(12) UK Patent Application (19) GB (11) 2 403 322 (13) A

(43) Date of Printing by UK Office

29.12.2004

(21) Application No:

0423858.0

(22) Date of Filing:

07.04.2003

(30) Priority Data:

(31) 60371184

(32) 08.04.2002

(33) US

(31) 10407675

(32) 04.04.2003

(86) International Application Data:

PCT/US2003/010849 En 07.04.2003

(87) International Publication Data: WO2003/102776 En 11.12.2003

(71) Applicant(s):

Sony Electronics, Inc. (Incorporated in USA - Delaware) 1 Sony Drive, Park Ridge, NJ 07656, **United States of America**

(continued on next page)

- (51) INT CL7: G06F 11/30 17/30, H04L 9/00
- (52) UK CL (Edition W): **G4A** AUDB AUXB

US 6112181 A

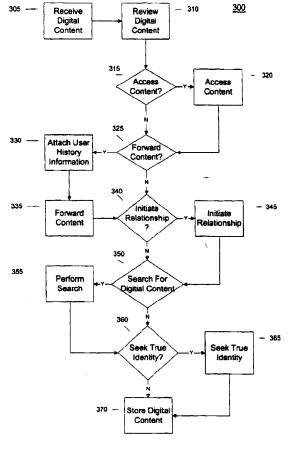
(56) Documents Cited by ISA: US 6480961 B2

US 6226618 B1

(58) Field of Search by ISA: Other: east

Abstract Title: System and method for reviewing received digital content

(57) Disclosed is a system and method for reviewing received digital content (305 of Figure 3). A user history information (330) attached to the digital content file includes a user identifier. The user identifier may identify a true identity (360, 365) or identify an alias name of a user of the digital content using a public key decryption. The user may seek to initiate a relationship with another users to share digital content of common interest (340, 345).



GB 2403322 A continuation

(72) Inventor(s):

Phillip McKay
Andrew M Prohel
Himgan Wibisono
Michael Hoch
Ravi Gauba
Sidney Wang
Ippei Tambata
Elizabeth Coppinger
Michael S Harwayne
Rodger Lea
Jeff Liu

(74) Agent and/or Address for Service:

D Young & Co 120 Holborn, LONDON, EC1N 2DY, United Kingdom