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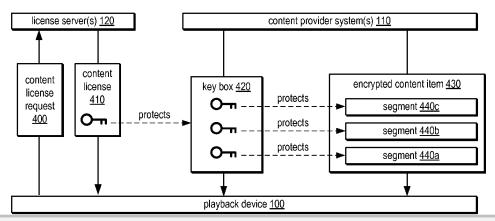
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(57) ABSTRACT

Embodiments may include a content provider system configured to provide electronic content that includes multiple encrypted content items to a playback device. A playback device may be configured to acquire root licenses and/or content licenses from a license server; such licenses may cryptographically protect the content items that a playback device receives from a content provider system. In various embodiments, the electronic content may be content that is to be linearly consumed, such as a channel within a broadcast environment. In various embodiments, the playback device may explicitly request a license for one or more of the content items that it receives; such request may be issued to a license server. The license server may evaluate the request and respond to the playback device with the license for a content item. In various embodiments, the playback device may utilize the received license to decrypt and consume the respective content item.

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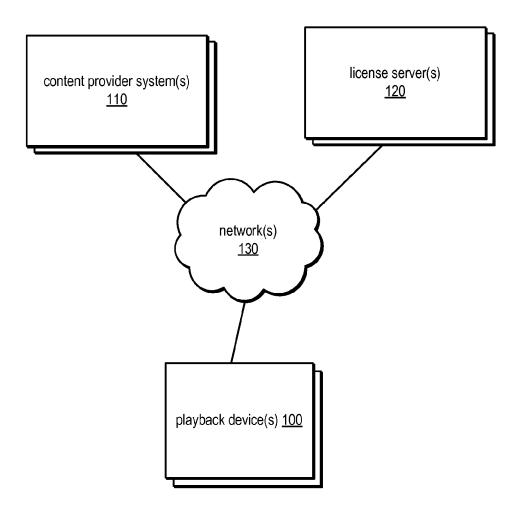
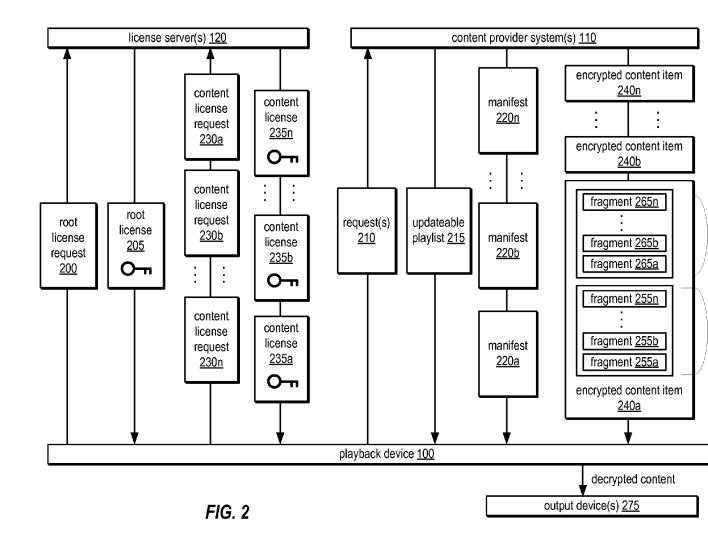


FIG. 1



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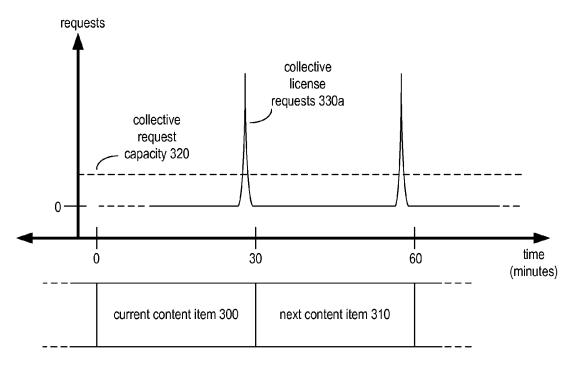


FIG. 3A

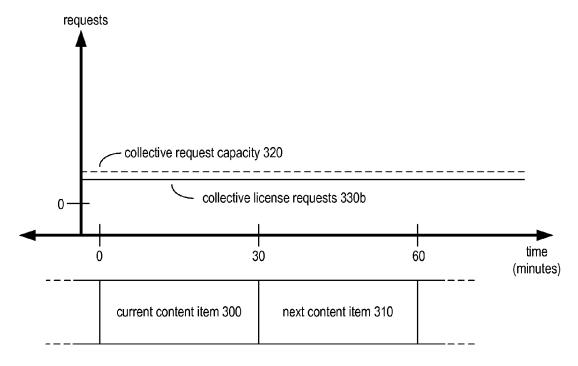


FIG. 3B



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