

**19.** A method according to claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, at said presentation layer, a control signal generated in response to the identification of an active symbol at said presentation device; and

conveying, to said presentation device, information related to content represented by said active symbol, said conveying step being responsive to said control signal.

**20.** A method according to claim 19, wherein said conveying step conveys information related to at least one of the following: current television program listings, current radio program listings, quality of service parameters, availability of content from said data source, and status of said presentation device.

**21.** A method according to claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, at said presentation layer, a control signal generated in response to a request for content corresponding to an active symbol selected at said presentation device; and providing content to a user of said presentation device in response to said control signal.

**22.** A method according to claim 21, wherein said providing step provides said content to said presentation device.

**23.** A system for displaying a number of interactive navigation interfaces, each including a number of graphical symbols representing data sources, said system comprising:

a presentation device having a display element;

a central server configured to process generic map data representing an interactive graphical navigation interface, said central server being further configured to receive information related to content available to said presentation device;

a presentation layer in communication with said central server, said presentation layer being configured to generate, in response to said generic map data, a displayable symbol having at least one variable characteristic associated therewith, where said displayable symbol represents a data source; wherein

said presentation layer is configured to alter said at least one variable characteristic of said displayable symbol in response to said information.

**24.** A system according to claim 23, wherein said information represents current operating conditions related to said data source.

**25.** A system according to claim 23, wherein said information relates to at least one of the following: current television program listings, current radio program listings, quality of service parameters, availability of content from said data source, and status of said presentation device.

**26.** A system according to claim 23, further comprising an application-specific database in communication with said central server, said application-specific database containing said information.

**27.** A system for displaying a number of interactive navigation interfaces, each including a number of graphical symbols representing data sources, said system comprising:

a central server configured to process generic map data representing an interactive graphical navigation interface, said generic map data being formatted in accordance with a first protocol; and

a plurality of presentation layers in communication with said central server, each of said plurality of presentation layers being configured to convert said generic map data into displayable map data formatted in accordance with a second protocol.

**28.** A system according to claim 27, wherein said plurality of presentation layers comprises:

a first presentation layer in communication with said central server, said first presentation layer being configured to convert said generic map data into displayable map data formatted for compatibility with a first presentation device; and

a second presentation layer in communication with said central server, said second presentation layer being configured to convert said generic map data into displayable map data formatted for compatibility with a second presentation device.

**29.** A system according to claim 27, wherein each of said plurality of presentation layers supports a different type of presentation device.

**30.** A system according to claim 27, wherein said plurality of presentation layers support at least two of: a personal computer presentation device, a personal digital assistant presentation device, a wireless telephone presentation device, and a television set-top presentation device.

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