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ABSTRACT (FIGURE 1)

DISTRIBUTED DATABASE SYSTEM AND DATABASE RECEIVER THEREFOR

A distributed database system having a central station (11) for distributing data to a plurality of receiver stations (13). The central station (11) includes a server (17) for extracting data from a database stored in its data store and generating a sequential data stream for distribution and a transmitter (21) for encoding and transmitting the data stream. Each receiver station (13) includes a decoder (25) for decoding a received data stream so as to reconstitute the database data, a keypad (31) for a user to selectively key in user commands, a receiver processor (27) for constituting a database based on the user commands, memory (29) for storing the constituted database, and communication means (33) for communicating selected data to the user.

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