

15. The system according to claim 10, wherein said MMS comprises means for rendering comprising:

means for communicating with an application via an application programming interface (API) corresponding thereto;

means for storing user specified data selections from said application in a configuration database;

means for retrieving application data selections; and

means for generating a representation of said application data selections for storing in said database.

16. The system according to claim 13, wherein said user input command comprises clicking on a link on a web page.

17. The system according to claim 13, wherein said MMS is operative to encrypt said RSS document before storage in said RSS document database.

18. The system according to claim 13, wherein said MMS is operative to decrypt said RSS document after retrieval from said RSS document database.

19. The system according to claim 13, wherein said MMS further comprises means for retrieving data from within an application data file in response to a user request for additional application data.

20. A method of delivering personal computer (PC) content over a network for use on a multimedia server (MMS) computer coupled to said network, said method comprising the steps of:

rendering a plurality of PC based items as really simple syndication (RSS) documents and storing said RSS documents in an RSS document database;

receiving a request for one or more RSS documents from a multimedia client (MMC) coupled to said network;

in response to said request, retrieving one or more RSS documents from said RSS document database; and

sending said one or more requested RSS documents to said multimedia client.

21. The method according to claim 20, wherein said step of rendering comprises the steps of:

reading a directory or file name from among said PC content; and

encapsulating said directory or file name into an RSS element.

22. The method according to claim 20, wherein said step of rendering comprises the steps of:

communicating with an application via an application programming interface (API) corresponding thereto;

storing user specified data selections from said application in a configuration database;

retrieving application data selections; and

generating a representation of said application data selections for storing in said database.

23. The method according to claim 20, wherein said step of rendering comprises the step of rendering data from one or more applications wherein each application accessed is assigned a unique ID that is stored in a master application dataset.

24. The method according to claim 20, wherein said step of rendering comprises the steps of:

creating an index of application data derived from a plurality of applications; and

storing index and configuration information for accessing application data in response to client requests in a configuration database.

25. A multimedia server (MMS) coupled to a network for delivering personal computer (PC) content over said network, comprising:

a really simple syndication (RSS) document database for storing one or more RSS documents, each RSS document associated with a particular PC based item;

a user configuration database for storing an index of application related data selected to be viewed by a user;

a web server operative to receiving requests for RSS documents from one or more multimedia clients (MMCs) coupled to said network and to display a web page containing said requested RSS document to said MMC; and

an RSS agent coupled to said RSS document database, said user configuration database and said web server, said RSS agent operative to render user selected PC based items as RSS documents utilizing said user configuration database and to store said RSS documents in said RSS document database, said RSS agent operative to retrieve an RSS document from said RSS document database in response to a request received from an MMC and to forward said requested RSS document to said requesting MMC, said RSS agent operative to retrieve application specific data utilizing said user configuration database in response to a corresponding request received from an MMC.

26. The MMS according to claim 25, wherein said RSS agent comprises means for rendering comprising:

means for reading a directory or file name from among said PC content; and

means for encapsulating said directory or file name into an RSS element.

27. The MMS according to claim 25, wherein said RSS agent comprises:

an interface for allowing a user to select PC items to be indexed along with an associated type of indexing; and

means for storing said selections and desired type of indexing in said user configuration file.

28. The MMS according to claim 25, wherein said RSS agent comprises means for rendering comprising:

means for creating an index of application data derived from a plurality of applications; and

means for storing index and configuration information for accessing application data in response to client requests in said user configuration database.

29. The MMS according to claim 25, wherein said RSS agent comprises means for rendering comprising:

means for creating a unique application ID for each application, each application having a dataset comprising a plurality of data elements; and

means for creating a unique element ID for each data element within an application's dataset as identified by the user.