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ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND SYSTEM INCLUDING SAME

Abstract

An electronic device and a system including the same are disclosed. The electronic device includes a network interface configured to communicate with a server, a user input interface configured to transmit a signal related to an input, and a controller, wherein the controller is configured to, upon receiving a speech signal related to input speech, determine whether a user who has uttered the speech is related to a first user account logged in to the server, log in to the server with a second user account related to the user who has uttered the input speech based on the user who has uttered the input speech not being related to the first user account, and update setting values preset for the electronic device to setting values related to the second user account based on logging in to the server with the second user account.

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Background/Summary

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the invention

[0001] The present disclosure relates to an electronic device and a system including the same, and more specifically, to an electronic device and a system including the same that utilize speech recognition technology.

2. Description of the Related Art

[0002] With the recent development of technology, research on speech recognition technology for processing speech is being actively conducted. In particular, research on speech recognition technology, which began with smartphones, is being conducted widely in various fields related to user convenience, such as vehicles, as well as home appliances used at home and in offices.

[0003] Speech recognition technology is commonly used when a user controls an electronic device using his or her voice. For example, when a user utters a command to control an electronic device, the electronic device may directly recognize and process user's speech and operate according to the command related to the speech, or may send the speech to a server that processes speech and then operate according to a command related to the speech received from the server.

[0004] Meanwhile, services or functions provided through electronic devices are becoming increasingly diverse. Additionally, users register accounts for various services and then use the services by logging in with the registered account. In this case, service providers use user information managed for each account to provide optimal functions or information tailored to the user.

[0005] Conventionally, when attempting to log in to use a service, a user needs to directly input account information, for example, an identification (ID) and/or a password of the account. However, it is inconvenient for a user to input account information one by one into various services. Additionally, if a user remains logged in to eliminate the inconvenience of inputting account information, security problems such as access to the user's account information by others may occur. Additionally, when multiple users use one electronic device together, there is a problem that multiple users need to input their account information and log in each time they use a service.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0006] Therefore, the present disclosure has been made in view of the above problems, and it is an object of the present disclosure to solve the above-described problems and other problems.

[0007] It is another object of the present disclosure to provide an electronic device and a system including the same capable of registering identification information on user voice in a user account.

[0008] It is a further object of the present disclosure to provide an electronic device and a system including the same capable of identifying a user based on user voice.

[0009] It is a further object of the present disclosure to provide an electronic device and a system including the same capable of allowing a user to log in to a user account identified based on user voice.

[0010] It is a further object of the present disclosure to provide an electronic device and a system

including the same capable of accurately notifying a user of switching of a logged-in user account.
[0011] It is a further object of the present disclosure to provide an electronic device and a system including the same capable of using setting values optimized for a logged-in user account.
[0012] It is a further object of the present disclosure to provide an electronic device and a system including the same capable of providing a user interface optimized for an input method used by a user.

[0013] In accordance with the present disclosure, the above and other objects can be accomplished by the provision of an electronic device including a network interface configured to communicate with a server, a user input interface configured to transmit a signal related to an input, and a controller, wherein the controller is configured to, upon receiving a speech signal related to input speech, determine whether a user who has uttered the speech is related to a first user account logged in to the server, log in to the server with a second user account related to the user who has uttered the input speech based on the user who has uttered the input speech not being related to the first user account, and update setting values preset for the electronic device to setting values related to the second user account based on logging in to the server with the second user account.

[0014] In accordance with another aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided a system including an electronic device, and a server, wherein the electronic device is configured to transmit data including a speech signal related to input speech uttered by a user to the server, determine whether the user who has uttered the input speech is related to a first user account logged in to the server based on a result of processing the speech signal received from the server, log in to the server with a second user account related to the user who has uttered the input speech based on the user who has uttered the input speech not being related to the user account logged in to the server, and update setting values preset for the electronic device to setting values related to the second user account based on logging in to the server with the second user account, and the server is configured to generate identification information related to the speech signal included in the data received from the electronic device, determine predetermined identification information related to the identification information related to the speech signal from among identification information mapped to user identification information related to user accounts, stored in a database of the server, and transmit a result of processing the speech signal including predetermined user identification information mapped to the predetermined identification information to the electronic device.

[0015] Additional scope of applicability of the present disclosure will become from the detailed apparent description that follows. However, since various changes and modifications within the scope of the present disclosure may be clearly understood by those skilled in the art, the detailed description and specific embodiments such as preferred embodiments of the present disclosure should be understood as being given only as examples.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0016] The above and other objects, features and other advantages of the present disclosure will be more clearly understood from the following detailed description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

[0017] FIG. 1 is a diagram illustrating a system according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0018] FIG. 2 is an internal block diagram of an electronic device of FIG. 1;

[0019] FIG. 3 is a diagram referenced in description of a server of FIG. 1;

[0020] FIG. 4 is a block diagram illustrating a configuration of a server according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0021] FIG. 5 is a diagram illustrating an example of converting a speech signal into a power spectrum according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0022] FIG. 6 is a block diagram illustrating the configuration of a controller for speech recognition and synthesis of an electronic device, according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0023] FIG. 7 is a flowchart of a method of operating an electronic device according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0024] FIG. 8 is a flowchart of a method of operating a system according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0025] FIG. 9 to FIG. 13 are diagrams referenced in description of a process of registering identification information on a user voice in a user account according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0026] FIG. 14 and FIG. 15 are flowcharts of a method of operating an electronic device according to an embodiment of the present disclosure; and

[0027] FIG. 16 to FIG. 28 are diagrams referenced in description of responses to user voice according to various embodiments of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0028] Hereinafter, the present disclosure will be described in detail with reference to the attached drawings. In the drawings, parts not related to description are omitted in order to clearly and briefly describe the present disclosure, and identical or extremely similar parts are denoted by the same reference numerals throughout the specification.

[0029] The suffixes “module” and “part” for components used in the following description are simply given in consideration of the ease of writing this specification and do not have any particularly important meaning or role. Accordingly, the terms “module” and “part” may be used interchangeably.

[0030] In the present disclosure, it will be further understood that the term “comprise” or “include” specifies the presence of a stated feature, figure, step, operation, component, part or combination thereof, but does not preclude the presence or addition of one or more other features, figures, steps, operations, components, or combinations thereof.

[0031] Further, in this specification, the terms “first” and/or “second” are used to describe various components, but such components are not limited by these terms. The terms are used to discriminate one component from another component.

[0032] FIG. 1 is a diagram illustrating a system according to various embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0033] Referring to FIG. 1, the system **10** may include an electronic device **100** and/or a server **400**.

[0034] The electronic device **100** may transmit/receive data to/from at least one server **400**. For example, the electronic device **100** may transmit/receive data to/from the at least one server **400** via a network **300** such as the Internet.

[0035] According to an embodiment, the at least one server **400** may include a server that performs speech recognition, a server that processes data using a super-giant artificial intelligence model, a server that provides content, and the like.

[0036] The electronic device **100** may include an image display device **100a**, an air conditioner **100b**, a refrigerator **100c**, an air purifier **100d**, a washing machine **100e**, a vehicle **100f**, and the like. Although the electronic device **100** is an image display device **100a** in the present disclosure, the present disclosure is not limited thereto.

[0037] The image display device **100a** may be a device that processes and outputs images. The image display device **100a** is not particularly limited as long as it can output a screen related to video signals, such as a TV, a laptop computer, or a monitor.

[0038] The image display device **100a** may receive a broadcast signal, process the same, and

output a processed broadcast image. When the image display device **100a** receives a broadcast signal, the image display device **100a** may correspond to a broadcast reception device.

[0039] The image display device **100a** may receive broadcast signals wirelessly through an antenna, or may receive broadcast signals through a cable. For example, the image display device **100a** may receive terrestrial broadcast signals, satellite broadcast signals, cable broadcast signals, and Internet protocol Television (IPTV) broadcast signals.

[0040] FIG. **2** is an internal block diagram of the electronic device of FIG. **1**.

[0041] Referring to FIG. **2**, the electronic device **100** may include a broadcast receiver **105**, an external device interface **130**, a network interface **135**, a storage **140**, a user input interface **150**, an input part **160**, a controller **170**, a display **180**, an audio output part **185**, and/or a power supply **190**.

[0042] The broadcast receiver **105** may include a tuner **110** and a demodulator **120**.

[0043] Meanwhile, the electronic device **100** may include only the broadcast receiver **105** and the external device interface **130** among the broadcast receiver **105**, the external device interface **130**, and the network interface **135**. That is, the electronic device **100** may not include the network interface **135**.

[0044] The tuner **110** may select a broadcast signal related to a channel selected by a user or broadcast signals of all previously stored channels among broadcast signals received through an antenna (not shown) or a cable (not shown). The tuner **110** may convert the selected broadcast signals into intermediate frequency signals or baseband video or audio signals.

[0045] For example, if a selected broadcast signal is a digital broadcast signal, the tuner **110** may convert the selected broadcast signal into a digital IF signal (DIF), and if the selected broadcast signal is an analog broadcast signal, convert the same into an analog baseband video or audio signal (CVBS/SIF). That is, the tuner **110** may process digital broadcast signals or analog broadcast signals. The analog base band video or audio signal (CVBS/SIF) output from the tuner **110** may be directly input to the controller **170**.

[0046] Meanwhile, the tuner **110** may sequentially select broadcast signals of all of stored broadcast channels through a channel memory function among received broadcast signals and convert the same into intermediate frequency signals or baseband video or audio signals.

[0047] The tuner **110** may include a plurality of tuners in order to receive broadcast signals of a plurality of channels. Alternatively, a single tuner that simultaneously receives broadcast signals of a plurality of channels may also be adopted.

[0048] The demodulator **120** may receive a digital IF signal (DIF) converted by the tuner **110** and perform a demodulation operation.

[0049] The demodulator **120** may output a stream signal TS after performing demodulation and channel decoding. Here, the stream signal may be a multiplexed video signal, audio signal, or data signal.

[0050] The stream signal output from the demodulator **120** may be input to the controller **170**. After performing demultiplexing and video/audio signal processing, the controller **170** may output video through the display **180** and output audio through the audio output part **185**.

[0051] The external device interface **130** may transmit/receive data to/from a connected external device. To this end, the external device interface **130** may include an A/V input/output part (not shown).

[0052] The external device interface **130** may be connected to external devices such as a digital versatile disc (DVD) player, a Blu-ray player, a game console, a camera, a camcorder, a computer (laptop), a set-top box, and the like in wired/wireless manners, and may also perform input/output operations with respect to external devices.

[0053] In addition, the external device interface **130** may establish a communication network with respect to various remote control devices **200** to receive control signals related to the operation of the electronic device **100** from the remote control devices **200** or to transmit data related to the

operation of the electronic device **100** to the remote control devices **200**.

[0054] The A/V input/output part may receive video and audio signals from an external device. For example, the A/V input/output part may include an Ethernet terminal, a USB terminal, a composite video banking Sync (CVBS) terminal, a component terminal, an S-video terminal (analog), a digital visual interface (DVI) terminal, a high definition multimedia interface (HDMI) terminal, a mobile high-definition link (MHL) terminal, an RGB terminal, a D-SUB terminal, an IEEE 1394 terminal, an SPDIF terminal, a liquid HD terminal, and the like. Digital signals input through these terminals may be transmitted to the controller **170**. Here, analog signals input through the CVBS terminal and the S-video terminal may be converted into digital signals through an analog-to-digital converter (not shown) and transmitted to the controller **170**.

[0055] The external device interface **130** may include a wireless communication part (not shown) for short-distance wireless communication with other electronic devices. The external device interface **130** may exchange data with a neighboring mobile terminal through the wireless communication part. For example, the external device interface **130** may receive device information, executing application information, application images, and the like from the mobile terminal in a mirroring mode.

[0056] The external device interface **130** may perform short-range wireless communication using Bluetooth, radio frequency identification (RFID), infrared data association (IrDA), ultra-wideband (UWB), ZigBee, and the like.

[0057] The network interface **135** may provide an interface for connecting the electronic device **100** to a wired/wireless network including the Internet.

[0058] The network interface **135** may include a communication module (not shown) for connection to a wired/wireless network. For example, the network interface **135** may include a communication module for a wireless LAN (WLAN) (Wi-Fi), wireless broadband (WiBro), world interoperability for microwave access (WiMax), and high speed downlink packet access (HSDPA).

[0059] The network interface **135** may transmit/receive data to/from other users or other electronic devices through a connected network or another network linked to the connected network.

[0060] The network interface **135** may receive web content or data provided by content providers or network operators. That is, the network interface **135** may receive content such as movies, advertisements, games, VOD, and broadcasting and information related thereto provided from content providers or network providers through networks.

[0061] The network interface **135** may receive firmware update information and update files provided by network operators, and may transmit data to the Internet, content providers, or network operators.

[0062] The network interface **135** may select and receive a desired application from among applications open to the public through a network.

[0063] The storage **140** may store programs for processing and controlling each signal in the controller **170** and may store processed video, audio, or data signals. For example, the storage **140** may store application programs designed for the purpose of performing various tasks that may be processed by the controller **170** and selectively provide some of the stored application programs at the request of the controller **170**.

[0064] Programs stored in the storage **140** are not particularly limited as long as they can be executed by the controller **170**.

[0065] The storage **140** may execute a function of temporarily storing video, voice, or data signals received from an external device through the external device interface **130**.

[0066] The storage **140** may store information on predetermined broadcast channel through a channel memory function such as a channel map.

[0067] Although FIG. 2 illustrates an embodiment in which the storage **140** is provided separately from the controller **170**, the scope of the present disclosure is not limited thereto, and the storage **140** may be included in the controller **170**.

[0068] The storage **140** may include at least one of a volatile memory (e.g., a DRAM, an SRAM, an SDRAM, etc.) or a non-volatile memory (e.g., a flash memory, a hard disk drive (HDD), a solid-state drive (SSD), etc.). In various embodiments of the present disclosure, “storage” and “memory” may be used interchangeably.

[0069] The user input interface **150** may transmit a signal input by a user to the controller **170** or transmit a signal from the controller **170** to the user.

[0070] For example, the user input interface **150** may transmit/receives user input signals such as power on/off, channel selection, and screen settings to/from the remote control device **200**, transmit user input signals input through local keys (not shown) such as a power key, a channel key, a volume key, and a setting key to the controller **170**, transmit a user input signal input through a sensor (not shown) that senses a user's gesture to the controller **170**, or transmit signals from the controller **170** to the sensor.

[0071] The input part **160** may be provided on one side of the main body of the electronic device **100**. For example, the input part **160** may include a touch pad, physical buttons, and the like.

[0072] The input part **160** may receive various user commands related to the operation of the electronic device **100** and transmit control signals related to the input commands to the controller **170**.

[0073] The input part **160** may include at least one microphone (not shown) and may receive a user voice through the microphone.

[0074] The controller **170** may include at least one processor and may control the overall operation of the electronic device **100** using the processor included therein. Here, the processor may be a general processor such as a central processing unit (CPU). The processor may be a dedicated device such as an ASIC or another hardware-based processor.

[0075] The controller **170** may demultiplex streams input through the tuner **110**, the demodulator **120**, the external device interface **130**, or the network interface **135**, or process demultiplexed signals to generate and output signals for video or audio output.

[0076] The display **180** may convert a video signal, a data signal, an OSD signal, and a control signal processed by the controller **170** or a video signal, a data signal, and a control signal received from the external device interface **130** to generate driving signals.

[0077] The display **180** may include a display panel (not shown) having a plurality of pixels.

[0078] The plurality of pixels provided in the display panel may include RGB subpixels.

Alternatively, the plurality of pixels provided in the display panel may include RGBW subpixels. The display **180** may convert a video signal, a data signal, an OSD signal, a control signal, etc. processed by the controller **170** to generate driving signals for the plurality of pixels.

[0079] The display **180** may be a plasma display panel (PDP), a liquid crystal display (LCD), an organic light emitting diode (OLED) display, or a flexible display, and may also be a 3D display. 3D displays **180** may be classified into a glasses-free type and a glasses type.

[0080] Meanwhile, the display **180** may be configured as a touch screen and used as an input device in addition to an output device.

[0081] The audio output part **185** receives the audio signal processed by the controller **170** and outputs the same as audio.

[0082] A video signal processed by the controller **170** may be input to the display **180** and displayed as an image related to the video signal. Additionally, the video signal processed by the controller **170** may be input to an external output device through the external device interface **130**.

[0083] An audio signal processed by the controller **170** may be output as sound to the audio output part **185**. Additionally, the audio signal processed by the controller **170** may be input to an external output device through the external device interface **130**.

[0084] Although not illustrated in FIG. 2, the controller **170** may include a demultiplexer, an image processor, etc.

[0085] In addition, the controller **170** may control overall operations of the electronic device **100**.

For example, the controller **170** may control the tuner **110** to select (tune to) a broadcast related to a channel selected by the user or a previously stored channel.

[0086] Additionally, the controller **170** may control the electronic device **100** using a user command input through the user input interface **150** or an internal program.

[0087] Meanwhile, the controller **170** may control the display **180** to display an image. Here, the image displayed on the display **180** may be a still image or a video, and may be a 2D image or a 3D image.

[0088] Further, the controller **170** may cause a predetermined 2D object to be displayed in an image displayed on the display **180**. For example, the object may be at least one of a connected web screen (newspaper, magazine, or the like), an electronic program guide (EPG), various menus, widgets, icons, a still image, a video, or text.

[0089] Meanwhile, the electronic device **100** may further include an imaging device (not shown). The imaging device may capture an image of the user. The imaging device may be implemented as a single camera, but the present disclosure is not limited thereto and the imaging device may also be implemented as a plurality of cameras. Meanwhile, the imaging device may be embedded in the electronic device **100** at the top of the display **180** or may be disposed separately. Image information captured by the imaging device may be input to the controller **170**.

[0090] The controller **170** may recognize a location of the user based on images captured by the imaging device. For example, the controller **170** may ascertain the distance (z-axis coordinate) between the user and the electronic device **100**. In addition, the controller **170** may ascertain the x-axis coordinate and y-axis coordinate in the display **180** related to the location of the user.

[0091] The controller **170** may detect a user's gesture based on images captured by the imaging device, each signal detected by a sensor, or a combination thereof.

[0092] The power supply **190** may supply corresponding power throughout the electronic device **100**. In particular, the power supply **190** may supply power to the controller **170**, which may be implemented in the form of a system on chip (SOC), the display **180** for displaying images, and the audio output part **185** for audio output.

[0093] Specifically, the power supply **190** may include a converter (not shown) that converts AC power to DC power and a DC/DC converter (not shown) that converts a DC power level.

[0094] The remote control device **200** may transmit user input to the user input interface **150**. To this end, the remote control device **200** may use Bluetooth, radio frequency (RF) communication, infrared communication, ultra-wideband (UWB), ZigBee, and the like. Additionally, the remote control device **200** may receive video, audio, or data signals output from the user input interface **150** and display the same or output the same as audio through the remote control device **200**.

[0095] The electronic device **100** described above may be a stationary or mobile digital broadcast receiver capable of receiving digital broadcasting.

[0096] Meanwhile, the block diagram of the electronic device **100** shown in FIG. 2 is merely a block diagram for an embodiment of the present disclosure, and components of the block diagram may be integrated, added, or omitted according to the specifications of the electronic device **100** that is actually implemented.

[0097] That is, two or more components may be combined into one component, or one component may be subdivided into two or more components as necessary. In addition, the function executed by each block is for describing an embodiment of the present disclosure, and the specific operation or device does not limit the scope of the present disclosure.

[0098] FIG. 3 is a diagram referenced in description of the server of FIG. 1.

[0099] Referring to FIG. 3, the server **400** may include a relay server **410**, a speech-to-text (STT) server **420**, a natural language processing (NLP) server **430**, a user identification server **440**, and/or an account server **450**. Although the relay server **410**, the STT server **420**, the NLP server **430**, the user identification server **440**, and the account server **450** are distinguished from each other in the present disclosure, the present disclosure is not limited thereto. For example, two or more of the

relay server **410**, the STT server **420**, the NLP server **430**, the user identification server **440**, and the account server **450** may be configured as one server.

[0100] The relay server **410** may communicate with the electronic device **100**. The relay server **410** may transmit data between the STT server **420**, the NLP server **430**, the user identification server **440**, and the electronic device **100**. The relay server **410** may store at least some data transmitted between the STT server **420**, the NLP server **430**, the user identification server **440**, and the electronic device **100**.

[0101] The STT server **420** may receive audio data. The STT server **420** may convert the audio data into text data. The STT server **420** may transmit the text data to the electronic device **100** via the relay server **410**. The STT server **420** may be called an automatic speech recognition (ASR) server.

[0102] The STT server **420** may increase the accuracy of speech-to-text conversion using a language model. A language model may refer to a model that may calculate the probability of a sentence or the probability of the next word appearing when previous words are provided. For example, the language model may include probabilistic language models such as Unigram model, Bigram model, and N-gram model. That is, the STT server **420** may determine whether text data has been appropriately converted from audio data, and accordingly, increase the accuracy of conversion to text data.

[0103] The NLP server **430** may receive text data. The NLP server **430** may perform intent analysis on the text data based on the received text data. The NLP server **430** may transmit intent analysis information indicating the result of intent analysis to the electronic device **100** via the relay server **410**.

[0104] According to an embodiment, the NLP server **430** may generate intent analysis information by sequentially performing a morpheme analysis step, a syntax analysis step, a speech-act analysis step, a conversation processing step, and the like on text data. The morpheme analysis step is a step of classifying text data related to speech uttered by a user into morpheme units, which are the smallest units with meaning, and determining to what part of speech each classified morpheme corresponds. The syntax analysis step is a step of classifying text data into noun phrases, verb phrases, adjective phrases, and the like using the results of the morpheme analysis step and determining what kind of relationship is present between the classified phrases. Through the syntax analysis step, subjects, objects, and modifiers of speech uttered by a user may be determined. The speech-act analysis step is a step of analyzing the intention of speech uttered by a user using the results of the syntax analysis step. Specifically, the speech-act analysis step is a step of determining the intention of a sentence, such as whether a user is asking a question, making a request, or simply expressing an emotion. The conversation processing step is a step of determining whether to reply to user's utterance, respond thereto, or ask a question for additional information.

[0105] The user identification server **440** may receive audio data. The user identification server **440** may extract voice features based on the audio data. Here, the voice features may include the waveform of the voice, the frequency band of the voice, the power spectrum of the voice, and the like. Extraction of voice features will be described later with reference to FIG. 4 and FIG. 5.

[0106] The user identification server **440** may obtain a voice feature vector from the voice features. The user identification server **440** may obtain the voice feature vector from the voice features based on a linear predictive coefficient, cepstrum, Mel frequency cepstral coefficient (MFCC), and filter bank energy.

[0107] The user identification server **440** may determine a similarity between a plurality of feature vectors. The user identification server **440** may determine the similarity between the plurality of feature vectors using cosine similarity, Euclidean similarity, or the like. Although an example of calculating a similarity between a first voice input and a second voice input based on cosine similarity will be described in the present disclosure, the method of determining a similarity is not limited thereto. For example, a first vector related to first text and a second vector related to second

text may be created. A cosine similarity between the first vector and the second vector may be calculated based on Formula 1 below.

$$[00001] \cos(\Theta) = \frac{A \cdot B}{\|A\| \cdot \|B\|} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i \times B_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (A_i)^2} \times \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (B_i)^2}} \quad [\text{Formula1}]$$

[0108] Here, $A \cdot B$ indicates the dot product of two vectors, $\|A\|$ and $\|B\|$ indicate the magnitudes of the two vectors. That is, cosine similarity may be calculated by dividing the dot product of two vectors by the product of the magnitudes of the vectors. Cosine similarity may range from -1 to 1 , and two vectors are determined to be similar as the cosine similarity therebetween is closer to 1 .

[0109] The user identification server **440** may determine whether users who have uttered speech are the same based on the similarity between a plurality of feature vectors. For example, when a similarity between a first feature vector related to the first voice input and a second feature vector related to the second voice input is equal to or greater than a predetermined standard, the user identification server **440** may determine that the user who has uttered the first voice input and the user who has uttered the second voice input are the same.

[0110] According to an embodiment, the user identification server **440** may obtain a vector by processing a voice feature vector using an algorithm such as the Gaussian mixture model (GMM), supervector, i-vector, d-vector, x-vector, or the like. The user identification server **440** may determine whether users who have uttered voices are the same based on a similarity between a first vector obtained by processing a first feature vector and a second vector obtained by processing a second feature vector.

[0111] The user identification server **440** may store audio data. The user identification server **440** may store data on voiceprint (hereinafter, voiceprint information). Here, voiceprint information may include a voice feature vector and/or a vector obtained by processing the voice feature vector.

[0112] The user identification server **440** may store a voice database. The voice database regarding voices may include unique identification information related to the electronic device **100** (hereinafter referred to as device identification information), unique identification information related to a user account (hereinafter referred to as user identification information), voice data mapped to user identification information, voiceprint information mapped to user identification information.

[0113] The device identification information, user identification information, audio data, and voiceprint information included in the voice database may be stored in the user identification server **440** in association with one another. For example, at least one piece of device identification information, a plurality of pieces of audio data, and/or a plurality of pieces of voiceprint information may be mapped to user identification information. That is, it may be interpreted that device identification information, audio data, and voiceprint information are mapped to a user account and stored in the user identification server **440**. In the present disclosure, an example in which a plurality of pieces of audio data and a plurality of pieces of voiceprint information are all mapped to user identification information included in the voice database will be described.

[0114] The user identification server **440** may update voiceprint information included in a voice database based on audio data included in the voice database. For example, the user identification server **440** may generate voiceprint information related to audio data included in the voice database using an algorithm different from a previously used algorithm. Here, the user identification server **440** may change the voiceprint information included in the voice database to the newly generated voiceprint information.

[0115] The account server **450** may manage data regarding user accounts. The account server **450** may manage user account IDs, passwords, user identification information, device identification information mapped to user accounts, and whether or not users agree to terms and conditions related to various functions.

[0116] The account server **450** may store a database regarding user accounts. The database

regarding user accounts may include user account IDs, passwords, user identification information, device identification information mapped to the user accounts, registration dates and times of the user accounts, whether or not users agree to terms and conditions related to various functions, and dates and times when users agree to the terms and conditions.

[0117] The account server **450** may communicate with the electronic device **100**. For example, the account server **450** may create and register a user account based on data from the electronic device **100**. For example, the account server **450** may approve login of a user account based on an ID and a password received from the electronic device **100**.

[0118] FIG. **4** is a block diagram for describing the configuration of the server according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0119] Referring to FIG. **4**, the server **400** may include a preprocessor **460**, a controller **470**, a communication interface **480**, and/or a database **490**.

[0120] The preprocessor **460** may preprocess speech received through the communication interface **480** or speech stored in the database **490**.

[0121] The preprocessor **460** may be implemented as a separate chip from the controller **470** or may be implemented as a chip included in the controller **470**.

[0122] The preprocessor **460** may receive a voice signal (uttered by a user) and filter noise signals from the voice signal before converting the received voice signal into text data.

[0123] If the preprocessor **460** is provided in the electronic device **100**, the preprocessor **460** may recognize a startup word for activating speech recognition of the electronic device **100**. The preprocessor **460** may convert the startup word received through the user input interface **150** into text data, and if the converted text data is text data related to a pre-stored startup word, determine that the startup word is recognized.

[0124] The preprocessor **460** may convert the noise-removed voice signal into a power spectrum.

[0125] A power spectrum may be a parameter that indicates a frequency component included in a temporally varying waveform of a voice signal and the magnitude of the frequency component.

[0126] A power spectrum shows a distribution of squared amplitude values according to the frequency of the waveform of a voice signal. This will be described with reference to FIG. **5**.

[0127] FIG. **5** is a diagram illustrating an example of converting a voice signal into a power spectrum according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0128] FIG. **5** shows a voice signal **510**. The voice signal **510** may be a signal received from an external device or may be a signal previously stored in the memory **170**.

[0129] The x-axis of the voice signal **510** represents time, and the y-axis represents amplitude.

[0130] A power spectrum processor **463** may convert the voice signal **510** in which the x-axis is the time axis into a power spectrum **520** in which the x-axis is the frequency axis. The power spectrum processor **463** may convert the voice signal **510** into the power spectrum **520** using Fast Fourier transform (FFT). The x-axis of the power spectrum **520** represents frequency, and the y-axis represents the square of amplitude.

[0131] Referring back to FIG. **4**, the functions of the preprocessor **460** and the controller **470** described in FIG. **4** may also be performed in the NLP server **430**.

[0132] The preprocessor **460** may include a wave processor **461**, a frequency processor **462**, the power spectrum processor **463**, a speech-to-text (STT) converter **464**, and the like.

[0133] The wave processor **461** may extract the waveform of speech.

[0134] The frequency processor **462** may extract the frequency band of the speech.

[0135] The power spectrum processor **463** may extract the power spectrum of the speech.

[0136] A power spectrum may be a parameter that indicates, when a temporally varying waveform is given, a frequency component included in the waveform and the magnitude of the frequency component.

[0137] The STT converter **464** may convert speech into text.

[0138] The STT converter **464** may convert speech in a specific language into text in that language.

[0139] The controller **470** may control the overall operation of the server **400**. The controller **470** may include a speech analyzer **471**, a text analyzer **472**, a feature clustering part **473**, a text mapper **474**, and/or a speech synthesizer **475**.

[0140] The speech analyzer **471** may extract speech characteristic information using one or more of the waveform of speech, the frequency band of the speech, and the power spectrum of the speech preprocessed in the preprocessor **460**. The speech characteristic information may include one or more of information on the sex of a speaker, the voice (or tone) of the speaker, the pitch of voice, the speaking style of the speaker, the speech rate of the speaker, and the emotion the speaker. Additionally, the speech characteristic information may further include the timbre of the speaker.

[0141] The text analyzer **472** may extract main expressions from text converted by the STT converter **464**. Upon detecting a change in tone between phrases from the converted text, the text analyzer **472** may extract the phrase with a different tone as a main expression phrase. The text analyzer **472** may determine that the tone has changed when the frequency band between phrases has changed more than a preset band. The text analyzer **472** may extract key words from phrases in the converted text. A key word may be a noun present in a phrase, but this is merely an example.

[0142] The feature clustering part **473** may classify the speech type of the speaker using the speech characteristic information extracted by the speech analyzer **471**. The feature clustering part **473** may classify the speech type of the speaker by assigning a weight to each type item constituting the speech characteristic information. The feature clustering part **473** may classify the speech type of the speaker using an attention technique of a deep learning model.

[0143] The text mapper **474** may translate text converted into a first language into text in a second language. The text mapper **474** may map the text translated into the second language with the text in the first language. The text mapper **474** may map main expressions constituting the text in the first language to corresponding phrases in the second language. The text mapper **474** may map a speech type related to the main expressions constituting the text in the first language to phrases in the second language. This is for the purpose of applying the classified speech type to the phrases in the second language.

[0144] The speech synthesizer **475** may apply the speech type and speaker's tone classified by the feature clustering part **473** to the main expressions of the text translated into the second language in the text mapper **474** to generate synthetic speech.

[0145] The controller **470** may determine the speech characteristics of the user using one or more of the transmitted text data or the power spectrum **520**.

[0146] Speech characteristics of a user may include the sex, pitch, tone, speech topic, speech rate, and voice volume of the user.

[0147] The controller **470** may obtain the frequency of the voice signal **510** and the amplitude corresponding to the frequency.

[0148] The controller **470** may determine the sex of the user who has uttered the voice using the frequency band of the power spectrum **470**. For example, if the frequency band of the power spectrum **520** is within a preset first frequency band range, the controller **470** may determine that the user is male.

[0149] If the frequency band of the power spectrum **520** is within a preset second frequency band range, the controller **470** may determine that the user is female. Here, the second frequency band range may be higher than the first frequency band range.

[0150] The controller **470** may determine the pitch of voice using the frequency band of the power spectrum **520**. For example, the controller **470** may determine the pitch of the voice based on the amplitude within a specific frequency band.

[0151] The controller **470** may determine the user's tone using the frequency band of the power spectrum **520**. For example, the controller **470** may determine a frequency band with an amplitude equal to or greater than a certain level among the frequency bands of the power spectrum **520** as a main sound range of the user and determine this main sound range as the user's tone.

[0152] The controller **470** may determine the user's speech rate based on the number of syllables uttered per unit time from the converted text data.

[0153] The controller **470** may determine the topic of the user's speech using the Bag-Of-Word Model technique for the converted text data.

[0154] The Bag-Of-Word Model technique is a technique of extracting frequently used words based on the frequency of a word in a sentence. Specifically, the Bag-Of-Word Model technique is a technique of extracting unique words within a sentence and expressing the frequency of each extracted word as a vector to determine the features of the topic of speech. For example, if words such as "running" and "physical strength" appear frequently in text data, the controller **470** may classify the topic of the user's speech as exercise.

[0155] The controller **470** may determine the topic of the user's speech from the text data using a known text categorization technique. The controller **470** may extract keywords from the text data and determine the topic of the user's speech.

[0156] The controller **470** may determine the user's voice volume by considering amplitude information in the entire frequency band. For example, the controller **470** may determine the user's voice volume based on the average or weighted average of amplitudes in each frequency band of the power spectrum **470**.

[0157] The communication interface **480** may communicate with an external server by wire or wirelessly. The communication interface **480** may communicate with the electronic device **100** by wire or wirelessly.

[0158] The database **490** may store speech in first language included in content. The database **490** may store synthetic speech in which speech in the first language has been converted into speech in the second language. The database **490** may store first text related to speech in the first language and second text in which the first text has been translated into the second language. The database **490** may store various learning required models for speech recognition.

[0159] Meanwhile, the controller **170** of the electronic device **100** illustrated in FIG. 2 may include the preprocessor **460** and the controller **470** illustrated in FIG. 4. That is, the controller **170** of the electronic device **100** may perform the functions of the preprocessor **460** and the controller **470**.

[0160] FIG. 6 is a block diagram illustrating a configuration of a controller for speech recognition and synthesis of an image display device according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0161] That is, the speech recognition and synthesis process illustrated in FIG. 6 may be performed by the controller **170** of the electronic device **100** without using the server.

[0162] Referring to FIG. 6, the processor **170** of the electronic device **100** may include an STT engine **610**, an NLP engine **620**, and a speech synthesis engine **630**. Each engine may be either hardware or software.

[0163] The STT engine **610** may perform the function of the STT server **420** of FIG. 5. That is, the STT engine **610** may convert audio data into text data.

[0164] The NLP engine **620** may perform the function of the NLP server **430** shown in FIG. 5. That is, the NLP engine **620** may obtain intent analysis information indicating the speaker's intention from the converted text data.

[0165] The speech synthesis engine **630** may perform a function of a speech synthesis server. The speech synthesis engine **630** may search a database for syllables or words related to given text data and synthesize a combination of the searched syllables or words to generate synthetic speech.

[0166] The speech synthesis engine **630** may include a preprocessing engine **631** and a TTS engine **632**.

[0167] The preprocessing engine **631** may preprocess text data before generating synthetic speech. Specifically, the preprocessing engine **631** performs tokenization to divide text data into tokens, which are meaningful units. After performing tokenization, the preprocessing engine **631** may perform a cleansing operation to remove unnecessary characters and symbols to eliminate noise. Thereafter, the preprocessing engine **631** may generate the same word token by integrating word

tokens with different expression methods. Thereafter, the preprocessing engine **631** may remove meaningless word tokens (stopwords).

[0168] The TTS engine **632** may synthesize speech related to the preprocessed text data and generate synthetic speech.

[0169] FIG. **7** is a flowchart of a method of operating an electronic device according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0170] Referring to FIG. **7**, the electronic device **100** may determine whether a user account is logged in to the server **400** in operation **S701**. For example, a user may log in to the server **400** with a user account by entering the user account ID and password.

[0171] According to an embodiment, when the user first logs in to the server **400** using the electronic device **100** with the user account, the electronic device **100** may include user identification information related to the user account in a user list. For example, in a case where three different user accounts log in to the server **400** using the electronic device **100**, the user list stored in the electronic device **100** may include three different pieces of user identification information.

[0172] In operation **S702**, the electronic device **100** may determine whether voice-related identification information (hereinafter referred to as voice ID) is registered with respect to the user account logged in to the server **400**. Here, the voice ID may include voiceprint information stored in the user identification server **440**. For example, the server **400** may transmit information on whether a voice ID has been registered with respect to the user account logged in to the server **400** to the electronic device **100**.

[0173] According to an embodiment, the server **400** may determine whether the voice ID has been registered based on whether voiceprint information has been mapped to user identification information, which is unique identification information related to the user account logged in to the server **400**. Here, when the voice ID has not been registered with respect to the user account, the number of pieces of voiceprint information mapped to the user identification information may be 0.

[0174] According to an embodiment, the server **400** may determine that the voice ID has been registered if the number of pieces of voiceprint information mapped to the user identification information is two or more predetermined numbers and determine that the voice ID has not been registered if the number of pieces of voiceprint information is less than the predetermined numbers. For example, in the case of a user account for which a voice ID has been registered, six different pieces of voiceprint information may be mapped to user identification information. For example, in the case of a user account for which a voice ID has not been registered, five or fewer voiceprint information may be mapped to user identification information.

[0175] According to an embodiment, a flag value indicating whether a voice ID has been registered may be mapped to user identification information stored in the server **400**. Here, user identification information to which a flag value is mapped may be stored in the user identification server **440** and/or the account server **450**. The server **400** may determine whether the voice ID has been registered based on the flag value mapped to the user identification information. For example, a flag value mapped to user identification information may be 0 in the case of a user account for which a voice ID has not been registered, and a flag value mapped to user identification information may be 1 in the case of a user account for which a voice ID has been registered.

[0176] When the voice ID has not been registered with respect to the user account, the electronic device **100** may start a process of registering the voice ID in operation **S703**. For example, when starting the process of registering the voice ID, the electronic device **100** may transmit data containing the device identification information, the user identification information, a value indicating the start of registration of the voice ID, etc. to the server **400**.

[0177] The electronic device **100** may output preset text in operation **S704**. The electronic device **100** may output any one of a plurality of pieces of preset text. For example, when the electronic device **100** is the image display device **100a**, the electronic device **100** may output preset text

through the display **180**.

[0178] According to an embodiment, the server **400** may transmit any one of a plurality of pieces of preset text to the electronic device **100** in a preset order. Here, the electronic device **100** may output the preset text received from the server **400**.

[0179] The electronic device **100** may determine whether speech with respect to the preset text is input in operation **S705**. For example, the electronic device **100** may determine whether speech is input through a microphone included in the input part **160** within a preset time. Here, the voice signal related to the speech input through the microphone may be transmitted to the controller **170** through the user input interface **150**. For example, the electronic device **100** may determine whether data containing a voice signal related to speech uttered by the user is received from the remote control device **200** within a preset time.

[0180] When speech with respect to the preset text is input, the electronic device **100** may transmit audio data including the voice signal related to the speech to the server **400** in operation **S706**. Here, the electronic device **100** may transmit the device identification information, the user identification information, and a language code indicating the type of language to the server **400** along with the audio data.

[0181] The server **400** may convert the voice signal included in the audio data received from the electronic device **100** into text. The server **400** may determine whether the text converted from the voice signal and the preset text correspond to each other. For example, the server **400** may determine whether the text converted from the voice signal and the preset text correspond to each other based on the similarity therebetween.

[0182] The server **400** may generate voiceprint information related to the voice signal when the text converted from the voice signal and the preset text correspond to each other. The server **400** may map the voiceprint information generated with respect to the preset text to the user identification information and store the same. The server **400** may map the audio data received with respect to the preset text to the user identification information and store the same.

[0183] The electronic device **100** may determine whether speech processing for the preset text is successful based on the response received from the server **400** in operation **S707**. For example, if the text converted from the voice signal and the preset text correspond to each other, the server **400** may notify the electronic device **100** of success of speech processing. For example, when the voiceprint information related to the voice signal has been generated, the server **400** may notify the electronic device **100** of success of speech processing.

[0184] Meanwhile, in operation **S708**, the electronic device **100** may determine whether the user reattempts to input speech when speech with respect to the preset text is not input or when speech processing for the preset text fails. For example, the electronic device **100** may reattempt to input speech based on a user input from the user reattempting to input speech. Here, the electronic device **100** may output the preset text again.

[0185] In operation **S709**, if speech processing for the preset text is successful, the electronic device **100** may determine whether processing for all pieces of text is completed. For example, if all speech processing for six pieces of text is successful, processing for all pieces of text may be completed. Meanwhile, when processing for five pieces of preset text is completed, the electronic device **100** may output the last preset text.

[0186] The electronic device **100** may end the process of registering the voice ID when processing for all pieces of text is completed in operation **S710**. For example, when the electronic device **100** is the image display device **100a**, the electronic device **100** may output a screen indicating completion of voice ID registration through the display **180**. For example, the electronic device **100** may transmit data indicating completion of voice ID registration to the account server **450**.

[0187] FIG. **8** is a flowchart of a method of operating a system according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0188] Referring to FIG. **8**, the electronic device **100** may log in to the server **400** using a user

account in operation **S801**.

[0189] The electronic device **100** may start a process of registering a voice ID in operation **S802**.

[0190] The electronic device **100** may output first text among a plurality of pieces of preset text in operation **S803**.

[0191] The electronic device **100** may receive first speech for the first text in operation **S804**.

[0192] The electronic device **100** may transmit first audio data including a speech signal related to the first speech to the server **400** in operation **S805**.

[0193] The server **400** may process the first speech for the first text based on the first audio data received from the electronic device **100** in operation **S806**. The server **400** may convert the speech signal related to the first speech included in the first audio data received from the electronic device **100** into text. The server **400** may determine whether the text converted from the speech signal related to the first speech and the first text correspond to each other.

[0194] The server **400** may notify the electronic device **100** of completion of processing for the first speech in operation **S807**. For example, the server **400** may notify the electronic device **100** of success of processing for the first speech based on the fact that the text converted from the speech signal related to the first speech corresponds to the first text.

[0195] Further, the server **400** may generate first voiceprint information with respect to the first speech based on the speech signal related to the first speech based on the fact that the text converted from the speech signal related to the first speech corresponds to the first text.

[0196] The server **400** may store the first audio data and the first voiceprint information with respect to the first speech in operation **S808**. The server **400** may map the first audio data and first voiceprint information to the user identification information related to the logged-in user account and store the same.

[0197] The electronic device **100** may output the second to fifth pieces of text in stages. The electronic device **100** may sequentially receive second to fifth speeches related to the second to fifth pieces of text. The electronic device **100** may sequentially transmit second to fifth pieces of audio data related to the second to fifth speeches to the server **400**.

[0198] The server **400** may process the second to fifth speeches based on the second to fifth pieces of audio data received from the electronic device **100**. Additionally, the server **400** may sequentially generate and store second to fifth pieces of speech information related to the second to fifth speeches.

[0199] The electronic device **100** may output sixth text from among a plurality of pieces of preset text in operation **S809**.

[0200] The electronic device **100** may receive sixth speech with respect to the sixth text in operation **S810**.

[0201] The electronic device **100** may transmit sixth audio data including a speech signal related to the sixth speech to the server **400** in operation **S811**.

[0202] The server **400** may process the sixth speech with respect to the sixth text based on the sixth audio data received from the electronic device **100** in operation **S812**. The server **400** may convert a speech signal related to the sixth speech included in the sixth audio data received from the electronic device **100** into text. The server **400** may determine whether the text converted from the speech signal related to the sixth speech and the sixth text correspond to each other.

[0203] The server **400** may notify the electronic device **100** of completion of processing for the sixth speech in operation **S813**.

[0204] Meanwhile, when the text converted from the speech signal related to the sixth speech and the sixth text correspond to each other, the server **400** may generate sixth voiceprint information regarding the sixth speech based on the speech signal related to the sixth speech.

[0205] The server **400** may store the sixth audio data and the sixth voiceprint information regarding the sixth speech in operation **S814**. The server **400** may map the sixth audio data and the sixth voiceprint information to the user identification information related to the logged-in user account

and store the same. Here, six different pieces of audio data and a plurality of pieces of voiceprint information may be mapped to the user identification information related to the logged-in user account.

[0206] The electronic device **100** may end the process of registering the voice ID in operation **S815**. For example, the electronic device **100** may end the process of registering the voice ID based on completion of processing for the six different pieces of preset text.

[0207] Referring to FIG. **9**, if the user account is not logged in to the server **400**, the electronic device **100** may output a login screen **900** related to logging in to the server **400** through the display **180**. The login screen **900** may include an object **910** indicating a non-login state, and a login object **920** for executing login. When the user selects the login object **920** using a pointer **205** related to the remote control device **200**, the electronic device **100** may output a screen for entering an ID and a password. Here, the user may log in to the server **400** with the user account by entering the ID and the password of the user account.

[0208] Referring to FIG. **10**, when the voice ID has not been registered in the user account logged in to the server **400**, the electronic device **100** may output a first account screen **1000** related to the user account for which the voice ID has not been registered. The first account screen **1000** may include an object **1010** indicating a logged-in user account, and an object **1020** regarding voice ID registration. When the user selects the object **1020** regarding voice ID registration using the pointer **205**, the electronic device **100** may start the process of registering a voice ID.

[0209] Referring to FIG. **11**, when a voice ID has been registered in a user account logged in to the server **400**, the electronic device **100** may display a second account screen **1100** related to the user account for which the voice ID has been registered. The second account screen **1100** may include an object **1110** indicating a logged-in user account, a re-registration object **1120** regarding voice ID re-registration, a deletion object **1130** regarding voice ID deletion, and an activation object **1140** regarding the use of a function related to voice ID. The user may select the activation object **1140** using the pointer **205** to activate or deactivate the use of a function related to voice ID.

[0210] Referring to FIG. **12**, when the object **1020** regarding voice ID registration is selected on the first account screen **1000**, or when the re-registration object **1120** is selected on the second account screen **1100**, the electronic device **100** may output a start screen **1200** for starting voice ID registration. When the user selects a start object **1210** using the pointer **205**, the electronic device **100** may output a text screen for displaying preset text.

[0211] Referring to FIG. **13**, the electronic device **100** may output a text screen **1300** for displaying any one of a plurality of pieces of preset text. The text screen **1300** may include preset text **1301**, a text sequence number **1302**, an end object **1310** for ending the process of registering a voice ID, and an input object **1320** for receiving speech.

[0212] When the user selects the end object **1310** using the pointer **205**, the process of registering a voice ID may end. For example, when the process of registering a voice ID ends, all data stored in the server **400** while the process of registering a voice ID is in progress may be deleted.

[0213] When the user selects the input object **1320** using the pointer **205**, the electronic device **100** may receive speech with respect to text.

[0214] According to an embodiment, when the user presses a predetermined button (e.g., a voice input button) included in the remote control device **200** while the text screen **1300** is displayed, the electronic device **100** may receive speech with respect to text based on the user input of pressing the predetermined button, received from the remote control device **200**.

[0215] Meanwhile, according to an embodiment, when the user presses a predetermined button (e.g., the voice input button) included in the remote control device **200** while the process of registering a voice ID is in progress, the electronic device **100** may stop the process of registering a voice ID based on the user input of pressing the predetermined button, received from the remote control device **200**. Here, the user input of pressing a predetermined button (e.g., the voice input button) included in the remote control device **200** may correspond to a user input of starting speech

recognition for speech received through the remote control device **200**. The electronic device **100** may perform an operation related to speech recognition on audio data including a speech signal received from the remote control device **200**.

[0216] FIG. **14** and FIG. **15** are flowcharts of a method of operating the electronic device according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0217] Referring to FIG. **14**, the electronic device **100** may connect to the server **400** through the network interface **145** in operation **S1401**.

[0218] The electronic device **100** may receive speech in operation **S1402**. For example, the electronic device **100** may receive speech through a microphone included in the input part **160**. Here, the speech signal related to the speech input through the microphone may be transmitted to the controller **170** through the user input interface **150**. For example, the electronic device **100** may receive data containing a speech signal related to speech uttered by the user from the remote control device **200**.

[0219] When speech is input in operation **S1403**, the electronic device **100** may transmit audio data related to the input speech to the server **400**. Here, the electronic device **100** may transmit the device identification information, a user list, and a language code indicating a type of language to the server **400** along with the audio data.

[0220] The electronic device **100** may receive the result of speech processing from the server **400** in operation **S1404**. For example, the result of speech processing may include text related to the speech, intent analysis information that is the result of performing natural language processing on the speech, and user identification information related to the speech.

[0221] The server **400** may generate voiceprint information with respect to the speech input to the electronic device **100** based on the audio data received from the electronic device **100**. The server **400** may search a database with respect to speech for voiceprint information (hereinafter referred to as candidate voiceprint information) related to user identification information included in the user list received from the electronic device **100**. The server **400** may determine whether the candidate voiceprint information and the generated voiceprint information correspond to each other. The server **400** may determine user identification information to which candidate voiceprint information related to the generated voiceprint information is mapped among candidate voiceprint information as the user identification information related to the speech input to the electronic device **100**. If there is no candidate voiceprint information related to the generated voiceprint information, the server **400** may determine that user identification information related to the speech input to the electronic device **100** is not present.

[0222] The server **400** may transmit the result of processing the audio data received from the electronic device **100** to the electronic device **100**. For example, the server **400** may transmit, to the electronic device **100**, text converted from the audio data received from the electronic device **100**, intent analysis information representing the result of intent analysis performed on the converted text, user identification information related to the speech, and presence or absence of user identification information related to the speech.

[0223] In operation **S1405**, the electronic device **100** may determine whether the input speech requires user identification based on the result of speech processing.

[0224] According to an embodiment, the electronic device **100** may determine whether the input speech requires user identification based on the type of command related to the speech. For example, the electronic device **100** may determine that the input speech requires user identification based on the input speech related to a command related to the user account (e.g., user account login, user account switching, or the like). For example, the electronic device **100** may determine that the input speech requires user identification based on the input speech related to a command (e.g., content search, content recommendation, speech recommendation, external device connection, or the like) using user information such as a usage history, a viewing history, and preferred genres. For example, the electronic device **100** may determine that the input speech does

not require user identification based on the input speech related to a command for checking general information (e.g., time, weather, etc.) unrelated to the user. For example, the electronic device **100** may determine that the input speech does not require user identification based on the input speech related to a command for adjusting settings (e.g., volume, screen brightness, etc.) of the electronic device **100**.

[0225] According to an embodiment, the electronic device **100** may determine whether the input speech requires user identification based on the type of application related to the speech. For example, the electronic device **100** may determine that the input speech requires user identification based on the input speech related to an application (e.g., an over-the-top media service (OTT service), a social network service (SNS), or the like) linked to the user account. For example, the electronic device **100** may determine that the input speech does not require user identification based on the input speech related to an application (e.g., terrestrial broadcasting, weather, or the like) that is not linked to the user account.

[0226] In operation **S1406**, the electronic device **100** may generate a response related to the user when the input speech requires user identification. For example, when the input speech requires user identification, the electronic device **100** may generate a response including an indicator (hereinafter referred to as a user indicator) indicating the user who has uttered the speech based on user identification information related to the speech included in the speech processing result. Additionally, the electronic device **100** may output a response including a user indicator. Here, the user indicator may include the user's name, nickname, an icon, a photo, and the like related to the user identification information. The user indicator may be stored in the electronic device **100** and/or the server **400**.

[0227] According to an embodiment, when the input speech requires user identification, the electronic device **100** may determine whether to generate a first response including a user indicator or a second response that does not include a user indicator. This will be described with reference to FIG. **15**.

[0228] Referring to FIG. **15**, the electronic device **100** may determine whether the user who has uttered speech is a user preset to use a voice ID based on user identification information related to the speech in operation **S1501**. For example, the electronic device **100** may store information on whether use of a voice ID-related function is activated for each piece of user identification information included in the user list. Here, if the use of the voice ID-related function is activated for the user identification information related to the speech included in the speech processing result, the electronic device **100** may determine that the user who has uttered the speech is a user preset to use the voice ID.

[0229] If there is no user identification information related to the speech based on the speech processing result, the electronic device **100** may determine that the user who has uttered the speech is not a user preset to use the voice ID.

[0230] If the user who has uttered the speech is a user preset to use the voice ID, the electronic device **100** may determine whether the user who has uttered the speech corresponds to the currently logged-in user account in operation **S1502**. For example, if the user identification information related to the speech corresponds to the user identification information related to the currently logged-in user account, the electronic device **100** may determine that the user who has uttered the speech corresponds to the currently logged-in user account.

[0231] If the user who has uttered the speech does not correspond to the currently logged-in user account, the electronic device **100** may determine whether switching of the user account is necessary in operation **S1503**. The electronic device **100** may determine whether switching of the user account is necessary based on intent analysis information included in the speech processing result. If there is no user account currently logged in to the server **400**, the electronic device **100** may determine that switching of the user account is necessary.

[0232] According to an embodiment, the electronic device **100** may determine whether switching

of the user account is necessary based on the type of command related to the speech. For example, the electronic device **100** may determine that switching of the user account is necessary based on the input speech related to a command related to the user account (e.g., login, user account switching, or the like). For example, the electronic device **100** may determine that user account switching is necessary based on the input speech related to a command for executing an application (e.g., OTT service, SNS, or the like) linked to the user account. For example, the electronic device **100** may determine that user account switching is necessary based on the input speech related to a command (e.g., content search, content recommendation, speech recommendation, external device connection, or the like) using information on the user such as a usage history, a viewing history, and preferred genres.

[0233] In operation **S1504**, the electronic device **100** may switch the user account logged in to the server **400** when it is necessary to switch the currently logged-in user account. For example, the electronic device **100** may log out the currently logged-in first user account. Upon completion of logging out of the first user account, the electronic device **100** may log in to the server **400** with a second user account related to the user identification information related to the speech. The electronic device **100** may switch the user account after completion of generation and output of the first response.

[0234] The electronic device **100** may determine whether generation of the first response including a user indicator is necessary when the user who has uttered the speech corresponds to the currently logged-in user account or when switching of the user account is unnecessary in operation **S1505**. For example, the electronic device **100** may determine that generation of the first response is necessary when the input speech requires information on the user who has uttered the speech based on the intent analysis information included in the speech processing result.

[0235] The electronic device **100** may generate the first response including a user indicator in operation **S1506**. For example, the electronic device **100** may generate text (hereinafter referred to as response text) in response to the input speech based on the intent analysis information included in the speech processing result. Here, the electronic device **100** may generate text including both the response text and the user name as the first response.

[0236] The electronic device **100** may generate a second response that does not include a user indicator in operation **S1507**.

[0237] The electronic device **100** may obtain information on the user in operation **S1508**. For example, the electronic device **100** may obtain a usage history stored in the storage **140** in relation to the user of the currently logged-in user account. For example, the electronic device **100** may obtain the name, nickname, icon, photo, age, sex, preferred genre, and the like stored in the server **400** in relation to the currently logged-in user account.

[0238] According to an embodiment, the electronic device **100** may generate the first response or the second response after obtaining information on the user.

[0239] Referring back to FIG. **14**, the electronic device **100** may perform an operation according to the speech in operation **S1407**. For example, when the input speech requires user identification, the electronic device **100** may output either the first response or the second response. For example, the electronic device **100** may output the second response when the input speech does not require user identification.

[0240] Meanwhile, the electronic device **100** may perform an operation according to a command related to the input speech based on intent analysis information included in speech processing results.

[0241] According to an embodiment, when logging in to the server **400** with a user account, the electronic device **100** may obtain setting values related to the user account logging in to the server **400**. Here, the setting values related to the user account may be stored in the storage **140** and/or the server **400** of the electronic device **100**. For example, the electronic device **100** may obtain image quality setting values, sound quality setting values, mode setting values, and application setting

values stored in the storage **140** and/or the server **400** in relation to the user of the currently logged-in user account.

[0242] Meanwhile, the setting values related to the user account stored in the server **400** may be stored separately for each piece of device identification information mapped to the user account. Here, the electronic device **100** may transmit device identification information related to the electronic device **100** to the server **400** to obtain setting values related to the user account.

[0243] For example, in a case where a plurality of pieces of device identification information is mapped to user identification information related to the user account stored in the server **400**, image quality setting values mapped to first device identification information related to a first image display device may be different from image quality setting values mapped to second device identification information related to a second image display device.

[0244] For example, in a case where a plurality of pieces of device identification information is mapped to the user identification information related to the user account stored in the server **400**, application setting values mapped to the first device identification information related to the first image display device may be different from application setting values mapped to the second device identification information related to the second image display device. Here, the application setting values mapped to the plurality of pieces of device identification information may be set depending on degrees to which an application is used in electronic devices **100** related to the plurality of pieces of device identification information. Meanwhile, the application setting values mapped to the plurality of pieces of device identification information may be set by the user.

[0245] The electronic device **100** may update preset setting values for the electronic device **100** based on the setting values related to the user account. For example, the electronic device **100** may update image quality setting values and sound quality setting values that are preset for the electronic device **100** based on the image quality setting values and the sound quality setting values related to the user account. For example, if a mode setting value related to the user account is a kids mode, the electronic device **100** may update a preset mode for the electronic device **100** to the kids mode. Here, the kids mode may refer to a mode in which age-related restrictions are set in relation to operations of the electronic device **100**, such as providing content and executing applications. For example, the electronic device **100** may block execution of a specific application when the kids mode is set and execute the specific application when the kids mode is cancelled.

[0246] According to an embodiment, when logging in to the server **400** with a user account, the electronic device **100** may obtain a notification related to the user account logging in to the server **400**. The notification related to the user account may be stored in the storage **140** and/or the server **400** of the electronic device **100**. For example, the electronic device **100** may obtain a schedule, reservation for viewing, etc. stored in the storage **140** and/or the server **400** in relation to the user of the currently logged-in user account.

[0247] According to an embodiment, when logging in to the server **400** with a user account according to speech uttered by a user, the electronic device **100** may provide a user interface (hereinafter referred to as an audio UI) related to the speech. For example, the audio UI may include numbers mapped to objects included in the screen.

[0248] Meanwhile, when logging in to the server **400** with a user account according to an input different from speech, the electronic device **100** may provide a user interface (hereinafter referred to as a general UI) different from the audio UI. For example, when a user enters a user account ID and a password through the remote control device **200** and logs in to the server **400** with a user account, the electronic device **100** may provide the general UI.

[0249] According to an embodiment, the electronic device **100** may provide the audio UI when executing an application or a function according to speech uttered by a user. Meanwhile, the electronic device **100** may provide the general UI when executing an application or a function according to an input different from speech.

[0250] Referring to FIG. **16**, the electronic device **100** may output a first home screen **1600**. The

first home screen **1600** may be displayed while logged in to the server **400** with a first user account. [0251] Upon receiving speech uttered by a user, the electronic device **100** may output text **1610** related to the speech uttered by the user based on the result of processing the speech received from the server **400**. The electronic device **100** may determine that the speech uttered by the user corresponds to a command related to the user account based on the speech processing result received from the server **400**.

[0252] Referring to reference numeral **1701** in FIG. **17**, a voice ID may be registered in the user account of the user who has uttered the speech, and use of the voice ID-related function may be activated. Additionally, the user who has uttered the speech may correspond to the currently logged-in first user account. In this case, the electronic device **100** may output a second response **1710** that does not include a user indicator and indicates that the user account of the user who has uttered the speech is currently logged in.

[0253] Referring to reference numeral **1702** in FIG. **17**, when the user who has uttered the speech corresponds to the currently logged-in first user account, the electronic device **100** may output the first home screen **1600** without logging in to the server **400** with the user account or user account switching. The brightness of the first home screen **1600** may be set depending on image quality setting values related to the first user account. Here, the brightness among the image quality setting values related to the first user account may be a first brightness value.

[0254] Referring to reference numeral **1801** in FIG. **18**, a voice ID may be registered in the user account of the user who has uttered the speech, and use of the voice ID-related function may be activated. Additionally, the user who has uttered the speech may not correspond to the currently logged-in first user account. In this case, the electronic device **100** may output a first response **1810** that includes a user indicator and indicates that login is performed with the user account of the user who has uttered the speech.

[0255] The electronic device **100** may switch the user account logged in to the server **400** from the currently logged-in first user account to a second user account of the user who has uttered the speech. For example, the electronic device **100** may log out of the currently logged-in first user account and then log in to the server **400** using the second user account of the user who has uttered the speech. According to an embodiment, while switching user accounts, the electronic device **100** may output a user switching screen related to user switching. For example, the user switching screen may include an object representing the first user account, an object representing the second user account, an object representing user account switching, etc.

[0256] When logging in to the server **400** with the second user account, the electronic device **100** may obtain setting values related to the second user account. For example, the electronic device **100** may obtain image quality setting values related to the second user account from the storage **140** and/or the server **400**.

[0257] Referring to reference numeral **1802** in FIG. **18**, the electronic device **100** may output a second home screen **1800** related to the second user account while being logged in with the second user account. The second home screen **1800** may be different from the first home screen **1600**. That is, the style of a home screen output from the electronic device **100**, for example, the types, number, and arrangement of objects included in the home screen, may be different for each user account.

[0258] The brightness of the second home screen **1800** may be set depending on image quality setting values related to the second user account. Here, the brightness among the image quality setting values related to the second user account may be a second brightness value that is lower than the first brightness value. Accordingly, the second home screen **1800** may be displayed relatively dark compared to the first home screen **1600**.

[0259] Referring to reference numeral **1901** in FIG. **19**, a first electronic device **100a1** may output the second home screen **1800** related to the second user account while being logged in with the second user account.

[0260] When logging in to the server **400** with the second user account, the first electronic device **100a1** may obtain setting values related to the second user account. For example, the first electronic device **100a1** may obtain image quality setting values related to the second user account from the server **400**. Here, the first electronic device **100a1** may obtain image quality setting values mapped to device identification information related to the first electronic device **100a1** among a plurality of pieces of device identification information mapped to user identification information related to the second user account stored in the server **400**.

[0261] The brightness of the second home screen **1800** displayed through the first electronic device **100a1** may be set depending on the image quality setting values mapped to the device identification information related to the first electronic device **100a1**. Here, the brightness among the image quality setting values mapped to the device identification information related to the first electronic device **100a1** may be a third brightness value.

[0262] Referring to reference numeral **1902** in FIG. **19**, a second electronic device **100a2** may output the second home screen **1800** related to the second user account while being logged in with the second user account.

[0263] When logging in to the server **400** with the second user account, the second electronic device **100a2** may obtain setting values related to the second user account. For example, the second electronic device **100a2** may obtain image quality setting values related to the second user account from the server **400**. Here, the second electronic device **100a2** may obtain image setting values mapped to the device identification information related to the second electronic device **100a2** among a plurality of pieces of device identification information mapped to the user identification information related to the second user account stored in the server **400**.

[0264] The brightness of the second home screen **1800** output through the second electronic device **100a2** may be set depending on the image quality setting values mapped to the device identification information related to the second electronic device **100a2**. Here, the brightness among the image quality setting values mapped to the device identification information related to the second electronic device **100a2** may be a fourth brightness value that is higher than the third brightness value. Accordingly, the second home screen **1800** output through the second electronic device **100a2** may be displayed relatively brightly compared to the second home screen **1800** output through the first electronic device **100a1**.

[0265] Referring to FIG. **20**, the electronic device **100** may output the first home screen **1600**. Upon receiving speech uttered by a user, the electronic device **100** may output text **2010** related to the speech uttered by the user based on the result of processing the speech received from the server **400**. The electronic device **100** may determine that the speech uttered by the user is related to a command for searching for music content. Here, the command for searching for content may be a command that uses information on the user.

[0266] Referring to reference numeral **2101** in FIG. **21**, the electronic device **100** may output a second response **2110** that does not include a user indicator and indicates music content search. For example, when no voice ID has been registered in a user account of a user who has uttered speech, the user who has uttered the speech is not a user preset to use a voice ID, or the user who has uttered the speech is related to the currently logged-in first user account, the electronic device **100** may output a second response **2110** that does not include a user indicator.

[0267] The electronic device **100** may obtain information on the user of the first user account and/or setting values related to the first user account from the storage **140** and/or the server **400**. The electronic device **100** may determine an application related to music content related to the user of the first user account based on the information on the user and/or the setting values acquired in relation to the first user account. For example, if a history of using a first content application in relation to music content is stored in the storage unit **140** of the electronic device **100** in relation to the user of the first user account, the electronic device **100** may determine that the first content application is executed. For example, when the first content application is preset in the server **400**

with application setting values related to music content in relation to the user of the first user account, the electronic device **100** may determine that the first content application is executed. [0268] Referring to reference numeral **2102** in FIG. **22**, if the second user account is different from the currently logged-in first user account in a state in which use of a voice ID-related function is activated for the second user account of the user who has uttered speech, the electronic device **100** may switch the user account logged in to the server **400** from the currently logged-in first user account to the second user account of the user who has uttered the speech. Additionally, the electronic device **100** may output a first response **2120** that includes a user indicator and notifies of music content search.

[0269] The electronic device **100** may obtain information on the user of the second user account and/or setting values related to the second user account from the storage **140** and/or the server **400**. The electronic device **100** may determine an application related to music content related to the user of the second user account based on the information on the user and/or the setting values obtained in relation to the second user account. For example, if a history of using a second content application in relation to music content is stored in the storage unit **140** of the electronic device **100** in relation to the user of the second user account, the electronic device **100** may determine that the second content application is executed. For example, when the second content application is preset in the server **400** with application setting values related to music content in relation to the user of the second user account, the electronic device **100** may determine that the second content application is executed.

[0270] Referring to FIG. **22**, the electronic device **100** may output the first home screen **1600**. Upon receiving speech uttered by a user, the electronic device **100** may output text **2210** related to the speech uttered by the user based on the result of processing the speech received from the server **400**.

[0271] The electronic device **100** may determine that the speech uttered by the user is related to a command for recommending video content based on the speech processing result received from the server **400**. The command for recommending video content may be a command using information on the user.

[0272] Referring to reference numeral **2301** in FIG. **23A**, the electronic device **100** may output a second response **2310** that does not include a user indicator and indicates recommendation of video content. For example, when no voice ID has been registered in the user account of the user who has uttered the speech while being logged in to the server **400** with the first user account, the user who has uttered the speech is not a user preset to use a voice ID, or the user who has uttered the speech is related to the currently logged-in first user account, the electronic device **100** may output the second response **2310** that does not include a user indicator.

[0273] The electronic device **100** may obtain information on the user of the first user account from the storage **140** and/or the server **400**. The electronic device **100** may output a recommended content list **2315** related to the user of the first user account based on the information on the user obtained in relation to the first user account. For example, if a history of viewing news content is stored in the storage **140** of the electronic device **100** or the preferred genre is set to news in the server **400** in relation to the user of the first user account, the recommended content list **2315** related to the user of the first user account may include news content.

[0274] Referring to reference numeral **2302** in FIG. **23A**, if use of a voice ID-related function is activated for the second user account of the user who has uttered the speech and the second user account is different from the currently logged-in first user account, the electronic device **100** may switch the user account logged in to the server **400** from the currently logged-in first user account to the second user account of the user who has uttered the speech. Additionally, the electronic device **100** may output a first response **2320** that includes a user indicator and notifies of recommendation of video content.

[0275] The electronic device **100** may obtain information on the user of the second user account

from the storage **140** and/or the server **400**. The electronic device **100** may output a recommended content list **2325** related to the user of the second user account based on the information on the user acquired in relation to the second user account. For example, if a history of viewing sports content is stored in the storage **140** of the electronic device **100** or if a preferred genre is set to sports in the server **400** in relation to the user of the second user account, the recommended content list **2325** related to the user of the second user account may include sports content.

[0276] Referring to reference numeral **2303** in FIG. **23B**, the electronic device **100** may output a second response **2330** that does not include a user indicator and notifies of recommendation of video content. For example, the electronic device **100** may output the second response **2330** that does not include a user indicator when no voice ID has been registered in the user account of the user who has uttered speech, or the user who has uttered the speech is not a preset user set to use a voice ID in a state in which there is no user account logged in to the server **400**.

[0277] The electronic device **100** may obtain a history of using the electronic device **100** from the storage **140** and/or the server **400**, regardless of a user account, in a state in which there is no user account logged in to the server **400**. The electronic device **100** may output a recommended content list **2335** based on the history of using the electronic device **100** obtained regardless of the user account.

[0278] Referring to FIG. **24**, the electronic device **100** may output the first home screen **1600**. Upon receiving speech uttered by a user, the electronic device **100** may output text **2410** related to the speech uttered by the user based on a speech processing result received from the server **400**. The electronic device **100** may determine that the speech uttered by the user is related to a command for executing a specific OTT service application based on the speech processing result received from the server **400**. Here, the OTT service application may be an application linked to the user account.

[0279] Referring to reference numeral **2501** in FIG. **25**, the electronic device **100** may execute the specific OTT service application. Here, the electronic device **100** may access a specific OTT service using a first OTT service account related to the first user account logged in to the server **400**. For example, when no voice ID has been registered in the user account of the user who has uttered the speech, the user who has uttered the speech is not a user preset to use a voice ID, or the user who has uttered the speech is related to the currently logged-in first user account, the electronic device **100** may access the specific OTT service using the first OTT service account related to the first user account.

[0280] The electronic device **100** may output an OTT service screen **2510** related to the first OTT service account. The OTT service screen **2510** related to the first OTT service account may include an object **2511** representing the first OTT service account, an object **2515** with respect to content related to the first OTT service account, etc.

[0281] Meanwhile, the electronic device **100** may provide an audio UI **2513** through the OTT service screen **2510** based on execution of the specific OTT service application according to the speech uttered by the user. For example, the audio UI **2513** may be a user interface that displays numbers mapped to content related to the first OTT service account. When speech is input to select one of the numbers mapped to content, the electronic device **100** may output content related to the selected number through the display **180**.

[0282] Referring to reference numeral **2502** in FIG. **25**, the electronic device **100** may execute a specific OTT service application. The electronic device **100** may access a specific OTT service using a second OTT service account related to the second user account that is different from the first user account. For example, when use of a voice ID-related function is activated for the second user account of the user who has uttered speech, and the second user account is different from the currently logged-in first user account, the electronic device **100** may switch the user account logged in to the server **400** from the currently logged-in first user account to the second user account of the user who has uttered the speech. Additionally, the electronic device **100** may access the specific

OTT service using the second OTT service account related to the second user account logged in to the server **400**.

[0283] The electronic device **100** may output an OTT service screen **2520** related to the second OTT service account. The OTT service screen **2520** related to the second OTT service account may include an object **2521** representing the second OTT service account, an object **2525** with respect to content related to the second OTT service account, etc.

[0284] Meanwhile, the electronic device **100** may log in to the server **400** with a user account according to the speech uttered by the user and provide an audio UI **2523** through the OTT service screen **2520** based on execution of a specific OTT service application.

[0285] Referring to FIG. **26**, the electronic device **100** may log in to the server **400** with a user account according to an input different from speech. The electronic device **100** may output a login screen **2600** using an input different from speech. The login screen **2600** using an input different from speech may include objects **2610**, **2620**, and **2630** related to various input methods different from speech. The user may select a method of logging in to the server **400** by selecting one of the objects **2610**, **2620**, and **2630** related to various input methods using a pointer **205**.

[0286] Referring to FIG. **27**, the electronic device **100** may execute a specific OTT service application while logging in to the server **400** with a third user account according to the input different from speech. Here, the electronic device **100** may access a specific OTT service using a third OTT service account related to the third user account logged in to the server **400**.

[0287] The electronic device **100** may output an OTT service screen **2700** related to the third OTT service account. The OTT service screen **2700** related to the third OTT service account may include an object **2711** representing the third OTT service account, an object **2715** with respect to content related to the third OTT service account, etc.

[0288] Further, based on logging in to the server **400** with the third user account according to the input different from speech, the audio UI may not be provided.

[0289] Referring to reference numeral **2801** in FIG. **28**, the electronic device **100** may output a search screen **2800** in response to execution of a search function. For example, the electronic device **100** may execute a search function for searching for an Internet address. Here, the electronic device **100** may provide a general UI **2810** (e.g., a virtual keyboard) through the search screen **2800** based on the user account currently logged in to the server **400** according to an input different from speech. Here, the virtual keyboard may be a software component through which characters are input without requiring physical keys.

[0290] Referring to reference numeral **2802** in FIG. **28**, the electronic device **100** may provide an audio UI **2820** through the search screen **2800** based on the user account currently logged in to the server **400** according to speech.

[0291] As described above, according to at least one embodiment of the present disclosure, it is possible to register identification information on user voice in a user account.

[0292] Additionally, according to at least one embodiment of the present disclosure, it is possible to identify a user based on user voice.

[0293] Additionally, according to at least one embodiment of the present disclosure, it is possible to log in to an account of a user identified based on user voice.

[0294] Additionally, according to at least one embodiment of the present disclosure, it is possible to accurately notify the user of switching of a logged-in user account.

[0295] Additionally, according to at least one embodiment of the present disclosure, it is possible to use setting values optimized for a logged-in user account.

[0296] Additionally, according to at least one embodiment of the present disclosure, it is possible to provide a user interface optimized for an input method used by a user.

[0297] Referring to FIG. **1** to FIG. **28**, the electronic device according to an aspect of the present disclosure includes a network interface configured to communicate with a server, a user input interface configured to transmit a signal related to an input, and a controller, wherein the controller

is configured to, upon receiving a speech signal related to input speech, determine whether a user who has uttered the input speech is related to a first user account logged in to the server, log in to the server with a second user account related to the user who has uttered the input speech based on the user who has uttered the input speech not being related to the first user account, and update setting values preset for the electronic device to setting values related to the second user account based on logging in to the server with the second user account.

[0298] Additionally, according to one aspect of the present disclosure, the electronic device may further include a memory configured to store setting values related to predetermined user accounts, wherein the controller obtains setting values related to the second user account from the memory.

[0299] Additionally, according to one aspect of the present disclosure, the server may store setting values related to a predetermined user account, and the controller may obtain setting values related to the second user account from the server.

[0300] Additionally, according to one aspect of the present disclosure, the server may store the setting values for each of a plurality of pieces of device identification information mapped to the predetermined user account, and the controller may transmit device identification information related to the electronic device to the server and obtain, from the server, setting values related to the second user account and mapped to the device identification information related to the electronic device from the server.

[0301] In addition, according to one aspect of the present disclosure, the electronic device may further include a memory configured to store a user list containing at least one piece of user identification information related to a user account with a history of logging in to the server, wherein the controller transmits the user list to the server along with data containing the speech signal, and compares first user identification information related to the first user account with second user identification information related to the input speech and received from the server to determine whether the user who has uttered the input speech is related to the first user account.

[0302] Additionally, according to one aspect of the present disclosure, the memory may store a history of using the electronic device for each user account, and based on the input speech being related to execution of one of a plurality of applications, the controller may determine an application to be executed in response to the input speech based on a first history related to the first user identification information stored in the memory based on logging in to the server with the first user account, and determine an application to be executed in response to the input speech based on a second history related to the second user identification information stored in the memory based on logging in to the server with the second user account.

[0303] In addition, according to one aspect of the present disclosure, the electronic device may further include a display, wherein the controller provides a first user interface related to the speech through the display based on logging in to the server based on the input speech and provides a second user interface different from the first user interface through the display based on logging in to the server based on a predetermined input different from the input speech.

[0304] Additionally, according to one aspect of the present disclosure, the first user interface may include a number mapped to an object included in a screen displayed through the display, and the controller may determine that an input for selecting the object mapped to the number is received upon receiving input speech related to the number.

[0305] The system **10** according to one aspect of the present disclosure includes an electronic device and a server, wherein the electronic device is configured to transmit data including a speech signal related to input speech uttered by a user to the server, determine whether the user who has uttered the input speech is related to a first user account logged in to the server based on a result of processing the speech signal received from the server, log in to the server with a second user account related to the user who has uttered the input speech based on the user who has uttered the input speech not being related to the user account logged in to the server, and update setting values preset for the electronic device to setting values related to the second user account based on logging

in to the server with the second user account, and the server is configured to generate identification information related to the speech signal included in the data received from the electronic device, determine predetermined identification information related to the identification information related to the speech signal from among identification information mapped to user identification information related to user accounts, stored in a database of the server, and transmit a result of processing the speech signal including predetermined user identification information mapped to the predetermined identification information to the electronic device.

[0306] Additionally, according to one aspect of the present disclosure, the electronic device may obtain setting values related to the second user account from a memory in which setting values related to predetermined user accounts are stored.

[0307] Additionally, according to one aspect of the present disclosure, the database may store setting values related to predetermined user accounts, and the electronic device may obtain the setting values related to the second user account from the server.

[0308] Additionally, according to one aspect of the present disclosure, the database may store the setting values for a plurality of pieces of device identification information mapped to the predetermined user accounts, and the electronic device may transmit device identification information related to the electronic device to the server and obtain, from the server, the setting values related to the second user account mapped to the device identification information related to the electronic device.

[0309] In addition, according to one aspect of the present disclosure, the electronic device may include a memory configured to store a user list containing at least one piece of user identification information and related to a user account having a history of logging in to the server, the electronic device may transmit the user list along with the data including the speech signal to the server, and the server may search the database for user identification information related to the user list and determine whether user identification information mapped to the identification information related to the user list is related to identification information regarding the speech signal.

[0310] In addition, according to one aspect of the present disclosure, the memory may store a history of using the electronic device for each user account and, based on the input speech being related to execution of one of a plurality of applications, the electronic device may determine an application to be executed in response to the input speech based on a first history related to first user identification information stored in the memory based on logging in to the server with the first user account, and determine an application to be executed in response to the input speech based on a second history related to second user identification information stored in the memory based on logging in to the server with the second user account.

[0311] Additionally, according to one aspect of the present disclosure, the electronic device may provide a first user interface related to the speech through a display based on logging in to the server based on the input speech and provide a second user interface different from the first user interface through the display based on logging in to the server based on a predetermined input different from the input speech.

[0312] The attached drawings are only for easy understanding of the embodiments disclosed in this specification, and the technical idea disclosed in this specification is not limited by the attached drawings, and all changes, equivalents, and changes included in the technical scope of the present disclosure are not limited thereby.

[0313] Meanwhile, the operating method of the present disclosure may be implemented as processor-readable code on a processor-readable recording medium. Processor-readable recording media include all types of recording devices that store data that may be read by a processor. Examples of processor-readable recording media include a ROM, a RAM, a CD-ROM, a magnetic tape, a floppy disk, and an optical data storage device, and also include those implemented in the form of a carrier wave, such as transmission through the Internet. Additionally, a processor-readable recording medium is distributed in a computer system connected to a network, and thus

processor-readable code may be stored and executed in a distributed manner.

[0314] The electronic device and the system including the same according to the present disclosure have the following effects.

[0315] According to at least one embodiment of the present disclosure, it is possible to register identification information on user voice in a user account.

[0316] According to at least one embodiment of the present disclosure, it is possible to identify a user based on user voice.

[0317] According to at least one embodiment of the present disclosure, it is possible to log in to an account of a user identified based on user voice.

[0318] According to at least one embodiment of the present disclosure, it is possible to accurately notify the user of switching of a logged-in user account.

[0319] According to at least one embodiment of the present disclosure, it is possible to use setting values optimized for a logged-in user account.

[0320] According to at least one embodiment of the present disclosure, it is possible to provide a user interface optimized for an input method used by a user.

[0321] Although the preferred embodiments of the present disclosure have been disclosed for illustrative purposes, those skilled in the art will appreciate that various modifications, additions and substitutions are possible, without departing from the scope of the disclosure as disclosed in the accompanying claims.

Claims

1. An electronic device comprising: a network interface configured to communicate with a server; a user input interface configured to transmit a signal related to an input; and a controller, wherein the controller is configured to: upon receiving a speech signal related to input speech, determine whether a user who has uttered the speech is related to a first user account logged in to the server; log in to the server with a second user account related to the user who has uttered the input speech based on the user who has uttered the input speech not being related to the first user account; and update setting values preset for the electronic device to setting values related to the second user account based on logging in to the server with the second user account.
2. The electronic device of claim 1, further comprising a memory configured to store setting values related to predetermined user accounts, wherein the controller is configured to obtain the setting values related to the second user account from the memory.
3. The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the server is configured to store setting values related to predetermined user accounts, and the controller is configured to obtain the setting values related to the second user account from the server.
4. The electronic device of claim 3, wherein the server is configured to store the setting values for each of a plurality of pieces of device identification information mapped to the predetermined user accounts, and the controller is configured to: transmit device identification information related to the electronic device to the server and obtain, from the server, the setting values related to the second user account and mapped to the device identification information related to the electronic device.
5. The electronic device of claim 1, further comprising a memory configured to store a user list including at least one piece of user identification information related to a user account with a history of logging in to the server, wherein the controller is configured to: transmit the user list to the server along with data including the speech signal, and compare first user identification information related to the first user account with second user identification information related to the input speech and received from the server to determine whether the user who has uttered the input speech is related to the first user account.
6. The electronic device of claim 5, wherein the memory is configured to store a history of using

the electronic device for each user account, and based on the input speech being related to execution of one of a plurality of applications, the controller is configured to: determine an application to be executed in response to the input speech based on a first history related to the first user identification information stored in the memory based on logging in to the server with the first user account, and determine the application to be executed in response to the input speech based on a second history related to the second user identification information stored in the memory based on logging in to the server with the second user account.

7. The electronic device of claim 1, further comprising a display, wherein the controller is configured to: provide a first user interface related to the speech through the display based on logging in to the server based on the input speech, and provide a second user interface different from the first user interface through the display based on logging in to the server based on a predetermined input different from the input speech.

8. The electronic device of claim 7, wherein the first user interface includes a number mapped to an object included in a screen displayed through the display, and the controller is configured to determine that an input for selecting the object mapped to the number is received upon receiving input speech related to the number.

9. A system comprising: an electronic device; and a server, wherein the electronic device is configured to: transmit data including a speech signal related to input speech uttered by a user to the server; determine whether the user who has uttered the input speech is related to a first user account logged in to the server based on a result of processing the speech signal received from the server; log in to the server with a second user account related to the user who has uttered the input speech based on the user who has uttered the input speech not being related to the user account logged in to the server; and update setting values preset for the electronic device to setting values related to the second user account based on logging in to the server with the second user account, and the server is configured to: generate identification information related to the speech signal included in the data received from the electronic device; determine predetermined identification information related to the identification information related to the speech signal from among identification information mapped to user identification information related to user accounts, stored in a database of the server; and transmit the result of processing the speech signal including predetermined user identification information mapped to the predetermined identification information to the electronic device.

10. The system of claim 9, wherein the electronic device is configured to obtain the setting values related to the second user account from a memory in which setting values related to predetermined user accounts are stored.

11. The system of claim 9, wherein the database stores setting values related to predetermined user accounts, and the electronic device is configured to obtain the setting values related to the second user account from the server.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein the database stores the setting values for a plurality of pieces of device identification information mapped to the predetermined user accounts, and the electronic device is configured to: transmit device identification information related to the electronic device to the server and obtain, from the server, the setting values related to the second user account mapped to the device identification information related to the electronic device.

13. The system of claim 9, wherein the electronic device comprises a memory configured to store a user list including at least one piece of user identification information related to a user account having a history of logging in to the server, wherein the electronic device is configured to transmit the user list along with the data including the speech signal to the server, and the server is configured to: search the database for user identification information related to the user list, and determine whether identification information mapped to the user identification information related to the user list is related to the identification information related to the speech signal.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein the memory stores a history of using the electronic device for

each user account, and based on the input speech being related to execution of one of a plurality of applications, the electronic device is configured to: determine an application to be executed in response to the input speech based on a first history related to first user identification information stored in the memory, based on logging in to the server with the first user account, and determine the application to be executed in response to the input speech based on a second history related to second user identification information stored in the memory, based on logging in to the server with the second user account.

15. The system of claim 9, wherein the electronic device is configured to: provide a first user interface related to the speech through a display based on logging in to the server based on the input speech, and provide a second user interface different from the first user interface through the display based on logging in to the server based on a predetermined input different from the input speech.
