

'234 Patent Reasons for Allowance (EX1014, 201)	Leaning (EX1004)
automatically requesting from the at least one server subsequent portions of the digital content by requesting for each subsequent portion one of the streamlets from the different copies of the digital content dependent upon successive determinations by the client module to change a currently requested bit rate to a higher or lower bit rate, the automatically requesting including	1:3-28, 5:23-24, 8:17-26, 9:3-7, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 11, claim 12.
repeatedly generating a factor indicative of a current ability to receive digital content at a rate sufficient for presenting the digital content as the digital content is received;	8:15-16, 8:27-28, 15:3-8, claim 5, claim 6.
making the successive determinations to change the digital content bit rate based on the factor using the streamlets of one of the different copies of the digital content having the highest bit rate determined receivable for presentation so that the client module selects a higher bit rate one of the different copies when the factor is greater than a first threshold and selects a lower bit rate one of the different copies when the factor is less than a second threshold	8:17-26, 9:3-7, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6.