

ABSTRACT**A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CACHING AND RETRIEVING A
STREAM OBJECT**

A method and apparatus for identifying and retrieving stream content from a proxy device coupled to the network is disclosed. The proxy device receives a request for stream content having a first URL different from a second URL of a same stream content cached in the proxy device. A fingerprint associated with the cached stream content and a fingerprint associated with the requested content are compared. The cached stream content is delivered in connection with the request if the fingerprints match.

[FIG. 3A]