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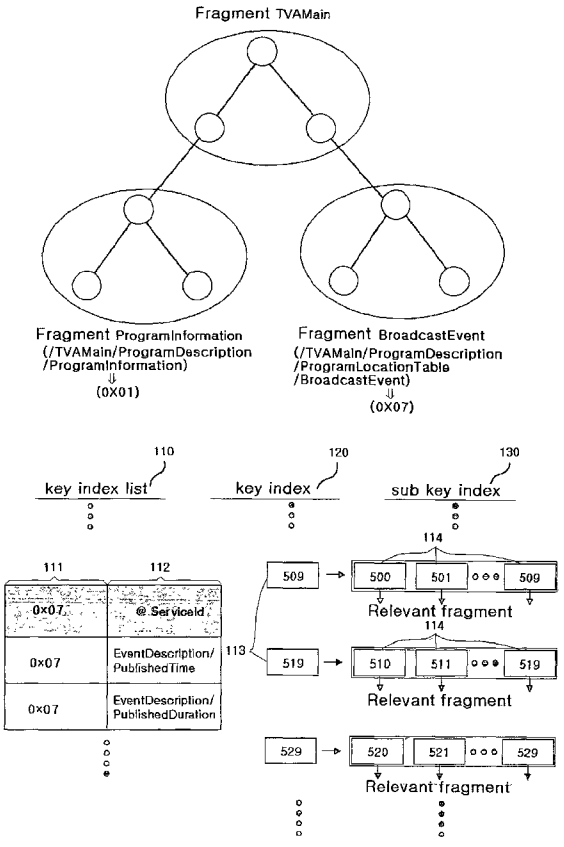
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(54) **Title:** INDEX STRUCTURE OF METADATA, METHOD FOR PROVIDING INDICES OF METADATA, AND METADATA SEARCHING METHOD AND APPARATUS USING THE INDICES OF METADATA



(57) **Abstract:** An index structure of metadata provided for searching for information on contents, a method for providing indices of the metadata, and a method and an apparatus for searching for the metadata using the index structure of the metadata are provided. The index structure of the metadata includes a list of keys composed of predetermined fields of the metadata, wherein the list contains therein location information of the fields in the metadata, wherein at least a part of the location information is expressed as predetermined code.

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