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(54) **REMOTE FRAMES**

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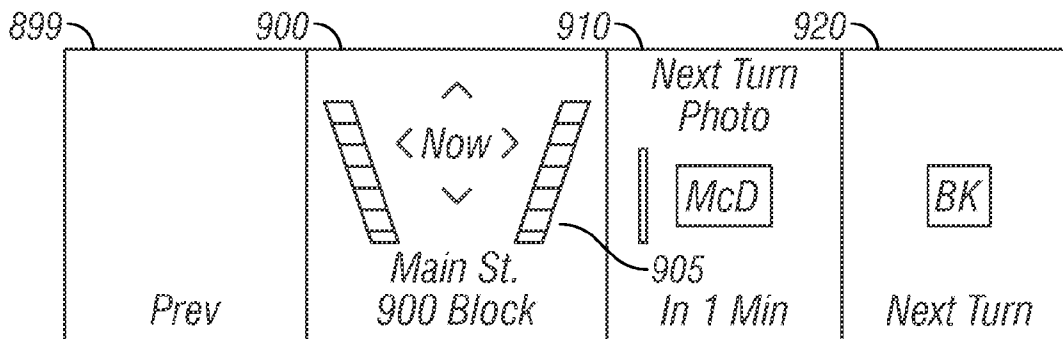
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A device that can operate according to a menu. A first aspect describes an array of preview frames where each preview frame can represent a program such as a video program or an intranet site. A selection window within the array allows selecting different preview frames. Another aspect describes use of this sliding array system within a GPS device.

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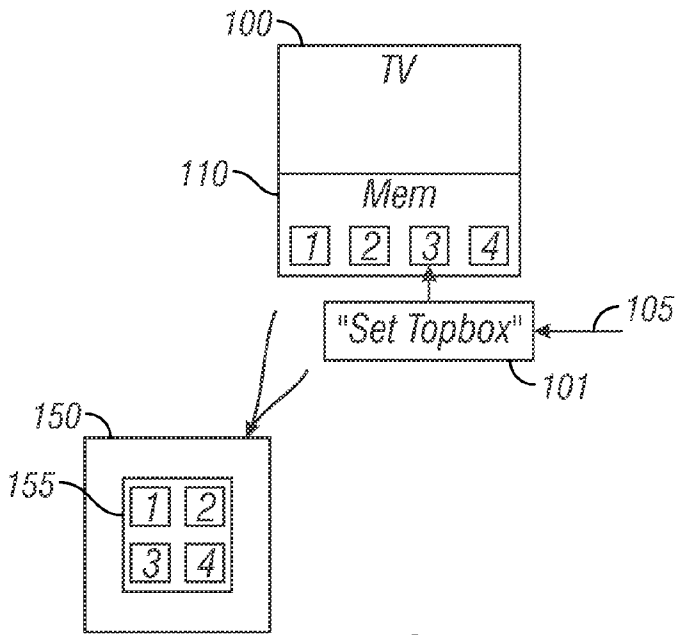


FIG. 1

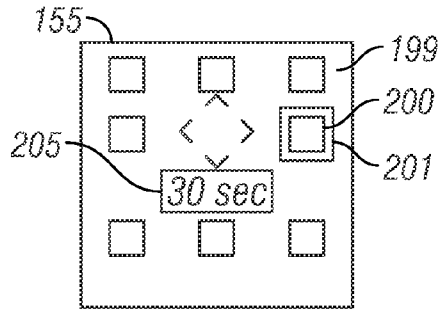


FIG. 2

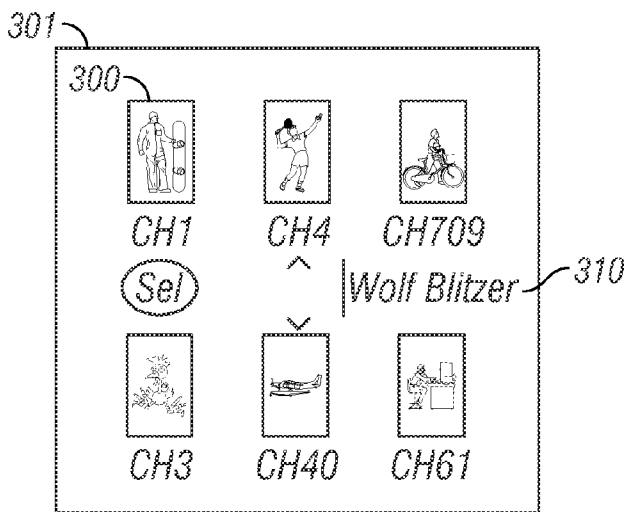


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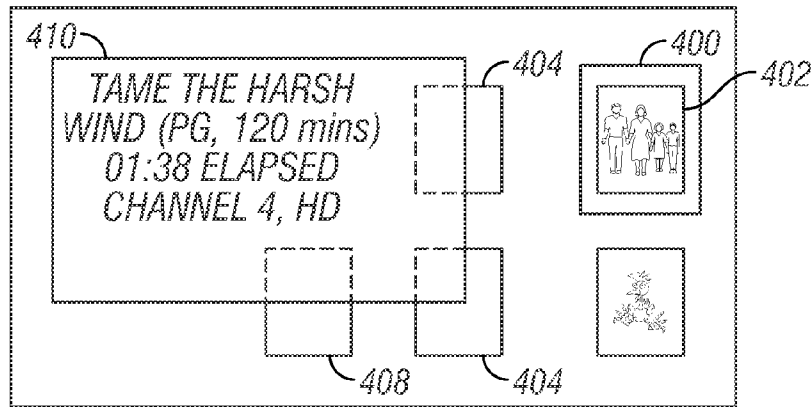


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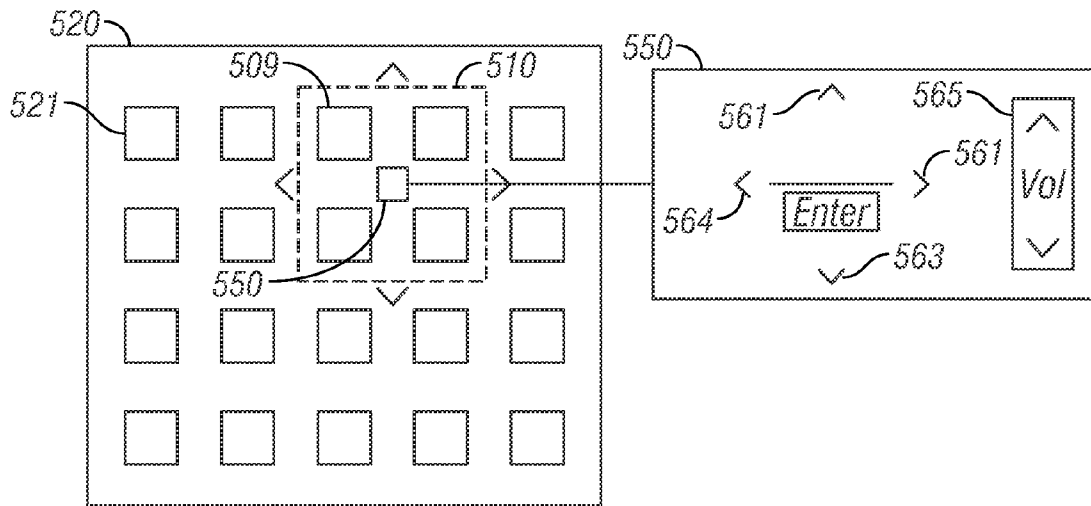


FIG. 5A

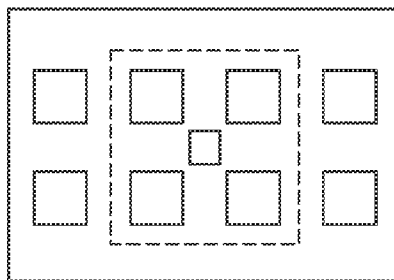
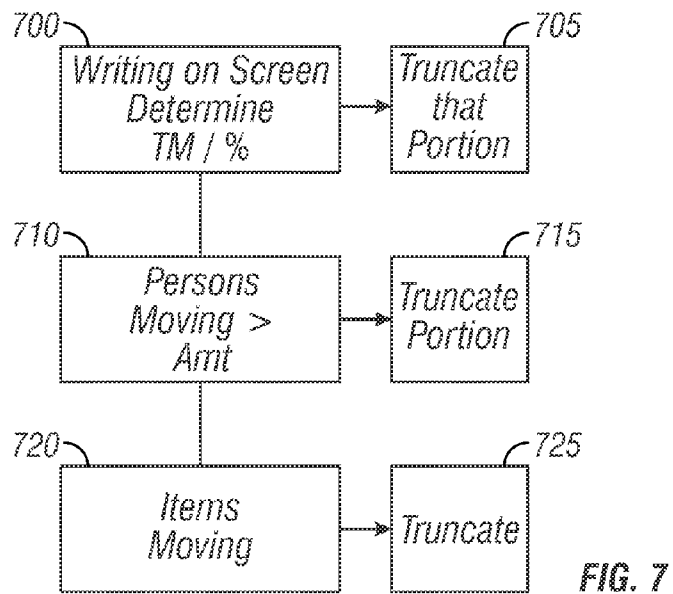
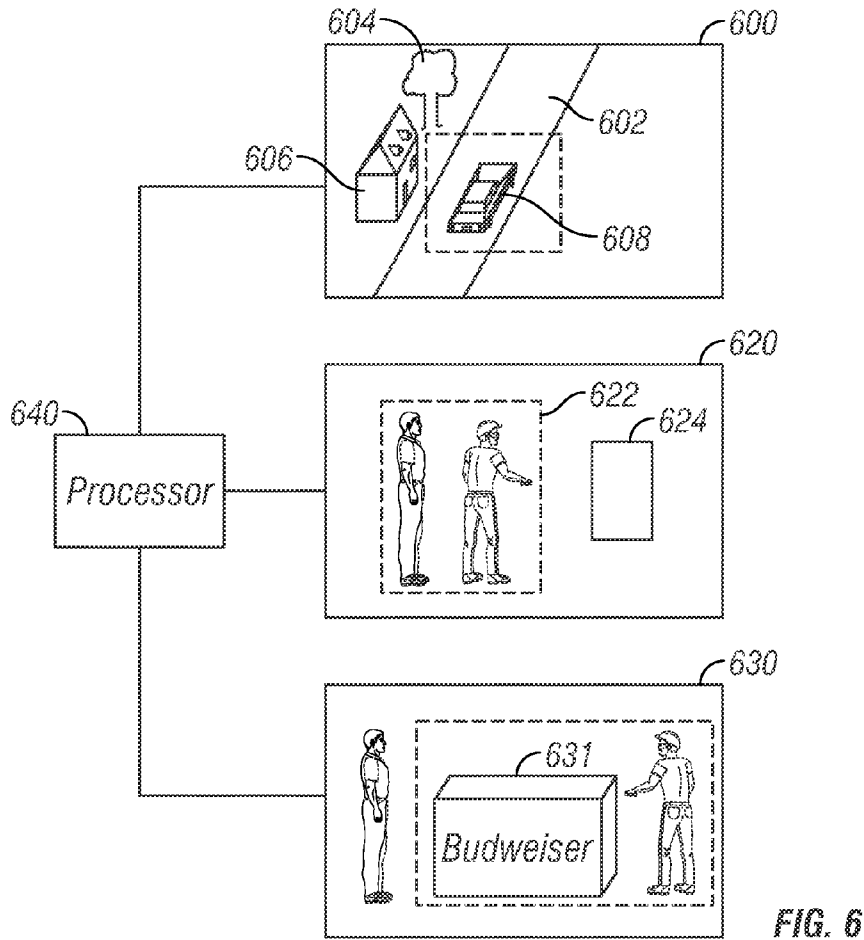


FIG. 5B



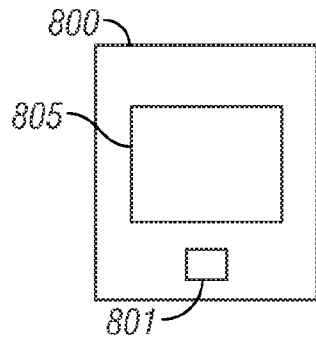


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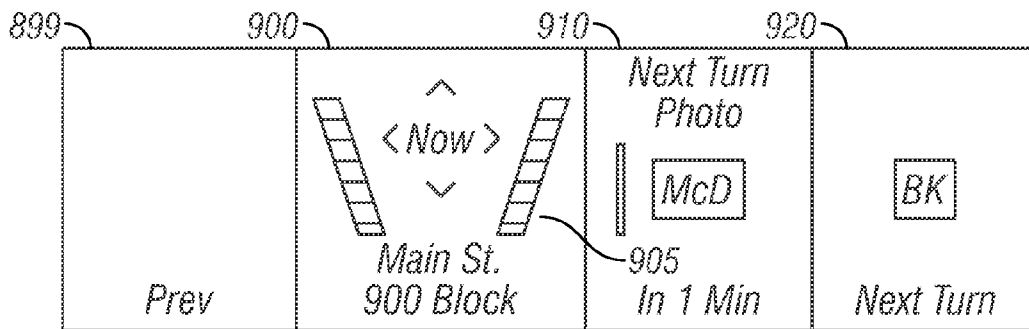


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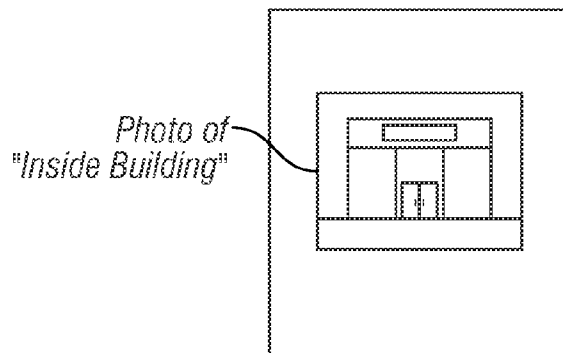


FIG. 10

## REMOTE FRAMES

## CROSS-REFERENCE RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Ser. No. 12/723,653 filed Mar. 14, 2011, now U.S. Pat. No. 8,365,219 issued Jan. 29, 2013. The disclosures of these parent applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

## BACKGROUND

Many different devices are controlled using remote controls. For example, a television device or other kind of media player is often controlled by remote control. Other electronic devices including household appliances, or any other kind of device, are often controlled in the same way. Many electronic devices may be difficult or impossible to control from the device itself, thereby only allowing control via the remote. Therefore, the remote control becomes much more sophisticated. In contrast, the controls that are controllable from the device (e.g., the television) itself may be less sophisticated.

Universal remotes can be used to control many different devices.

## SUMMARY

The present application describes techniques including menus for electronic devices.

Another embodiment describes a new way of controlling devices using remote controls.

Another embodiment describes use of these remote control techniques to allow more information to be viewed from a smaller screen.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows a basic embodiment of a television or other video device **100** being controlled by a remote control;

FIG. 2 shows an embodiment of using a remote control for fast forward and/or fast backward;

FIG. 3 shows an embodiment of using a remote control for channel selection;

FIG. 4 shows how information can be displayed over other windows;

FIGS. 5A and 5B show an embodiment with a sliding selection window over a larger array of preview frames;

FIGS. 6 and 7 show an embodiment for analyzing the frame to determine content therein to find a reduced size preview frame;

FIG. 8 shows a GPS embodiment;

FIG. 9 shows different photographs that can be viewed according to the GPS embodiment;

FIG. 10 shows an inside walking embodiment.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 shows a video device, here television **100** being controlled by a remote control **150**. In the embodiment, the television **100** receives input from a source of viewable content, e.g., video programming, **105** e.g. cable or network or a line from a set top box **101** such as a Tivo or DVD or Blu-ray player. In this embodiment, the television **100** or set top box is itself capable of storing at least some amount of time of the information.

For example, the television or the set top box may be able to store certain frames or times of information in a memory **110**. Embodiments may do this to enable a so-called freeze-

frame operation or a digital video recording function, or to do a live TV pause, or a 5-30 second review, for example. The memory **110** may also be able to store for example many frames **111** of information e.g. separated information, or the like. In one embodiment, this may store a number of key frames within a compressed video system.

According to another embodiment, the television may itself have a video recording function e.g. a digital video recorder function, and the memory **110** may be a hard drive that stores many GBs or TBs of video information.

In a first embodiment, the key frames of a video may be stored, for example, as part of an operation of decompressing incoming information from the cable or network. For example, MPEG compression schemes may store keyframes and other information that changes values between the keyframes.

Yet another embodiment may analyze the content of the video program. For example, this may analyze all the content within a window of 3 to 20 seconds, and find a "frame" which has the best depiction of some aspect within that window/time period. For example, usually television shows attempt to depict people in various scenes. The system may analyze the content of the frames and define the frame that has the best depiction of a person. For example this may use face analysis to find the face in the scene, and select that face which is closest to the center of the scene in the majority of the frames, for example. This may use more sophisticated techniques, such as information associated with the video that indicates which parts of the video are most important, e.g., coordinates of the video to use for previews or the like.

The television also communicates with a remote device e.g. a remote control **150**. The remote produces an output which commands another device, here the TV or set top box to display different viewable content or take some other action. The communication may be one-way from the remote to the television, or bidirectional. The communication can be by infrared, short range RF control such as WiFi or Bluetooth, or via some other network control such as WiFi, or some combination thereof. In one embodiment, certain frames which are stored on the television are transferred to the remote. In this embodiment, the remote also has a screen **155**, and the frames **111** may be shown on this screen. These frames may provide the ability to navigate forward or backward.

The remote also has a user interface that can be a cursor that is moved using a trackball joystick or other conventional user interface movement device. Alternatively, the user interface can use or include a touch screen.

For example, consider the situation where you are watching a television. Because of a distraction, or for any other reason, a user missed some dialog, the user may want to jump back so that you can re-hear what's been said and re-view it. A TV **100** and/or set top box may store certain content for that purpose. Frames that are stored on the television may be transferred to the remote include an appropriate selection of frames. A selection of frames will enable finding a frame that would enable an appropriate jump to a desired frame, e.g. all frames within 5 minutes might enable a jump to anywhere within that 5 minutes. These frames that are sent and viewed herein are referred to as preview frames.

For example, FIG. 2 shows a detail of the contents for a time jump screen **199** on the screen **155** of the remote **150**. In this embodiment, frames may be provided showing content of what would be shown on the TV screen for one second forward or a one second back skip; for a 5 second forward or back 10 seconds, 30 seconds, or others. Selecting any of these frames enables moving forward in time, or back in time by a

certain amount of time. A selection such as **201** of a frame such as **200** causes the amount of time associated with that frame to be displayed as **205**, prior to selection of that frame.

One embodiment may only allow skipping backwards by certain amounts of time. In the embodiment described above and shown in FIG. 2, the ability to go forward in time may be possible because "time shifted" TV is being watched, for example when a person is watching 10 minutes behind. When watching time shifted TV in this way, the watching position can actually move forward by certain times, e.g., by 10 minutes. This enables you, from the remote, to select frames to which you want to move forward. One use of this might be, for example, to move forward to a different point in the program, or to fast-forward far enough to get over commercials. The move forward is different than a conventional fast forward, since it allows moving directly to another frame. It does so using a technique that allows the user to select where to move, based on which of plural frames to move to. In the embodiment, the remote receives images indicative of frames at different times, and displays those frames as frames **200** on the display of the remote. Then the user can look at the different frames and they could decide by looking at the different frames, which of these frames represented commercial content. Then, the user can select one or more of these frames at which to resume play. Again, that frame can be ahead of the current play location, or behind the current location.

This embodiment therefore provides preview frame samples of different times of viewing, where one preview frame comprises viewing at a time  $t$ , and another preview frame comprises viewing at a different time  $t1$ , where  $t1$  is a different time than time  $t$ .

My application Ser. No. 10/455,854, filed Jun. 6, 2003, now U.S. Pat. No. 8,351,761, also describes techniques of how to skip commercials in video content.

By placing the "cursor" **201** over a frame, information about the program can be displayed, e.g., how long is the program, who it stars, etc.

The above embodiment, shown in FIG. 2, is described to show frames for backward and/or forward in time. Another embodiment shown in FIG. 3 mode may view and allow selection of frames as a function of channel. For example FIG. 3 shows how the remote screen **301** can provide channels that are currently available, and which can be viewed on the television. Each of the frames **300** may represent a frame showing what is currently playing on one of the channels, as received from the TV **100** and/or set top box **101**.

These different menus can be mixed. The array of current frames may include current frames for the current channel being viewed, and may also include different frames for different channels.

Conventional controls on the remote may be provided such as channel up and channel down, etc. The controls may be associated with preview frames. Next to the channel up button, an information area **310** shows the information that will be obtained if that channel is selected.

The channels can be channels from any source.

Each preview frame **300** shows a miniature version of what is on the television screen. It may show a miniature version of the whole screen.

In another embodiment, shown in FIG. 6, the video screen contents are analyzed to find a specific portion of that video screen that should form the preview frame. FIG. 6 illustrates an overall video screen **600** which shows a complete frame. A number of items may be in the frame, such as road **602**, trees **604** houses **606** and others. There may be a car shown as **608** moving on the road.

Another video screen shown as **620** may be a screen that shows a number of people together in an area **622**, and shows other items in the room such as paintings on the walls **624**, or other decorations. Another screen **630** may show, for example, an item **631** where item may be a case of beer and there may be people around the item. The screen **630** may be a conventional screen that you would see in an advertisement.

Each of these screens may be analyzed by a video processor shown at **640** which may find the proper portion of the screen to display as the preview frame. The processor may use the flowchart shown in FIG. 7.

In FIG. 7, at **700**, the processor may determine if there is writing on the screen, and if so by using OCR techniques or other similar techniques may determine if the writing is a conventional trademark of an item. For example, the writing on the box **631** which says "Budweiser" may be found within a trademark database. However, the percentage of the screen which is covered by the trademark is also noted. This is an attempt to determine if the subject of the screen is actually the trademark the item. For example if the trademarked item takes up less than 5% of the screen, it may be considered that this is not the trademarked item if the item finds writing that is a trademark and has more than the greater percentage, then at **705** that portion is truncated and taken as being the desired portion. If not, the flow passes to **710** which attempts to find this mean subject of the screen. First, this finds persons who are moving more than a certain amount, which is between frames they have carried out a specified amount of movement. If such persons are found at **710**, then that is taken as the truncated portion at **715**. If not, items moving are found at **720**, and those moving items if found are taken as the truncated portion at **725**. **710** may look for the persons moving such as **622** in screen **620**. **720** may look for the items moving such as the car traveling in **608** in the screen **600**. Each of the truncated portions which are obtained is shown in dotted lines in the FIG. 6.

Other techniques can also be used to find a truncated portion which may provide information to a user about the desired portions of the screen which will tell the most about the screen to a user who is viewing the only the preview frames. For example, the processor **640** may consult a database that indicates the most likely important screen portions.

By this or some other technique, the operation may analyze the content of the scene, find the most likely relevant portion of the television screen, and make a preview screen that shows only a very small portion of the screen, truncated to include only the relevant portion. The relevant portion, for example, may include only one or more persons within each scene.

Other embodiments may show different things on the remote, e.g., the last few channels viewed, with real-time views or views that are recent such as within a few seconds, of what is on those channels. For example, if a user is switching between two channels, the channel last viewed may have preview frames shown on the remote. This may be useful for example if a user is switching channels to avoid a commercial. The user can view another channel, while watching the "previous channel" on the remote.

Another embodiment may provide streaming video onto the remote, which may be a minimized window or a truncated window that only shows part of the complete video screen. Favorite channels can also be shown in the same way. The user can select any of these channels by touching the frame on a touch screen, moving a cursor, or any other way of selecting on a screen.

FIG. 4 shows how hovering a cursor over a frame **402** may also provide additional information **410** about the frame **402**. This additional information **410** may be overlaid over the

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other frames **404**, **406**, **408**. This provides, for example, information such as how long the program is, when it started or other information such as a description or the like. The information may be shown as a balloon hanging over the other frames, and may be partly transparent so that the other frames can be seen through it, for example.

One problem being recognized by the present system is that modern television systems provide more channels than can be handled by a small remote. Perhaps the conventional way of dealing with this is by providing a channel guide on the TV screen, or by making users memorize the channel numbers. However, the present system may provide a useful alternative where the information being seen is actually shown on the display of the remote. In view of this problem, another embodiment shown in FIGS. **5A** and **5B** allows selection of different portions from a larger screen, only part of which is shown on the screen of the remote device. A complete display **520** has information about all of the possible channels that can be viewed. FIG. **5A** shows preview frames **521** for an array of channels. A sliding selection **510** can be moved across the total display **520**. Note that the total display will have a many different preview frames such as **521** thereon. Some of the preview frames such as **521** are outside of the sliding area defined by **510**. Other preview frames such as **509** are inside that sliding area. Each of the preview frames may be formed as described in previous embodiments.

The embodiment of FIG. **5A** illustrates 20 preview frames shown on the screen **520**, and only four of those preview frames are inside the sliding area **510**, e.g. the displayed portion on the remote. While only 20 different preview frames are shown, of course there could be many more preview frames on the screen, e.g., there may be hundreds of preview frames.

The preview frames can be arranged in any desired way. In one embodiment, for example, the selection area **510** may select only four or six different frames for display on the screen. However, as the selection area **510** slides across the screen area **500**, the selection of which preview frames are selected changes.

The sliding selection area **510** includes a menu **550** at some location within the selection area and that slides with the menu across the screen. FIG. **5A** shows the menu **550** in the middle of the sliding selection area **510**. The menu **550** may include multiple parts; including a navigation part with arrows that allow selection of movement of arrow directions where the movement changes the portion of the menu that is selected. The arrows **561**, **562**, **563**, **564** are selected to move the cursor to different areas within the selection, or to move the selection to the left, right, up or down in embodiments where the total area is larger two dimensionally than the selection as in FIG. **5A**. Another embodiment in FIG. **5B** may have the complete screen the same width as the sliding part, so that the sliding part moves two dimensionally across the complete screen.

The sliding menu may also include different parts that are preferably always shown on remote controls such as volume up and down **565**. Some functions may also be on "hard keys" within the remote also.

In the two dimensional embodiment, shown in FIG. **5B**, moving to the right or left slides the window forming the selection area **510** across the entirety of the screen **500**, thereby providing a different selection that is shown to the user. This enables moving to the right or moving to the left for example across a larger selection. The same can be done by moving up and down in any desired logical configuration. In one of the embodiments, the arrows may move one frame at a time when you move them, and may start moving in a faster

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way when you hold it down, for example first one second per frame, and after one second of holding down may move much faster.

The above has described an operation within a remote control for a television. However, this can be used in a stand-alone device. In one embodiment, for example, this can be used on the television itself, where the television screen shows the different selection of channels that can be obtained. The whole screen can be logically divided showing different frames from different channels. The electronics within the television can time-shift between one and another tuner, so that at each moment a reasonably up-to-date version of the tuner contents is shown on the screen. In one embodiment, the frames which are closer to the selection area **510** that is currently selected may be updated more frequently than frames which are further than the selection area. For example frames which are close to the selection area **510** sliding screen may be updated twice a second, while frames that are further from the selection area may be updated every 5 seconds. This is because the user is likely to slide to those closer areas, so it is better if those closer areas are more up to date.

Another embodiment shows an operation of using this kind of screen in a portable navigation device, e.g. one that uses global positioning satellites ("GPS") or cell tower triangulation to determine position. This device has a user interface which allows entering a destination for navigation, and the display displays navigation information and information to guide a user to their final destination. In this embodiment, the remote device is a GPS **800** shown in FIG. **8** that may itself show pictorial representations of areas, e.g., with landmarks. An embodiment may provide photographic views of the surroundings. For example, this may use techniques from my co-pending application Ser. No. 12/210,196, filed Sep. 14, 2008. This may also use, for example, drawings or cartoons showing the landmarks.

FIG. **8** shows the GPS device **800** with screen **805** and memory **801**. The memory **801** may store as part of the navigation, for example, views such as what the user would see in the future for navigation in a car for example.

FIG. **9** shows some exemplary views that may be viewed on the screen **805**. For example, if the device determines that the user is on Main Street, **900** block now, the GPS screen **900** that displays "now" may show a photograph **905** of the current area based on stored or obtained photos of main street. This allows a user to see from visual landmarks where they are to help with the navigation. However, the user may also see what is going to happen in the future. For example, the GPS may show a photo of what an area will look like that they are going to arrive to, for example, in 1 minute, as the screen **910**. It may show what the area will look like at the next turn at the screen **920**. The next turn photo may be stored or downloaded during the time the user is travelling toward the next turn. The next turn photo may be displayed at some time before the next turn, so that the user can see landmarks that will tell the user where to turn. One embodiment may also enable showing photos from previous times, e.g., to determine if they went wrong in the past, or for some other reason.

The photos may be shown in a menu system of the type shown in FIG. **5A** or **5B**, e.g., a long window, and with a sliding selection across and/or along a complete array of preview frames, where in this embodiment, the preview frames are the photos of the future areas. These items can also be selected, e.g., to get more information about the items, or to go to some other area of the menu.

An embodiment in FIG. **10** uses the system can also be used for walking navigation, where the system may show photos of buildings and inside the building, to help the user



navigate within the area. For example, this may show hallways, elevator banks, and other layouts, where a user can slide between the prestored photos to get to a desired location. The user, for example, might enter "suite 905" to get a series of photos that can be slid between to guide them to that location. This would be manually assisted, where the user can enter (photo 1), find elevator bank (photo 2), leave elevator (photo 3), go to hallway (photo 4), etc. Although only a few embodiments have been disclosed in detail above, other embodiments are possible and the inventor intends these to be encompassed within this specification. The specification describes specific examples to accomplish a more general goal that may be accomplished in another way. This disclosure is intended to be exemplary, and the claims are intended to cover any modification or alternative which might be predictable to a person having ordinary skill in the art. For example, while the above describes a remote control, these techniques described herein can be used on portable devices such as GPS devices, on portable phones, or other. The programs can be television programs, but can also be computer applications or any other kind of application, including navigation programs, or internet programs.

The above describes the frames being of viewable content. Other viewable content can be used in this way. One embodiment, for example, describes using this system for surfing between a number of Internet sites which forms the viewable content. For example, each of the preview frames may be a preview frame of an Internet website which may be a frame of the complete site, or only some selected portions of the site. The menuing system with the sliding portion may be used to slide between different portions of this Internet website. Also, while the above describes mixing different kinds of video programs it should be understood that this invention contemplates that both intranet sites and also video program such as video channels, streaming video, and the like can all be mixed together on this array.

Another embodiment may modify the way in which the preview screens are formed, and may allow users to either set the preview screens themselves, or to set different portions of the preview screens which they want to appear. For example, a user could manually select the portion of a specific screen. Later, other screens that look like that screen may be automatically selected in this way.

Those of skill would further appreciate that the various illustrative logical blocks, modules, circuits, and algorithm steps described in connection with the embodiments disclosed herein may be implemented as electronic hardware, computer software, or combinations of both. To clearly illustrate this interchangeability of hardware and software, various illustrative components, blocks, modules, circuits, and steps have been described above generally in terms of their functionality. Whether such functionality is implemented as hardware or software depends upon the particular application and design constraints imposed on the overall system. Skilled artisans may implement the described functionality in varying ways for each particular application, but such implementation decisions should not be interpreted as causing a departure from the scope of the exemplary embodiments of the invention.

The various illustrative logical blocks, modules, and circuits described in connection with the embodiments disclosed herein, may be implemented or performed with a general purpose processor, a Digital Signal Processor (DSP), an Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC), a Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) or other programmable logic device, discrete gate or transistor logic, discrete hardware components, or any combination thereof designed to perform

the functions described herein. A general purpose processor may be a microprocessor, but in the alternative, the processor may be any conventional processor, controller, microcontroller, or state machine. The processor can be part of a computer system that also has a user interface port that communicates with a user interface, and which receives commands entered by a user, has at least one memory (e.g., hard drive or other comparable storage, and random access memory) that stores electronic information including a program that operates under control of the processor and with communication via the user interface port, and a video output that produces its output via any kind of video output format, e.g., VGA, DVI, HDMI, displayport, or any other form.

A processor may also be implemented as a combination of computing devices, e.g., a combination of a DSP and a microprocessor, a plurality of microprocessors, one or more microprocessors in conjunction with a DSP core, or any other such configuration. These devices may also be used to select values for devices as described herein.

The steps of a method or algorithm described in connection with the embodiments disclosed herein may be embodied directly in hardware, in a software module executed by a processor, or in a combination of the two. A software module may reside in Random Access Memory (RAM), flash memory, Read Only Memory (ROM), Electrically Programmable ROM (EPROM), Electrically Erasable Programmable ROM (EEPROM), registers, hard disk, a removable disk, a CD-ROM, or any other form of storage medium known in the art. An exemplary storage medium is coupled to the processor such that the processor can read information from, and write information to, the storage medium. In the alternative, the storage medium may be integral to the processor. The processor and the storage medium may reside in an ASIC. The ASIC may reside in a user terminal. In the alternative, the processor and the storage medium may reside as discrete components in a user terminal.

In one or more exemplary embodiments, the functions described may be implemented in hardware, software, firmware, or any combination thereof. If implemented in software, the functions may be stored on or transmitted over as one or more instructions or code on a computer-readable medium. Computer-readable media includes both computer storage media and communication media including any medium that facilitates transfer of a computer program from one place to another. A storage media may be any available media that can be accessed by a computer. By way of example, and not limitation, such computer-readable media can comprise RAM, ROM, EEPROM, CD-ROM or other optical disk storage, magnetic disk storage or other magnetic storage devices, or any other medium that can be used to carry or store desired program code in the form of instructions or data structures and that can be accessed by a computer. Also, any connection is properly termed a computer-readable medium. For example, if the software is transmitted from a website, server, or other remote source using a coaxial cable, fiber optic cable, twisted pair, digital subscriber line (DSL), or wireless technologies such as infrared, radio, and microwave, then the coaxial cable, fiber optic cable, twisted pair, DSL, or wireless technologies such as infrared, radio, and microwave are included in the definition of medium. Disk and disc, as used herein, includes compact disc (CD), laser disc, optical disc, digital versatile disc (DVD), floppy disk and blu-ray disc where disks usually reproduce data magnetically, while discs reproduce data optically with lasers. Combinations of the above should also be included within the scope of computer-readable media.

Also, the inventors intend that only those claims which use the words “means for” are intended to be interpreted under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph. Moreover, no limitations from the specification are intended to be read into any claims, unless those limitations are expressly included in the claims. The computers described herein may be any kind of computer, either general purpose, or some specific purpose computer such as a workstation. The programs may be written in C, or Java, Brew or any other programming language. The programs may be resident on a storage medium, e.g., magnetic or optical, e.g. the computer hard drive, a removable disk or media such as a memory stick or SD media, or other removable medium. The programs may also be run over a network, for example, with a server or other machine sending signals to the local machine, which allows the local machine to carry out the operations described herein.

Where a specific numerical value is mentioned herein, it should be considered that the value may be increased or decreased by 20%, while still staying within the teachings of the present application, unless some different range is specifically mentioned. Where a specified logical sense is used, the opposite logical sense is also intended to be encompassed.

The previous description of the disclosed exemplary embodiments is provided to enable any person skilled in the art to make or use the present invention. Various modifications to these exemplary embodiments will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art, and the generic principles defined herein may be applied to other embodiments without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention. Thus, the present invention is not intended to be limited to the embodiments shown herein but is to be accorded the widest scope consistent with the principles and novel features disclosed herein.

What is claimed is:

1. A navigation device, comprising:
  - an electronic device having a user interface, and a screen which shows results of the user interface, and the user interface controls entering a destination for navigation, and the display displays navigation information indicative of a path to the destination for navigation, and where the navigation information includes multiple individual and separate pictures, each of said multiple individual pictures representing a different area of a path to the destination for navigation, wherein said multiple different pictures are arranged along a line that is in the same temporal order as the path of the navigation, and different pictures represent different times along the path, where at least a first of said pictures includes a representation of an area at a current time and is labeled to indicate that said first picture represents a current time, and a second of said pictures includes a representation at a future time and is labeled to indicate an indication of said future time, and where the multiple different pictures are arranged in a line and include a control to enable the user to slide between the multiple different pictures.
2. The navigation device as in claim 1, wherein said user interface controls selecting any of said individual pictures to obtain additional information about any of the pictures.
3. The navigation device as in claim 1, wherein said navigation information includes pictures of landmarks that will occur along the path.
4. The navigation device as in claim 1, wherein said pictures are photographs.
5. The navigation device as in claim 1, wherein said pictures are drawings.

6. The navigation device as in claim 1, wherein said user interface downloads a picture of a future area while the user is traveling towards the future area.

7. The navigation device as in claim 6, wherein said picture of said future time includes a display of a number of minutes until said picture will become a current picture.

8. The navigation device as in claim 6, wherein said picture of said future time includes an indication of when said picture will become a current picture by referring to an action to be taken during a guiding of the navigation.

9. The navigation device as in claim 6 wherein another of said pictures includes a representation at a past time.

10. The navigation device as in claim 1, wherein the pictures include pictures of insides of buildings and enables navigating within the building.

11. A navigation device, comprising:

an electronic device having a user interface, a processor and a screen which displays,

and the user interface controls entering a destination for navigation, and the processor controls providing information for guiding to the destination,

wherein the display shows multiple individual and separate frames of information, each of said multiple individual and separate frames of information representing a different area along a path to the destination for navigation at a different time during the navigation, wherein said multiple frames are in the same temporal order as the user will encounter during the path of the navigation, and at least a first frame includes an indication that it represents what a user should be seeing at a present time, and a second frame includes an indication that it represents what a user should be seeing at a future time, and said processor controls downloading a picture of a future area while the user is traveling towards the future area, and

where at least a first of said pictures includes a representation of an area at a current time and is labeled to indicate that said first picture represents a current time, and a second of said pictures includes a representation at a future time and is labeled to indicate an indication of said future time, and where the multiple different pictures are arranged in a line and include a control to enable the user to slide between the multiple different pictures.

12. The navigation device as in claim 11, wherein said user interface controls selecting any of said individual frames to obtain additional information about any of the frames.

13. The navigation device as in claim 11, wherein said second frame displays an indication of a number of minutes until said frame will become an indication of current surroundings.

14. The navigation device as in claim 11, wherein said second frame displays an indication of an indication of when said frame will become an indication of current surroundings by referring to an action to be taken during a guiding of the navigation.

15. The navigation device as in claim 11, wherein the frames include pictures of insides of buildings on a path of navigation and enables navigating within the building.

16. A navigation device, comprising:

an electronic device having a user interface, and a screen which shows results of the user interface, and the user interface controls entering a destination for navigation, and the processor controls providing information for guiding to the destination,

and the display displays navigation information indicative of a path to the destination for navigation, and also includes inside building information that is displayed to

a user upon reaching a specified building, said inside building information indicative of navigation inside a building that is part of the navigation, where the navigation information includes multiple individual and separate pictures, each of said multiple individual pictures representing a different area of a path to the destination for navigation, wherein said multiple different pictures are arranged along a line that is in the same temporal order as the path of the navigation, and different pictures represent different times along the path,

wherein said individual pictures include pictures that are arranged in a timeline, where at least a first of said pictures includes a representation of an area at a current time and is labeled to indicate that said first picture represents a current time, and a second of said pictures includes a representation at a future time and is labeled to indicate a number of minutes until said second picture will be a current picture, and where the multiple different pictures are arranged in a line and include a control to enable the user to slide between the multiple different pictures.

17. The navigation device as in claim 16, where the user interface shows what the user is seeing at a current time, and downloads a picture of a future area while the user is traveling towards the future area.

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