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(54) **METHOD FOR A CLOUD-BASED
META-FILE SYSTEM TO VIRTUALLY
UNIFY REMOTE AND LOCAL FILES
ACROSS A RANGE OF DEVICES' LOCAL
FILE SYSTEMS**

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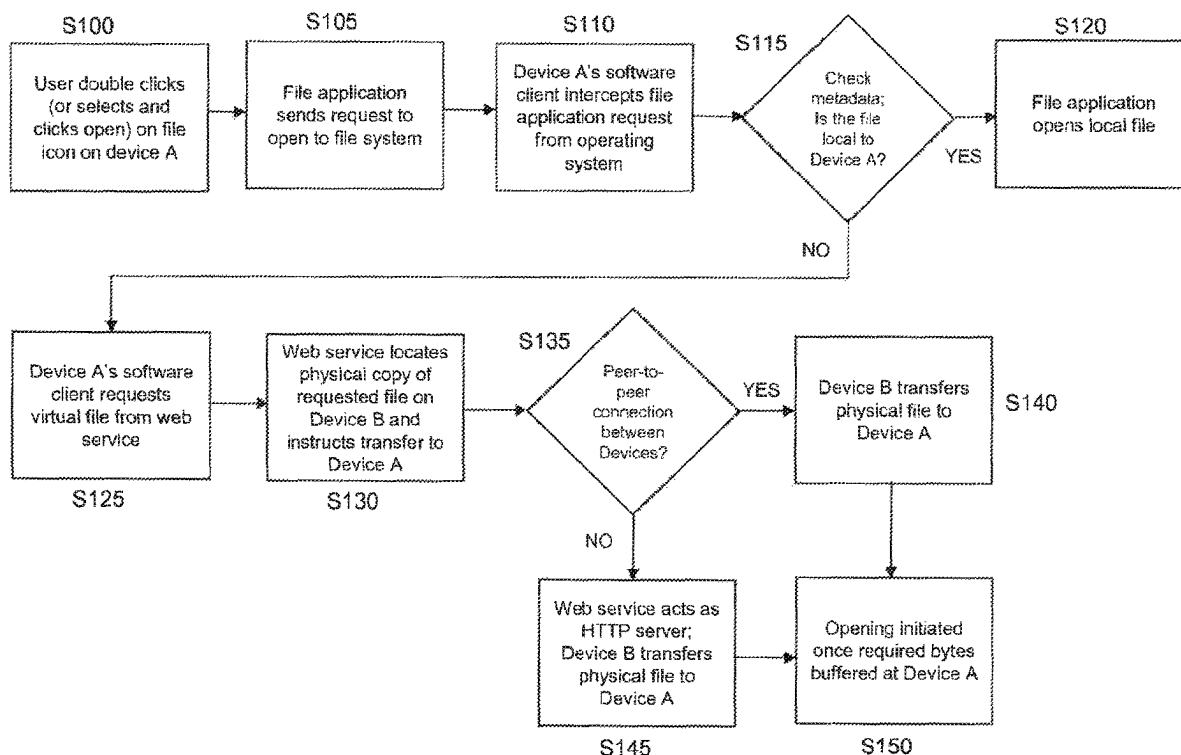
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system and process that establish a singular shared file system among devices in order to create a virtual representation of data on all of the devices via metadata indexing. This virtual representation of data means that the files are not actually stored on all devices and thus, with the exception of a single physical location, they do not need to take up any space (i.e. storage) on any additional device's hard drive. This allows for significant amounts of data to be virtually stored on each device, even if there is no physical storage room available for the data on each device. The system and process do not require data to be stored on a provider server, but instead stores only lightweight metadata, i.e., a small fraction of information about the files, online.



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NO AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO
THE PATENT 5

AS A RESULT OF REEXAMINATION, IT HAS BEEN
DETERMINED THAT:

The patentability of claims **1**, **4**, **7** and **8** is confirmed. 10
Claims **2**, **3**, **5** and **6** were not reexamined.

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