

CONSUMER INTERFACE FOR PROGRAMMING A DEVICE

ABSTRACT

A television system for receiving a plurality of television programs includes a programming unit for causing the television system to receive and record a particular television show aired on a given channel, at a particular time and date in accordance with schedule data entered by a user. The television system includes a controller (415R) for generating the on-screen displays in response to user-entered data. Upon completion of a programming entry, the controller causes a display of a substantially grammatically correct sentence (210;310) summarizing the entered programming instructions and acting as a confirmation screen. In one embodiment, the confirmation screen (300) is interactive in that certain variables (325;335;350;380) within the sentence may be modified by the user to change the sense of the sentence, and thus to modify the programming instructions.

Figure 2

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