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(54) **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LINKING  
BLUETOOTH TO WIRELESS LAN**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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Apparatuses and methods for linking a wireless LAN terminal and a Bluetooth terminal, for enabling communications between the terminals, and for enabling establishment of an ad-hoc network between the terminals are provided. A first linking apparatus includes a first data conversion unit which receives a Bluetooth signal and converts it to common layer data; and a first signal conversion unit which converts the common layer data into a wireless LAN signal and transmits it. A second linking apparatus includes a second data conversion unit which receives a wireless LAN signal and converts it into common layer data; and a second signal conversion unit which converts the common layer data into a Bluetooth signal and transmits it. Thus, by linking Bluetooth terminals and wireless LAN terminals, communications between the terminals, which use different technologies, are enabled, and an ad-hoc network can be established between the terminals.

BLUETOOTH  
SIGNAL

WIRELESS  
LAN SIGNAL

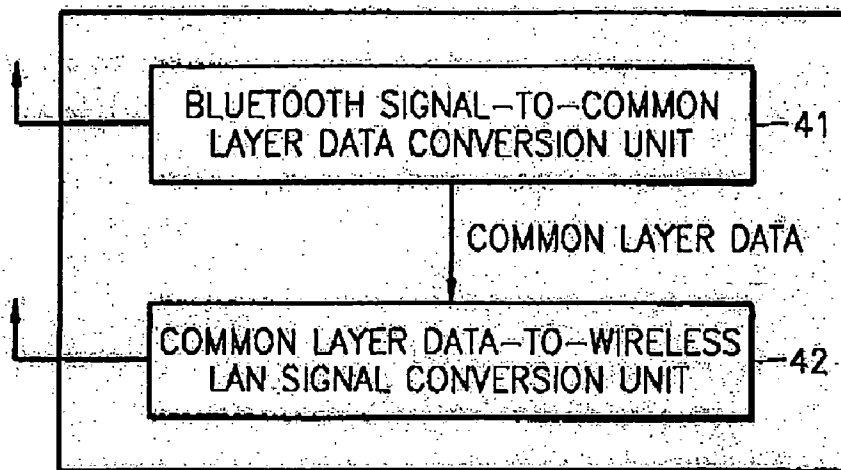


FIG. 1 (PRIOR ART)

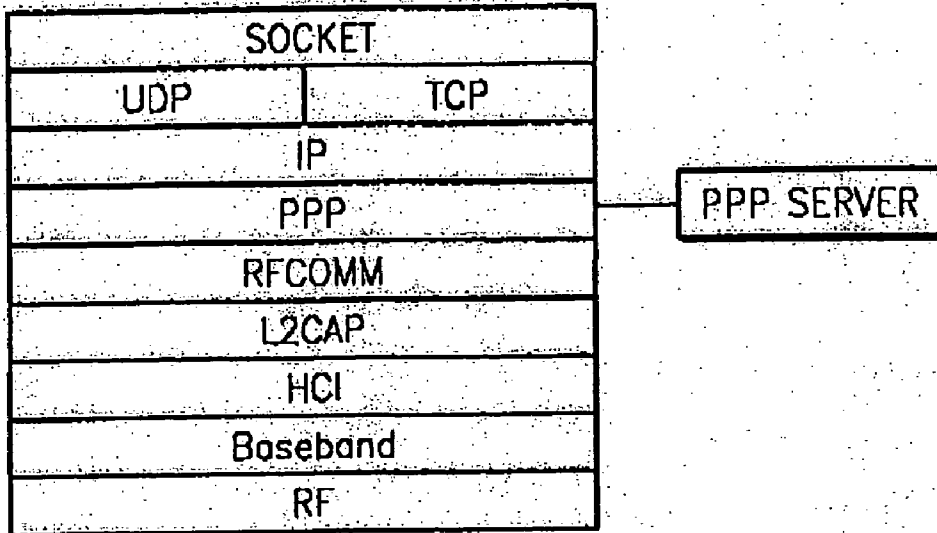


FIG. 2 (PRIOR ART)

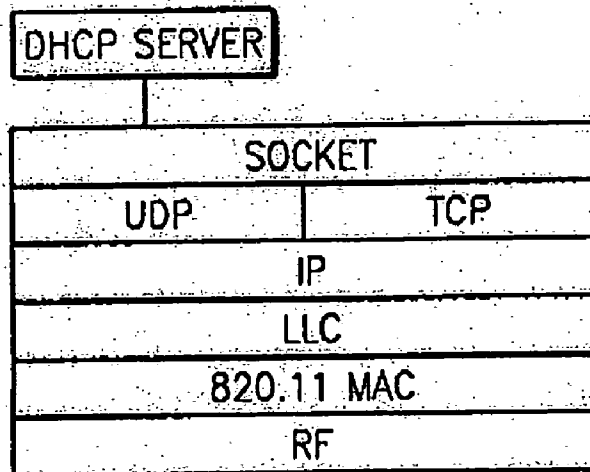


FIG. 3

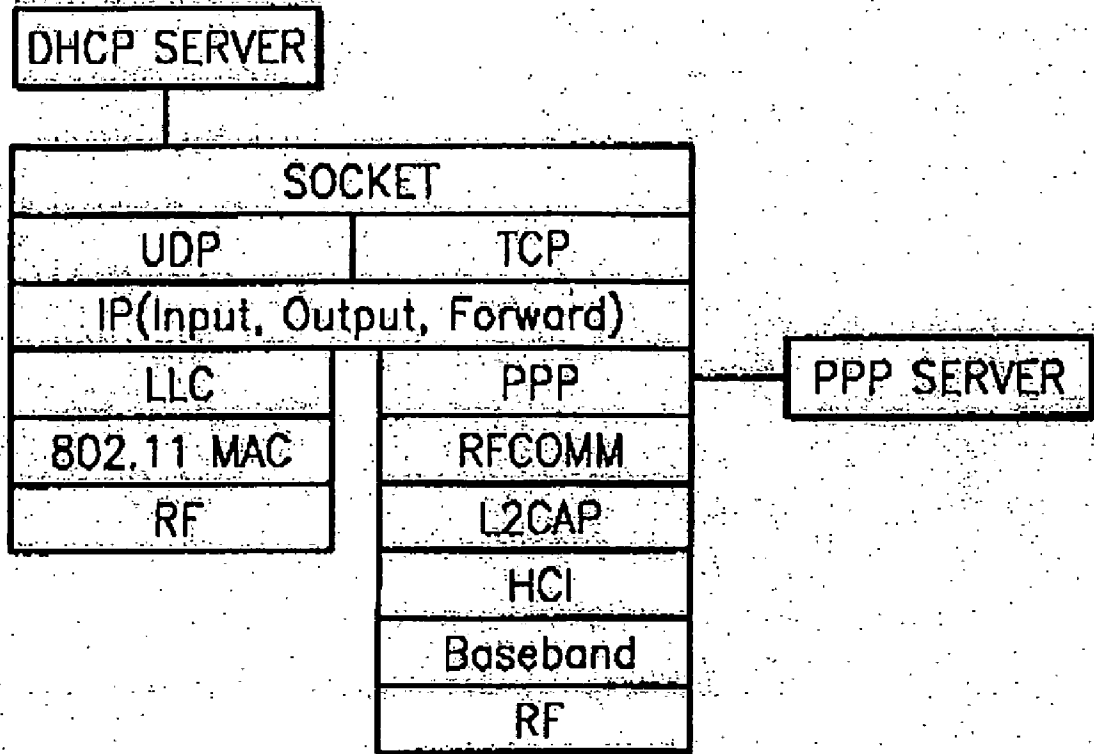


FIG. 4

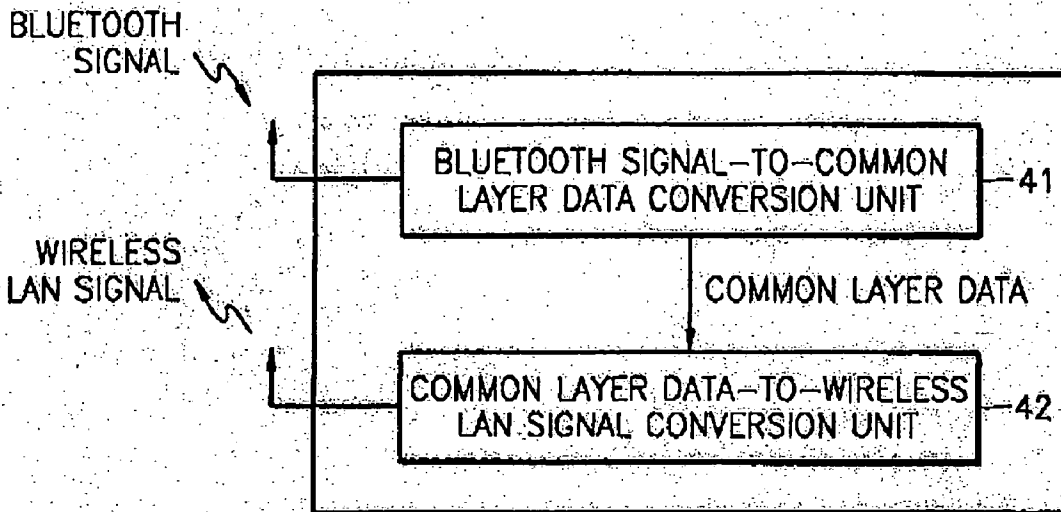


FIG. 5

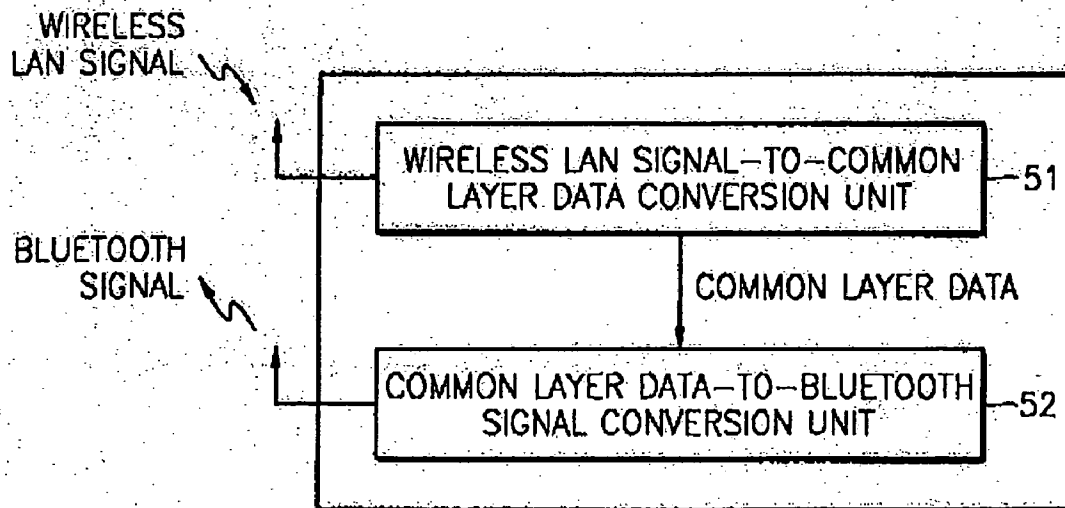
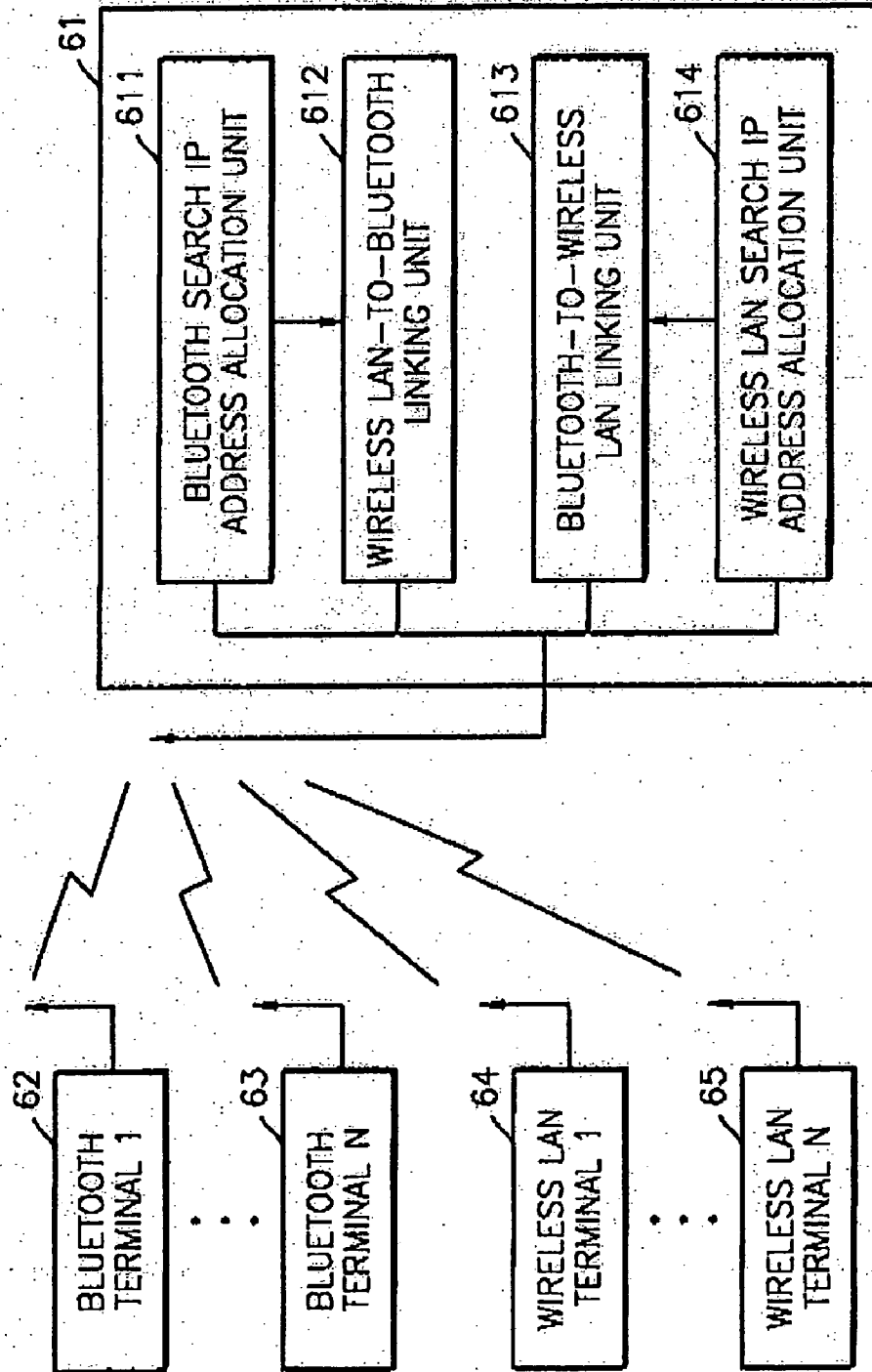


FIG. 6



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