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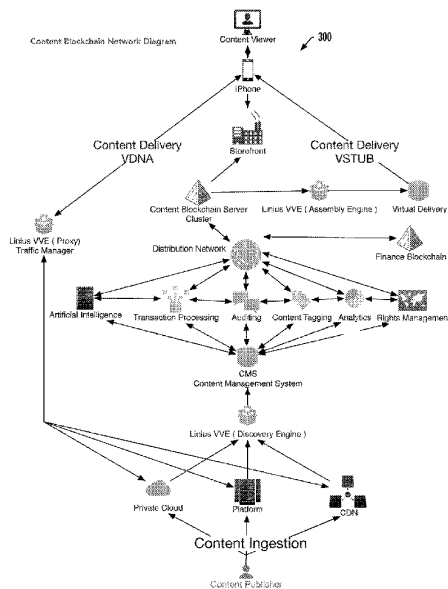


FIG. 3

(57) Abstract: A method of content transaction consensus includes receiving a request to initiate a transaction for play of video or audio content, the request being received from a data network connected device having a native player. The transaction is validated by consensus in a peer-to-peer network that maintains a distributed ledger, and a record of the transaction is stored in the distributed ledger only when the transaction is validated. The record including a reference file for the video or audio content with a plurality of player control parameter values and linking data for one or more designated content sources outside the peer-to-peer network. And the method includes providing access to the reference file by the data network connected device to enable the data network connected device to play the video or audio content using the reference file and a content data file.

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