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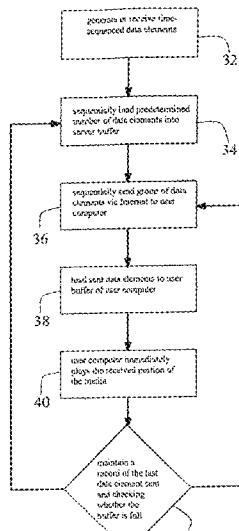
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(57) **ABSTRACT**
Streaming media, such as audio or video files, is sent via the
Internet. The media are immediately played on a user's
computer. Audio/video data is transmitted from the server
under control of a transport mechanism. A server buffer is
prefilled with a predetermined amount of the audio/video
data. When the transport mechanism causes data to be sent
to the user's computer, it is sent more rapidly than it is
played out by the user system. The audio/video data in the
user buffer accumulates; and interruptions in playback as
well as temporary modem delays are avoided.

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