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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CREATING A SEARCHABLE DIGITAL VIDEO LIBRARY AND A SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USING SUCH A LIBRARY

(57) Abstract

An apparatus and method of creating a digital library (36) from audio data (18) and video images (20). The method includes the steps of transcribing the audio data and marking the transcribed audio data with a first set of time-stamps (27) and indexing (38) the transcribed audio data. The method also includes the steps of digitizing the video data and marking the digitized video data with a second set of time-stamps (31) related to the first set of time-stamps and segmenting the digitized video data into paragraphs (33) according to a set of rules (37). The steps of storing the indexed audio data and the digitized video data with their respective sets of time-stamps is also provided. The method also includes the step of passing the transcribed audio data through a natural language interpreter (29) before indexing the transcribed audio data (30). A method and apparatus for searching the digital library is disclosed.

