ABSTRACT

A METHOD FOR INCREASING AVAILABLE INTERNET ADDRESSES

The present invention provides a method and apparatus for directing data (102) from a source device (38) to a destination device (98) over a computer network (46), the method comprising: forming a data packet (100) including said data (102), conventional address data (101a) and additional address data (101b); extracting from said data packet said additional address data (101b); and transmitting said data packet (100) to said destination device (98) as indicated either by said additional address data (101b), or by said conventional address data (101a) and said additional address data (101b).

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