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ABSTRACT

The present invention is related to an information processing system, a service providing apparatus and method, an information processing apparatus and method, a recording medium, and a program that are intended to control electrical household appliances connected to a home network by use of a GUI having an entertainment-oriented virtual space capability. The virtual space has a mascot 121. Also, the virtual space is arranged with a PC icon 125, which is clicked to control a PC 12 really existing in the home of user A, and a TV set icon 126, which is clicked to control a TV set 13 also really existing in the home of user A. The present invention is applicable to a system controlling electrical household appliances in one's home from the outside in remote control manner, for example.