WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, comprising:

receiving a media file from the user at a first server in a first jurisdiction over a first communications channel having a first bandwidth;

receiving instructions from the user for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts;

transmitting the media file to a second server in a second jurisdiction over a second communications channel having a second bandwidth; and

transmitting the media file from the second server to the plurality of media hosts over third communications channels having third bandwidths in accordance with the instructions;

wherein the second bandwidth is greater than the first and third bandwidths.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first server is located in a first country and the second server is located in a second country.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the user and the first server are located in the United States.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the first server comprises a software interface receiving a user selection of the media file and a user selection of the plurality of media hosts to which to transmit the media file.

5. The method of claim 4, comprising:

receiving authentication credentials for the user for the software interface and authentication credentials for the user for the plurality of media hosts;

storing the authentication credentials for the user for the plurality of media hosts; and

associating the authentication credentials for the user for the plurality of media hosts with a user account for the user for the software interface and the application programming interfaces of the plurality of media hosts.

6. The method of claim 4, comprising providing the authentication credentials for the user for the plurality of media hosts to the plurality of media hosts.

7. The method of claim 4, wherein the software interface is presented to the user via a computer.

8. The method of claim 4, wherein the software interface is presented to the user via a portable electronic communications device.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the media file from the second server to the plurality of media hosts comprises invoking at least one application programming interface associated with the plurality of media hosts.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the second communications channel is an internet backbone.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the first bandwidth and the second bandwidth differ by no more than 20 percent.

12. The method of claim 1, comprising providing a notification to the user when the media file has been transmitted to the plurality of media hosts.

13. The method of claim 1, comprising a third server in a third jurisdiction.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein transmitting the media file from the second server to the plurality of media hosts comprises:

transmitting the media file from the second server to the third server over a fourth communications channel having a fourth bandwidth; and

transmitting the media file from the third server to the plurality of media hosts in accordance with the user's instructions.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the first jurisdiction, the second jurisdiction, and the third jurisdiction are in different countries.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein the second bandwidth and the fourth bandwidth differ by no more than 20 percent.

17. A method of transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, comprising:

receiving a media file from the user at a first server in a first jurisdiction having a first proximity to the user over a first communications channel;

receiving instructions from the user for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts;

transmitting the media file to a second server in a second jurisdiction having a second proximity to the user over a second communications channel; and

transmitting the media file from the second server to the plurality of media hosts having third proximities to the user over third communications channels in accordance with the instructions;

wherein the first proximity to the user is substantially less than the second and third proximities to the user.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the first server comprises a software interface for receiving user selections of the media file and of the plurality of media hosts to which to transmit the media file.

19. The method of claim 18, comprising:

receiving authentication credentials for the user for the software interface and authentication credentials for the user for the plurality of media hosts;

storing the authentication credentials for the user for the plurality of media hosts; and

associating the authentication credentials for the user for the plurality of media hosts with a user account for the user for the software interface and the application programming interfaces of the plurality of media hosts.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein the first jurisdiction is in a different metropolitan region than the second jurisdiction.

21. A method of transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, comprising:

receiving a media file from the user at a first server in a first jurisdiction over a first communications channel having a first bandwidth;

receiving instructions from the user for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts; and

transmitting the media file to a second server in a second jurisdiction over a second communications channel having a second bandwidth for retransmission of the media file from the second server to the plurality of media hosts over third communications channels having third bandwidths in accordance with the instructions;

wherein the second bandwidth is greater than the first and third bandwidths.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein transmitting the media file from the first server to the plurality of media hosts comprises invoking at least one application programming interface associated with the plurality of media hosts.

23. The method of claim 21, wherein the second communications channel is an internet backbone.

24. The method of claim 21, comprising providing a notification to the user when the media file has been transmitted to the plurality of media hosts.

25. A method of transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, comprising:

receiving a media file at a first server in a first jurisdiction from a second server in a second jurisdiction over a first communications channel having a first bandwidth;

receiving instructions from the user for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts; and

transmitting the media file from the first server to the plurality of media hosts over second communications channels having second bandwidths in accordance with the instructions;

wherein the first bandwidth is greater than the second bandwidths.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein transmitting the media file from the first server to the plurality of media hosts comprises invoking at least one application programming interface associated with the plurality of media hosts.

27. The method of claim 25, wherein the first communications channel is an internet backbone.

28. The method of claim 25, comprising providing a notification to the user when the media file has been transmitted to the plurality of media hosts.

29. A system for transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, comprising:

a first server in a first jurisdiction, comprising:

a first component for receiving a media file from the user over a first communications channel having a first bandwidth; and

a second component for receiving instructions from the user for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts; and

a second server in a second jurisdiction, comprising:

a third component for receiving the media file from the first server over a second communications channel having a second bandwidth; and

a fourth component for transmitting the media file to the plurality of media hosts over third communications channels having third bandwidths in accordance with the instructions;

wherein the second bandwidth is greater than the first and third bandwidths.

30. A system for transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, comprising:

a first server in a first jurisdiction, the first server comprising:

a first component for receiving a media file from the user over a first communications channel having a first bandwidth;

a second component for receiving instructions from the user for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts; and

a third component for transmitting the media file to a second server in a second jurisdiction over a second communications channel having a second bandwidth for retransmission of the media file from the second server to the plurality of media hosts over third communications channels having third bandwidths in accordance with the instructions;

wherein the second bandwidth is greater than the first and third bandwidths..

31. A system for transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, comprising:

a first server in a first jurisdiction, the first server comprising:

a first component for receiving a media file from a second server in a second jurisdiction over a first communications channel having a first bandwidth;

a second component for receiving user-entered instructions for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts; and

a third component for transmitting the media file to the plurality of media hosts over second communications channels having second bandwidths in accordance with the instructions;

wherein the first bandwidth is greater than the second bandwidths.

32. A system for transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, comprising:

a first server in a first jurisdiction having a first proximity to the user, the first server comprising a first component for receiving a media file from the user over a first communications channel, the first server further comprising a second component for receiving instructions from the user for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts;

a second server in a second jurisdiction having a second proximity to the user, the second server comprising a third component for receiving the media file over a second communications channel, the second server further comprising a fourth component for transmitting the media file to the plurality of media hosts having third proximities to the user over a third communications channel in accordance with the instructions;

wherein the first proximity to the user is substantially less than the second and third proximities to the user.

33. A method of transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, comprising:

receiving a media file from the user at a first server over a first communications channel;

receiving instructions from the user for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts;

transmitting the media file to a second server over a second communications channel; and

transmitting the media file from the second server to the plurality of media hosts over third communications channels in accordance with the instructions;

wherein, from the perspective of the first server, the first communications channel is a receiving communications channel and the second communications channel is a transmitting communications channel.

34. The method of claim 33, wherein the first server comprises a software interface for receiving a user selection of the media file and of the plurality of media hosts to which to transmit the media file.

35. The method of claim 34, comprising:

receiving authentication credentials for the user for the software interface and authentication credentials for the user for the plurality of media hosts;

storing the authentication credentials for the user for the plurality of media hosts; and

associating the authentication credentials for the user for the plurality of media hosts with a user account for the user for the software

interface and the application programming interfaces of the plurality of media hosts.

36. A system for transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, comprising:

a first server, comprising:

a first component for receiving a media file from the user over a first communications channel; and

a second component for receiving instructions from the user for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts; and

a second server, comprising:

a third component for receiving the media file from the first server over a second communications channel; and

a fourth component for transmitting the media file to the plurality of media hosts over third communications channels in accordance with the instructions;

wherein, from the perspective of the first server, the first communications channel is a receiving communications channel and the second communications channel is a transmitting communications channel.

The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1. A method of transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, including:

receiving a media file from the user at a first server in a first jurisdiction over a first communications channel having a first bandwidth;

receiving instructions from the user for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts;

transmitting the media file to a second server in a second jurisdiction over a second communications channel having a second bandwidth; and

transmitting the media file from the second server to the plurality of media hosts over third communications channels having third bandwidths in accordance with the instructions;

wherein the second bandwidth is greater than the first and third bandwidths.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the first server is located in a first country and the second server is located in a second country.

3. A method according to either claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the user and the first server are located in the United States.

4. A method according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the first server includes a software interface receiving a user selection of the media file and a user selection of the plurality of media hosts to which to transmit the media file.

5. A method according to claim 4, including:

receiving authentication credentials for the user for the software interface and authentication credentials for the user for the plurality of media hosts;

storing the authentication credentials for the user for the plurality of media hosts; and

associating the authentication credentials for the user for the plurality of media hosts with a user account for the user for the software interface and the application programming interfaces of the plurality of media hosts.

6. A method according to either claim 4 or claim 5, including providing the authentication credentials for the user for the plurality of media hosts to the plurality of media hosts.

7. A method according to any one of claims 4 to 6, wherein the software interface is presented to the user via a computer.

8. A method according to any one of claims 4 to 7, wherein the software interface is presented to the user via a portable electronic communications device.

9. A method according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein transmitting the media file from the second server to the plurality of media hosts includes invoking at least one application programming interface associated with the plurality of media hosts.

10. A method according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the second communications channel is an internet backbone.

11. A method according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the first bandwidth and the second bandwidth differ by no more than 20 percent.

12. A method according to any one of claims 1 to 11, including providing a notification to the user when the media file has been transmitted to the plurality of media hosts.

13. A method according to any one of claims 1 to 12, including a third server in a third jurisdiction.

14. A method according to claim 13, wherein transmitting the media file from the second server to the plurality of media hosts includes:

transmitting the media file from the second server to the third server over a fourth communications channel having a fourth bandwidth; and

transmitting the media file from the third server to the plurality of media hosts in accordance with the user's instructions.

15. A method according to claim 14, wherein the first jurisdiction, the second jurisdiction, and the third jurisdiction are in different countries.

16. A method according to either claim 14 or claim 15, wherein the second bandwidth and the fourth bandwidth differ by no more than 20 percent.

17. A method of transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, including:

receiving a media file from the user at a first server in a first jurisdiction having a first proximity to the user over a first communications channel;

receiving instructions from the user for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts;

transmitting the media file to a second server in a second jurisdiction having a second proximity to the user over a second communications channel; and

transmitting the media file from the second server to the plurality of media hosts having third proximities to the user over third communications channels in accordance with the instructions;

wherein the first proximity to the user is substantially less than the second and third proximities to the user.

18. A system for transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, including;

a first server in a first jurisdiction, the first server including:

a first component for receiving a media file from the user over a first communications channel having a first bandwidth;

a second component for receiving instructions from the user for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts; and

a third component for transmitting the media file to a second server in a second jurisdiction over a second communications channel having a second bandwidth for retransmission of the media file from the second server to the plurality of media hosts over third communications channels having third bandwidths in accordance with the instructions;

wherein the second bandwidth is greater than the first and third bandwidths.

19. A system for transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, including:

a first server in a first jurisdiction, the first server including;

a first component for receiving a media file from a second server in a second jurisdiction over a first communications channel having a first bandwidth;

a second component for receiving user-entered instructions for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts; and

a third component for transmitting the media file to the plurality of media hosts over second communications channels having second bandwidths in accordance with the instructions;

wherein the first bandwidth is greater than the second bandwidths.

20. A system for transmitting electronic media from a user to a plurality of media hosts, including:

a first server, including:

a first component for receiving a media file from the user over a first communications channel; and

a second component for receiving instructions from the user for providing the media file to a plurality of media hosts; and

a second server, including:

a third component for receiving the media file from the first server over a second communications channel; and

a fourth component for transmitting the media file to the plurality of media hosts over third communications channels in accordance with the instructions;

wherein, from the perspective of the first server, the first communications channel is a receiving communications channel and the second communications channel is a transmitting communications channel.