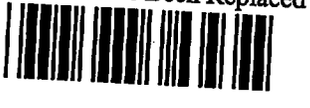
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a communication system capable of automatically recognizing the connection status of plural devices, the ID information specific to each of the devices is inquired and the information relating to the function of each device is detected from the ID information.

Thus the information indicating the function and feature of each device can be easily obtained without increasing the amount of communication.

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