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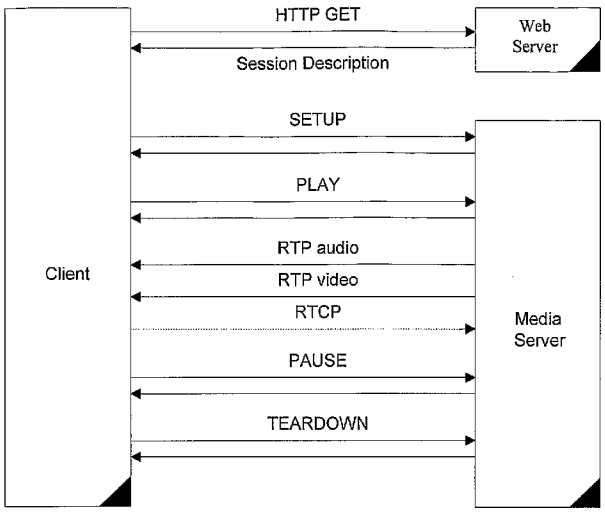
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(54) Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD PROVIDING ENHANCED FEATURES FOR STREAMING VIDEO-ON-DEMAND



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a system and method for providing enhanced features for streaming video-on-demand systems. The system comprises a media server and a client player, wherein a user can select a desired video for transmission from the media server to the client player for subsequent display for the user via the client player. The system comprises a mechanism that enables a user to interactively select a desired new starting point for the display of the selected video signal. The mechanism is provided by a first and second series of searchable index frames, wherein the first series is generated by the media server during transmission of the selected video signal and the second series is generated by the client player during receipt of the selected video signal. Upon receipt by the client player of the desired new starting point, the first or second series are accessed in order to identify a required searchable index frame that best represents the desired new starting point. Display of the video by the client player subsequently commences from the required searchable index frame.

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