

Title (en)  
METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SELLING AND PURCHASING MEDIA ADVERTISING OVER A DISTRIBUTED COMMUNICATION NETWORK

Title (de)  
VERFAHREN UND SYSTEM FÜR VERKAUF UND ANKAUF VON MEDIA WERBUNG ÜBER EIN VERTEILTES KOMMUNIKATIONSNETZWERK

Title (fr)  
PROCEDE ET SYSTEM DE VENTE ET D'ACHAT DE PUBLICITE-MEDIAS SUR UN RESEAU DE COMMUNICATION REPARTI

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO0107985A2] A method and system for buying and selling media advertising opportunities over a distributed communication network, such as the Internet, provides a server on network including a database containing information pertaining to available advertising opportunities, such as advertising time slots in television programming schedules, provided by media content providers. The server provides buyers of the advertising opportunities access to the database over the network, whereby buyers may search the database and make offers to the sellers for selected advertising opportunities. Sellers of advertising opportunities access the database over the network to enter the information, receive bids entered by buyers, accept bids, and enter contracts into the server for communication to buyers over the network.  
[origin: WO0107985A2] A method and system for buying (103) and selling (102) media advertising opportunities over a distributed communication network (104), such as the Internet, provides a server on network including a database (105) containing information pertaining to available advertising opportunities, such as advertising time slots in television programming schedules, provided by media content providers. The server provides buyers of the advertising opportunities access to the database over the network, whereby buyers may search the database and make offers to the sellers for selected advertising opportunities. Sellers of advertising opportunities access the database over the network to enter the information, receive bids entered by buyers, accept bids, and enter contracts into the server for communication to buyers over the network.

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