

Abstract

Interactive Display System

An interactive display apparatus comprises an audio subsystem (4), a control
5 subsystem (5) and a plurality of video subsystems (2, 3). The video subsystems (2, 3)
have access locally to image data, including image files and live video. The video
subsystems (2, 3) are controlled by the control subsystem (5) which then sends
command messages to the video subsystems (2, 3). A person watching the display (22,
42) of one of the video subsystems (2, 3) can dial into the audio subsystem (4) and
10 thereby control the operation of the video subsystem (2, 3). To do this, the audio
subsystem (4) notifies the control subsystem (5) of incoming audio command signals.
It is to be noted that when the system is on line, the control subsystem (5) does not
transfer image data to the video subsystem (2, 3) but merely sends commands setting
the format of the images displayed on the screens (22, 42).

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(Figure 1)