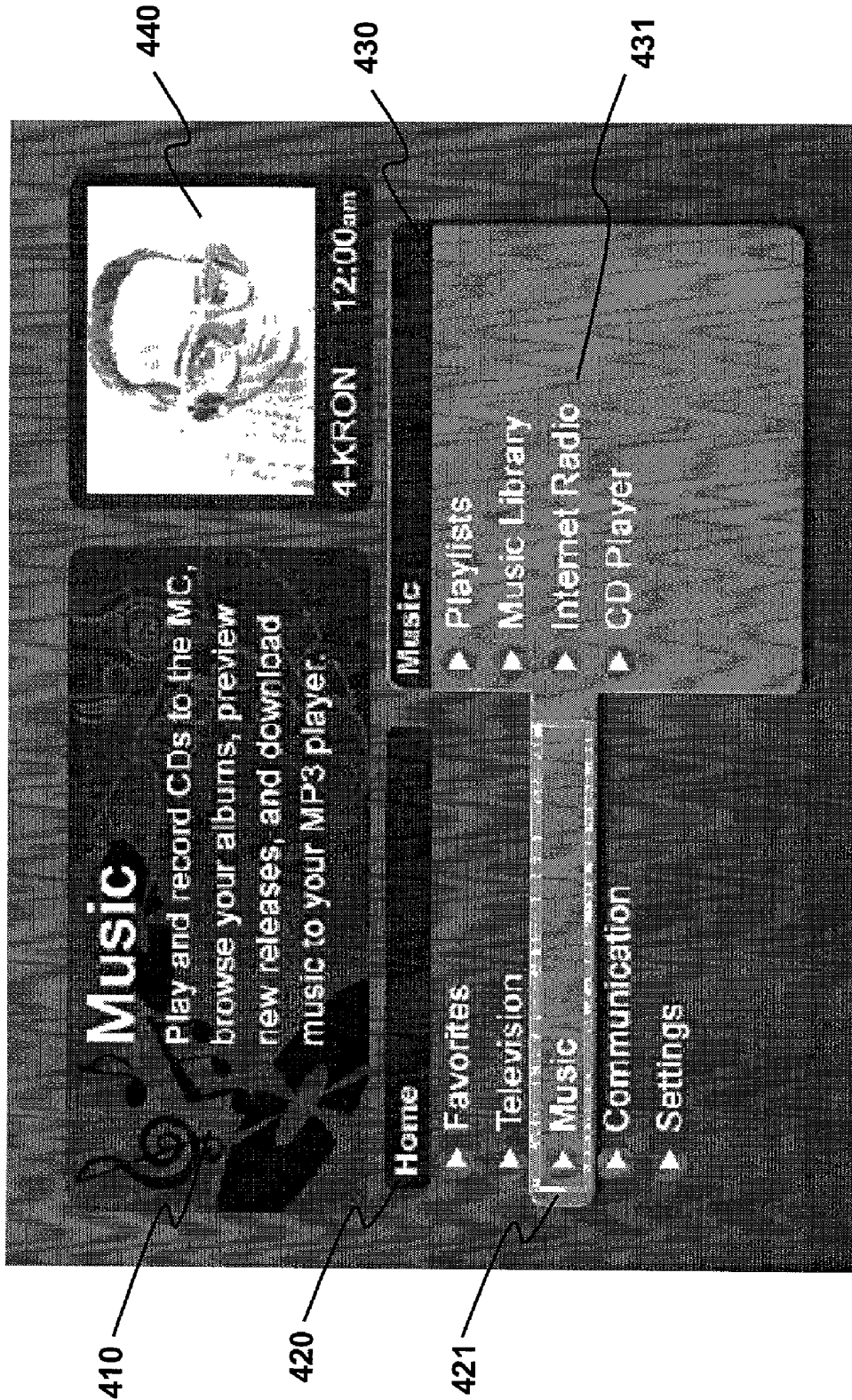


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