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Standards

- Authority
 - 35 U.S.C. / 37 C.F.R.Definition & Origin
- □ Fora
 - USPTO
 - Federal Courts



Standards

- Jurisprudence
 - 35 U.S.C. § 101
 - New and Useful Process, Machine, Manufacture, or Composition of Matter
 - Chakrabarty (1980)
 - Anything Under the Sun That Is Made By Man
 - State Street Bank (1998)
 - □ Useful, Concrete, and Tangible Result



Considerations

- Impact of Disclosure
 - Time to Obsolescence
 - Competitive Advantage
 - ☐ Head Start
 - Patent Application Publication
 - Foreign Patent Protection
 - Crowded Art
 - IPR alternatives



- ☐ U.S. Patent No. 6,625,581
 - A method of purchasing a consumer product over the Internet comprising the steps of:
 - (a) storing on a first Internet-based information server connected to an information network, a Consumer Product Information Request (CPIR) enabling Servlet encoded with a Universal Product Number (UPN) of identifying a particular consumer product; . . .
 - (d) displaying on said Web-browser enabled GUI, information retrieved from said Internet-enabled database server for access and use by said consumer



☐ U.S. Patent No. 6,622,166

An encoder apparatus comprising:

a plurality of encoders for encoding a plurality of video sequences having common image frame information and non-common image frame information to produce a plurality of encoded video streams; . . . encoded video stream processors . . . a multiplexer



- □ U.S. Patent Application No. 20030195974
 - A method for selectively downloading a file in multiple portions, at least a portion of the file having been previously received, comprising:
 - transmitting a request to download a file . . . receiving a serial transmission of digital information for the file beginning at the starting point; appending the digital information to the previously-received portion of the file; and storing the received digital information.



□ U.S. Patent Application No. 20030195855

A method performed in combination with a host computer and a device having a device key with a pre-selected index value, the device for receiving a storage medium or having the storage medium, the storage medium having stored thereon digital content protected according to a secret and a table with a plurality of entries therein, each entry including the secret encrypted according to a key decryptable by the device key of one of a plurality of devices and an index value, the method for the device to render the content on the medium

