

Abstract

Programming a VCR to record a program which will be broadcast later, so called Time Shift Recording, has always been one of the most difficult tasks to be performed by a user. Different User Interface techniques have been employed in the past which are not perfect. Techniques like VPS marking or VIDEO +, seem to help greatly the user. But none of these approaches takes into account the user's way of thinking.

The normal users would like to be able to program their VCR by impulse choice when viewing advertisements for a show they would like to record. The present invention proposes a way to realise such impulse programming for time shift recording. Program related data contained in the broadcast signal are evaluated (22, 29) and compared with the current TV set tuning when a LEARN button on a remote control is pressed. The VCR tunes (20) to the present TV channel and stores the interesting program data. The invention proposes also some features ensuring the user that his recorded program will start and end at the right time and skip out every advertisements which will be broadcast during the recorded program.

Fig.2

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