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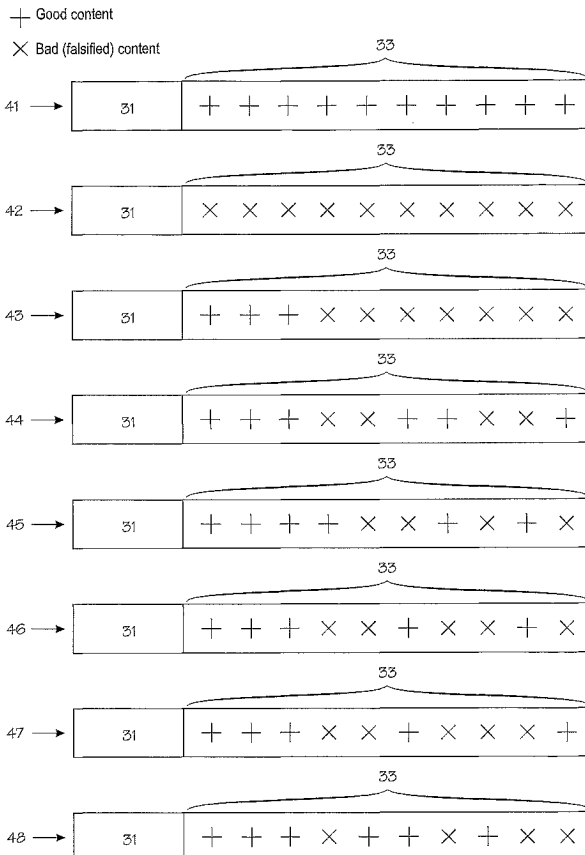
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(54) Title: LIMITING USE OF UNAUTHORIZED DIGITAL CONTENT IN A CONTENT-SHARING PEER-TO-PEER NETWORK



(57) Abstract: A technique for limiting the use of unauthorized digital content in a content-sharing network in which digital content is distributed as files (41 - 48), each of which comprises content information (33) and is associated with characteristic/verification information (31). The method comprises determining a first file (41) whose content information is copyrighted and repeatedly distributing a second file (43 - 48) in the content-sharing network, wherein the second file is associated with characteristic/verification information (31) that match the characteristic/verification information of said first file, and wherein the second file (43 - 48) comprises content information (33) that does not match the content information of the first file (41).

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