

Title (en)

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING, MANAGING, AND CONTROLLING COMMUNICATIONS

Title (de)

VERFAHREN UND VORRICHTUNG ZUM IDENTIFIZIEREN, VERWALTEN UND STEUERN DER KOMMUNIKATION

Title (fr)

PROCEDE ET APPAREIL PERMETTANT D'IDENTIFIER, DE GERER ET DE COMMANDER DES COURRIERS/COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONIQUES

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO2004079624A1] A method and apparatus for sorting, prioritizing, identifying, managing, and otherwise controlling (collectively, "controlling") a communication (105). A frank (110) may be used to associate a value and a class with a communication (105). The communication (105) may be associated with the frank (110) through the method of selecting a frank (110) associated with a value from among a plurality of frank (110) types, each of the frank (110) types having a pre-assigned value, associating the frank (110) with the communication (105), and initiating transmission of the franked communication (105) across a network (120). Value may include anything important of having meaning to the parties, including, for example, money, credit (or a promise to pay), frequent flier miles, and so forth. "Franking" a communication (105) generally associates some indicia of value and/or a service class with a communication (105).

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