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switching unit and a control unit. The audio signal switching unit is used for receiving the audio signal, and switches the output path of audio signal according to the electric potential signal. The control unit connects to the audio signal switching unit and connects to the wireless headset using wireless. Thus, the audio signal switching unit can switch the wireless headset or the system audio interface to output the audio signal according to the electric potential signal.





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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-8

A video/audio playing apparatus with a wireless audio signal transmission function, comprising a headset place slot, for containing and electrically coupling a wireless headset, and transmitting an electric potential signal; an audio processing module, for outputting an audio signal; a wireless audio signal transmission module, comprising an audio signal switching unit, for receiving the audio signal, and switching an output path of the audio signal according to the electric potential signal; and a control unit, coupled to the audio signal switching unit, for connecting the wireless headset via a wireless connection to output the audio signal from the wireless headset according to the switch of the audio signal switching unit; and a system audio interface, coupled to the audio signal switching unit, for outputting the audio signal according to the switch of the audio signal switching unit; wherein, if the wireless headset is placed into the headset place slot, the audio signal switching unit switches the connection to the system audio interface, and if the wireless headset is not placed into the headset place slot, the audio signal switching unit switches the connection to the control unit.

Problem solved: how to provide a simple and easy way for users to control the switching of the output path of the video/audio playing apparatus by selectively storing the wireless headset into a place slot thereof.

2. claims: 9-25

The wireless audio signal transmission module sa defined in group 1 (mono: claim 9; stereo: claim 20) which is installed outside the video/audio playing apparatus and inserted in the system audio interface of the video/audio playing apparatus.

Problem solved: how to extend the application of a wireless audio signal transmission module to any video/audio playing apparatus.

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