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(54) **METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR INTERNET PROTOCOL (IP)-FLOW CLASSIFICATION IN A WIRELESS POINT TO MULTI-POINT (PTMP)**

(57) **ABSTRACT**

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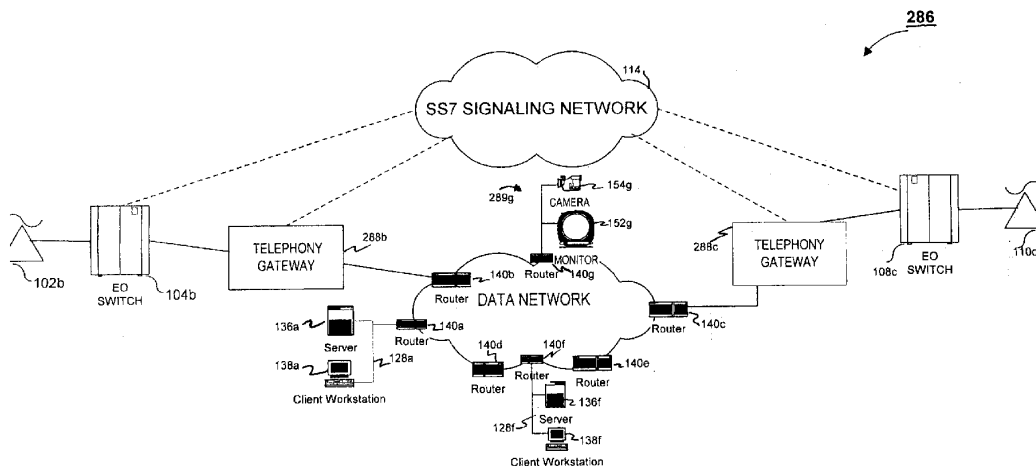
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An IP flow classification system is used in a wireless telecommunications system. The IP flow classification system groups IP flows in a packet-centric wireless point to multi-point telecommunications system. The classification system includes: a wireless base station coupled to a first data network; one or more host workstations coupled to the first data network; one or more subscriber customer premise equipment (CPE) stations in wireless communication with the wireless base station over a shared bandwidth using a packet-centric protocol; and one or more subscriber workstations coupled to each of the subscriber CPE stations over a second network; a resource allocation device optimizes end-user quality of service (QoS) and allocates shared bandwidth among the subscriber CPE stations; an analyzing and scheduling device analyzes and schedules internet protocol (IP) flow over the shared wireless bandwidth. The analyzing device includes the above IP flow classifier that classifies the IP flow. The classifier can include a device for associating a packet of an existing IP flow with the IP flow. The classifier can include a QoS grouping device that groups a packet of a new IP flow into a QoS class grouping. The QoS grouping device can include a determining device that determines and takes into account QoS class groupings for the IP flow. The QoS grouping device can include an optional differentiated services (Diff Serv) device that takes into account an optional Diff Servs field priority marking for the IP flow.



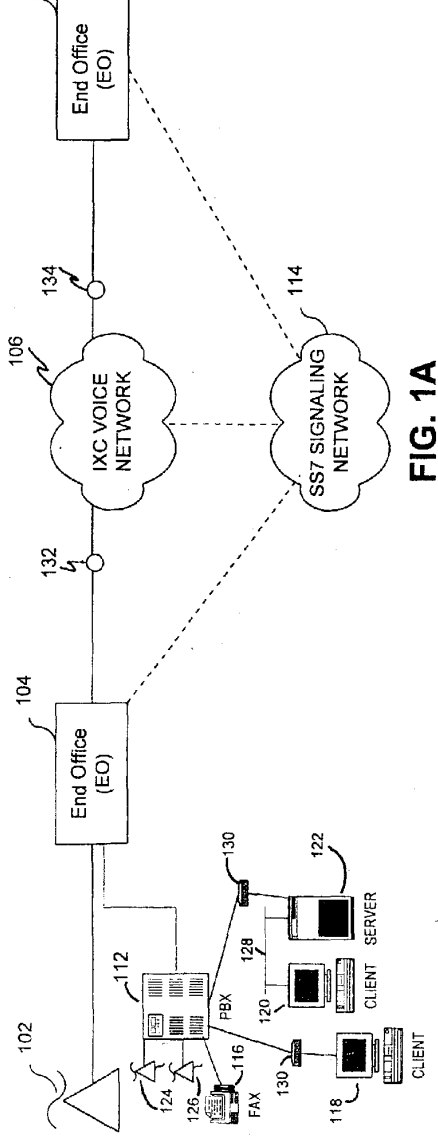


FIG. 1A

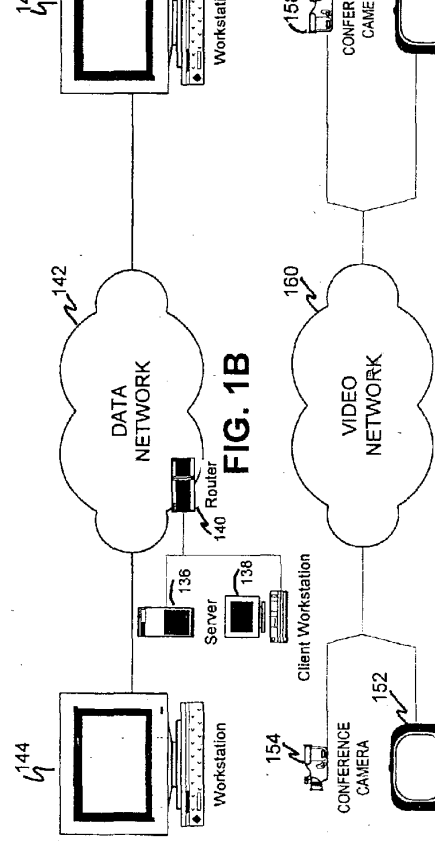


FIG. 1B

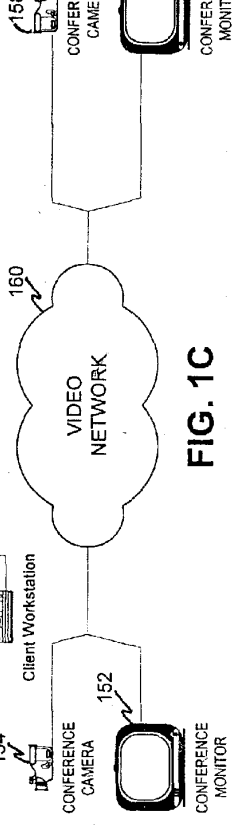


FIG. 1C

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