

# US Patent & Trademark Office

## Patent Public Search | Text View

United States Patent Application Publication

20250260771

Kind Code

A1

Publication Date

August 14, 2025

Inventor(s)

ARAI; SHIEKA

### COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD

#### Abstract

A communication apparatus that is able to communicate with an external apparatus, includes a transfer unit that transfers contents to a transfer destination, an extraction unit that extracts a predetermined content having a largest data amount from the contents to be transferred, and a presentation unit that presents, before transferring the contents, a data amount after compression processing of the predetermined content.

**Inventors:** ARAI; SHIEKA (Tokyo, JP)

**Applicant:** CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA (Tokyo, JP)

**Family ID:** 96614506

**Appl. No.:** 19/041076

**Filed:** January 30, 2025

#### Foreign Application Priority Data

JP 2024-018023

Feb. 08, 2024

#### Publication Classification

**Int. Cl.:** H04N1/00 (20060101)

**U.S. Cl.:**

**CPC** H04N1/00095 (20130101);

#### Background/Summary

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

### Field of the Invention

[0001] The present invention relates to a system in which an external apparatus and a communication apparatus are connected so as to be capable of mutual communication.

### Description of the Related Art

[0002] In recent years, in the mass media industry such as media companies and telecommunication companies, it is increasingly required to quickly deliver content such as an image and a sound shot in a reporting location, and there is provided a content transfer solution via various network communications. For example, as an application of a mobile device, there is provided a mobile application having a function of transmitting content such as a still image, a moving image, and a sound generated by an image capture apparatus to the mobile device such as a smartphone and transmitting the content from the mobile device to an external server via a network by a communication method such as File Transfer Protocol (FTP) (Transfer & Tagging (Sony Corporation) <URL: <https://support.d-imaging.sony.co.jp/app/transfer/ja/>>>).

[0003] Since it is impossible to deliver content to a transfer destination such as a media company or a telecommunication company when the upper limit of a receivable data amount is exceeded, the file size of content to be delivered is designated. A transfer source such as a reporting location confirms the file size of content so as not to exceed the designated file size, and then delivers the content. In addition, the transfer source performs compression processing of content to reduce the file size of the content acquired from the image capture apparatus.

[0004] When a plurality of contents are compressed and transferred to the transfer destination, the transfer source confirms the file size of the contents after the compression processing and then transfers the contents so as not to exceed the upper limit of the data amount receivable by the transfer destination. When a file size after compression processing of a plurality of contents is calculated, it takes time to acquire the contents and perform the compression processing, and the file size after the compression processing is confirmed while adjusting the setting of the compression processing, thereby making it difficult to quickly deliver the contents.

[0005] In Transfer & Tagging, a file size after compression processing of a plurality of contents is calculated by using, as a reference value, a file size obtained in a case where one content randomly selected from the plurality of contents is compressed. However, if the file size of the randomly selected content is smaller than the size of an unselected content, the file size after the compression processing of the plurality of contents may exceed the upper limit of the data amount receivable by the transfer destination.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0006] The present invention has been made in consideration of the aforementioned problems, and realizes techniques of transferring content not to exceed the upper limit of a data amount receivable by a transfer destination.

[0007] In order to solve the aforementioned problems, the present invention provides a communication apparatus that is able to communicate with an external apparatus, comprising: a transfer unit that transfers contents to a transfer destination; an extraction unit that extracts a predetermined content having a largest data amount from the contents to be transferred; and a presentation unit that presents, before transferring the contents, a data amount after compression processing of the predetermined content.

[0008] In order to solve the aforementioned problems, the present invention provides a control method of a communication apparatus that transfers contents to a transfer destination, comprising: extracting a predetermined content having a largest data amount from the contents to be transferred; and presenting, before transferring the contents, a data amount after compression processing of the predetermined content.

[0009] According to the present invention, it is possible to transfer content not to exceed the upper

limit of a data amount receivable by a transfer destination.

[0010] Further features of the present invention will become apparent from the following description of exemplary embodiments (with reference to the attached drawings).

---

## Description

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0011] FIG. 1 is a view illustrating a system configuration according to a present embodiment;  
[0012] FIGS. 2A and 2B are a block diagram and a view illustrating the configuration of an image capture apparatus according to the present embodiment;  
[0013] FIG. 3 is a block diagram illustrating the configuration of a communication apparatus according to the present embodiment;  
[0014] FIGS. 4A to 4E are views each illustrating an application screen of the communication apparatus according to the present embodiment;  
[0015] FIG. 5A is a flowchart illustrating control processing of the communication apparatus according to the present embodiment; and  
[0016] FIG. 5B is a flowchart illustrating the control processing of the communication apparatus according to the present embodiment.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

[0017] Hereinafter, embodiments will be described in detail with reference to the attached drawings. Note, the following embodiments are not intended to limit the scope of the claimed invention. Multiple features are described in the embodiments, but limitation is not made to an invention that requires all such features, and multiple such features may be combined as appropriate. Furthermore, in the attached drawings, the same reference numerals are given to the same or similar configurations, and redundant description thereof is omitted.

#### System Configuration

[0018] First, a system configuration according to a present embodiment will be described with reference to FIG. 1.

[0019] In a system according to the present embodiment, an image capture apparatus **100**, a communication apparatus **200**, and a content management apparatus **300** are connected so as to be capable of mutual communication.

[0020] The image capture apparatus **100** and the communication apparatus **200** are connected by a wireless antenna or a wired cable, and can communicate with each other by a wireless communication method or a wired communication method. The image capture apparatus **100** can transfer, to the communication apparatus **200**, a moving image file generated by performing moving image shooting processing.

[0021] The communication apparatus **200** and the content management apparatus **300** are connected via a communication line such as mobile data communication, and it is possible to transfer an image file saved in the communication apparatus **200** to the content management apparatus **300**.

[0022] The content management apparatus **300** is an apparatus that provides a service associated with content. The content management apparatus **300** is an FTP server that transmits/receives a file to/from an FTP client in accordance with

[0023] File Transfer Protocol (FTP). The communication apparatus **200** serves as an FTP client to be connected to the FTP server so as to be capable of mutual communication. Note that the communication protocol of the present embodiment is not limited to FTP and File Transfer Protocol over SSL/TLS (FTPS), SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), or the like may be used.

[0024] Note that the system configuration of the present embodiment is merely an example and, for example, it may be configured to connect the image capture apparatus **100**, the communication

apparatus **200**, and the content management apparatus **300** to the same network via an access point such as a wireless Local Area Network (LAN) and perform transfer processing of a file between the apparatuses.

#### Apparatus Configuration

[0025] Next, the configuration and function of the image capture apparatus **100** according to the present embodiment will be described with reference to FIGS. **2A** and **2B**.

[0026] FIG. **2A** is a block diagram illustrating the configuration of the image capture apparatus **100** according to the present embodiment.

[0027] The present embodiment will describe a case where the image capture apparatus is a digital video camera. However, the present invention is not limited to this, and the image capture apparatus may be an information processing apparatus having a camera function and a communication function, such as a tablet computer or a personal computer, a media player, a monitoring camera, a medical camera, or the like. The image capture apparatus **100** may be a device that records, reproduces, or edits a video.

[0028] A control unit **101** is a Central Processing Unit (CPU) that comprehensively controls the overall image capture apparatus **100**, and implements communication processing and control processing to be described later by executing programs stored in a nonvolatile memory **103** to be described later. Note that a plurality of hardware components may control the overall apparatus by sharing processing, instead of controlling the overall apparatus by the control unit **101**.

[0029] An imaging unit **102** includes a lens group including a zoom lens and a focus lens, and a shutter having an aperture function. Furthermore, the imaging unit **102** includes an image sensor formed by a CCD or CMOS element that converts an object image into an electrical signal, and an A/D converter that converts an analog image signal output from the image sensor into a digital signal. Under the control of the control unit **101**, the imaging unit **102** converts object image light whose image is formed by the lenses included in the imaging unit **102** into an electrical signal by the image sensor, performs noise reduction processing or the like, and outputs image data formed by a digital signal.

[0030] The control unit **101** performs resize processing such as pixel interpolation and reduction or color conversion processing for the image data captured by the imaging unit **102**. Furthermore, the control unit **101** performs compression coding using the JPEG format or the like for still image data that has undergone image processing, or encodes moving image data by a moving image compression method such as the MP4 format, thereby generating an image file and recording it in a recording medium **110**. In the image capture apparatus **100** of the present embodiment, the image data is recorded in the recording medium **110** in accordance with the Design Rule for Camera File system (DCF) standard. In addition, the control unit **101** performs predetermined arithmetic processing using captured image data, and controls the focus lens, the aperture, and the shutter of the imaging unit **102** based on the obtained arithmetic result, thereby performing auto-focus (AF) processing or auto-exposure (AE) processing.

[0031] The nonvolatile memory **103** is an electrically erasable/recordable memory and, for example, an EEPROM or the like is used. The nonvolatile memory **103** records constants, programs, and the like for the operation of the control unit **101**. The programs are programs for executing communication processing and control processing to be described later in the present embodiment.

[0032] A working memory **104** is used as a work area in which constants and variables for the operation of the control unit **101**, and programs and the like read out from the nonvolatile memory **103** are deployed. In addition, the working memory **104** is used as a buffer memory that temporarily holds image data captured by the imaging unit **102** or an image display memory for a display unit **106**.

[0033] An operation unit **105** is formed by operation members such as various kinds of switches, buttons, and a touch panel that accept various kinds of operations from the user. As shown in FIG.

2B, the operation unit **105** includes, for example, a shutter-release button **105a** used to shoot an image, a reproduction button **105b** used to reproduce a shot image, and a cross key **105c** that is formed from up, down, left, and right buttons for making various settings of a camera. The operation unit **105** also includes a touch panel **105d** formed integrally with the display unit **106** to be described later. Furthermore, the operation unit **105** includes an operation member such as a dedicated connection button used to start communication with an external apparatus via a communication unit **111** to be described later.

[0034] The display unit **106** displays a viewfinder image at the time of shooting, a shot image, characters for interactive operations, and the like. The display unit **106** is, for example, a display device such as a liquid crystal display or an organic EL display. The display unit **106** may be integrated with the image capture apparatus **100** or may be an external apparatus connected to the image capture apparatus **100**. The image capture apparatus **100** can be connected to the display unit **106**, and need only have a function of controlling display of the display unit

[0035] The recording medium **110** records image data output from the imaging unit **102**.

Furthermore, the control unit **101** reads out an image file saved in the recording medium **110** in a reproduction mode. The recording medium **110** may be a memory card, a hard disk drive, or the like attached to the image capture apparatus **100**, or a flash memory or a hard disk drive incorporated in the image capture apparatus **100**. The image capture apparatus **100** need only have at least a function for accessing the recording medium **110**.

[0036] The communication unit **111** serves as an interface for performing connection to an external apparatus such as the communication apparatus **200**. The image capture apparatus **100** according to the present embodiment can exchange data with the external apparatus via the communication unit **111**. For example, the image capture apparatus **100** can transmit, to the external apparatus via the communication unit **111**, image data generated by the imaging unit **102**. Note that in the present embodiment, the communication unit **111** includes an interface for communicating with the external apparatus by a wireless LAN complying with the IEEE802.11 standard. The control unit **101** implements wireless communication with the external apparatus by controlling the communication unit **111**. Note that the communication method is not limited to the wireless LAN and can include, for example, a wireless communication interface such as an infrared communication interface or Wireless USB and a wired communication interface such as a USB cable, HDMI®, or IEEE1394.

[0037] Note that the communication unit **111** of the image capture apparatus **100** according to the present embodiment has an AP mode of operating as an access point in an infrastructure mode, and a CL mode of operating as a client in the infrastructure mode. Then, by making the communication unit **111** operate in the

[0038] CL mode, the image capture apparatus **100** according to the present embodiment can operate as a CL apparatus in the infrastructure mode. When the image capture apparatus **100** operates as a CL apparatus, it can be connected to a peripheral AP apparatus to join a network formed by the AP apparatus. By making the communication unit **111** operate in the AP mode, the image capture apparatus **100** according to the present embodiment can operate as a simple AP whose function is limited, which is a kind of AP. When the image capture apparatus **100** operates as a simple AP, the image capture apparatus **100** forms a network by itself. An apparatus around the image capture apparatus **100** recognizes the image capture apparatus **100** as an AP apparatus, and can join the network formed by the image capture apparatus **100**. A program for operating the image capture apparatus **100** is held in the nonvolatile memory **103**, as described above.

[0039] Note that the image capture apparatus **100** according to the present embodiment is a kind of AP but is a simple AP that does not have a gateway function of transferring data received from the CL apparatus to an Internet provider or the like. Therefore, even if the image capture apparatus **100** receives data from another apparatus that joins the network formed by itself, it cannot transfer the data to a network such as the Internet.

[0040] Next, the configuration and function of the communication apparatus **200** according to the present embodiment will be described with reference to FIG. 3.

[0041] The present embodiment will describe a case where the communication apparatus is a mobile device such as a smartphone or a tablet computer. However, the present invention is not limited to this, and the communication apparatus may be a digital camera having a communication function, a tablet computer, a personal computer, a wearable computer such as a wristwatch-type smartwatch or glass-type smartglasses, or the like.

[0042] The communication apparatus **200** according to the present embodiment includes a control unit **201**, an imaging unit **202**, a nonvolatile memory **203**, a working memory **204**, an operation unit **205**, a display unit **206**, a recording medium **210**, and a communication unit **211**. The basic functions of these elements are the same as those of the image capture apparatus **100** and a detailed description thereof will be omitted.

[0043] The nonvolatile memory **203** stores an Operating System (OS) as basic software to be executed by the control unit **201**, and applications for realizing applicable functions in cooperation with the OS. The nonvolatile memory **203** stores an application for communicating with the image capture apparatus **100** and the content management apparatus **300**. The nonvolatile memory **203** stores a file transfer application for communicating with the image capture apparatus **100** and the content management apparatus **300**. The nonvolatile memory **203** stores an application for saving an image file such as still image data or moving image data acquired from the image capture apparatus **100** and managing it.

[0044] The processing of the communication apparatus **200** according to the present embodiment is implemented by loading software provided by the application. Note that the application includes software for using the basic functions of the OS installed in the communication apparatus **200**. Note that the OS of the communication apparatus **200** may include software for implementing the processing according to the present embodiment.

[0045] The communication unit **211** includes a wireless communication interface for wirelessly communicating with an external apparatus such as the image capture apparatus **100** or the content management apparatus **300**. The control unit **201** implements wireless communication with the external apparatus by controlling the communication unit **211**. Note that the communication unit **211** may be connected to the image capture apparatus **100** or the content management apparatus **300** directly or via an access point. As a protocol for communicating data, for example, Picture Transfer Protocol over Internet Protocol (PTP/IP) via a wireless LAN can be used. Note that communication with the image capture apparatus **100** or the content management apparatus **300** is not limited to this. For example, the communication unit **211** can include an infrared communication module, a Bluetooth® communication module, and a wireless communication module such as Wireless USB. Furthermore, a wired connection interface such as a USB cable, HDMI®, or IEEE1394 may be used.

[0046] A public network connection unit **213** is an interface used to perform wireless communication via a Wide Area Network (WAN) such as 4G/LTE or 5G. The communication apparatus **200** can perform a telephone call and data communication with another device via the public network connection unit **213**. When performing a telephone call, the control unit **201** inputs and outputs sound signals via a microphone **214** and a loudspeaker **215**. In present embodiment, the public network connection unit **213** is not limited to 4G/LTE or 5G and another communication method such as local 5G, WiMAX, ADSL or FTTH may be used. In the present embodiment, the public network connection unit **213** serves as an antenna, and the control unit **201** can be connected to the public network via the antenna. Note that one antenna can serve as the communication unit **211** and the public network connection unit **213**. Note that the communication unit **211** and the public network connection unit **213** need not be implemented by independent hardware components and, for example, one antenna can serve as these units.

[0047] Note that since the communication speed of communication implemented by the

communication unit **211** is higher than that of communication implemented by the public network connection unit **213**, the communication apparatus **200** of the present embodiment preferentially performs communication via the communication unit **211** in a state in which no telephone call is performed with another device via the public network connection unit **213**.

#### Control Processing

[0048] Next, the control processing of the communication apparatus **200** according to the present embodiment will be described with reference to FIGS. **4A** to **4E**, **5A**, and **5B**.

[0049] The present embodiment will describe an example in which content is an image file, but the content is not limited to the image file and may be a sound file or the like.

[0050] FIGS. **4A** to **4E** each illustrates an application screen for implementing the control processing of the communication apparatus **200** according to the present embodiment. FIGS. **5A** and **5B** are flowcharts illustrating the control processing of the communication apparatus **200**.

[0051] The processing shown in FIGS. **5A** and **5B** is implemented when the control unit **201** of the communication apparatus **200** deploys a program of an application (or the function of the application, the OS or, the service of the OS) stored in the nonvolatile memory **203** to the working memory **204** and executes it. The processing shown in FIGS. **5A** and **5B** is started when the file transfer application for implementing the control processing of the communication apparatus **200** according to the present embodiment is activated to display an application screen **400A** shown in FIG. **4A** on the display unit **206** and the user operates the operation unit **205** to select, as a trigger, an external content browsing menu **401** or an internal content browsing menu **402** of the application screen **400A** shown in FIG. **4A**.

[0052] In step **S501**, the control unit **201** determines whether the user operates the operation unit **205** to select the external content browsing menu **401** of the application screen **400A** shown in FIG. **4A**. The user can browse a list of contents held by the image capture apparatus **100** by selecting the external content browsing menu **401** of the application screen **400A** shown in FIG. **4A**. When the control unit **201** determines that the external content browsing menu **401** of the application screen **400A** shown in FIG. **4A** is selected, the process advances to step **S503**. When the control unit **201** determines that the external content browsing menu **401** of the application screen **400A** shown in FIG. **4A** is not selected, the process advances to step **S502**.

[0053] In step **S503**, the control unit **201** transmits, to the image capture apparatus **100**, an acquisition request of the list of the contents held by the image capture apparatus **100**.

[0054] In step **S504**, the control unit **201** receives the content list from the image capture apparatus **100**, and saves it in the working memory **204**. The content list does not include main data of the content having a large file size (data amount or data size), for which it takes time to receive and display, and includes only supplementary information of the content. In a case where the content is an image file, the supplementary information corresponds to a header portion including file information, and the main data corresponds to a data portion including image data (pixel values and the like). The supplementary information of the content includes minimum information such as a thumbnail obtained by reducing the main data, a file name, a shooting date/time, and a file size.

[0055] Processing in steps **S506** to **S509** are processing of displaying a list of pieces of supplementary information of the content list acquired from the image capture apparatus **100** in step **S504**, and are repeated the number of times equal to the number of contents held by the image capture apparatus **100**.

[0056] In steps **S507** and **S508**, the control unit **201** displays a content list screen **400B** shown in FIG. **4B** on the display unit **206**. On the content list screen **400B** shown in FIG. **4B**, a thumbnail image **403** and supplementary information **404** included in the content list received in step **S504** are displayed.

[0057] When the processing in steps **S507** and **S508** are repeated the number of times equal to the number of contents, the process advances to step **S510**.

[0058] In step **S510**, the control unit **201** determines whether the user operates the operation unit

**205** to select a check button **405** on the content list screen **400B** shown in FIG. **4B**. When the control unit **201** determines that the check button **405** on the content list screen **400B** shown in FIG. **4B** is selected, the process advances to step **S511**. When the control unit **201** determines that no check button **405** on the content list screen **400B** shown in FIG. **4B** is selected, the process returns to step **S510**.

[0059] In step **S511**, the control unit **201** determines whether the user operates the operation unit **205** to select a transfer button **406** or **407** on the content list screen **400B** shown in FIG. **4B**. The user can download the content held by the image capture apparatus **100** to the communication apparatus **200** by selecting the download button **406** on the content list screen **400B** shown in FIG. **4B**. In addition, the user can upload the content held by the image capture apparatus **100** or the communication apparatus **200** to the content management apparatus **300** by selecting the upload button **407** on the content list screen **400B** shown in FIG. **4B**. When the control unit **201** determines that the transfer button **406** or **407** on the content list screen **400B** shown in FIG. **4B** is selected, the process advances to step **S512**. When the control unit **201** determines that the transfer button **406** or **407** on the content list screen **400B** shown in FIG. **4B** is not selected, the process returns to step **S511**.

[0060] In step **S502**, the control unit **201** determines whether the user operates the operation unit **205** to select the internal content browsing menu **402** of the application screen **400A** shown in FIG. **4A**. The user can browse a list of contents held by the communication apparatus **200** by selecting the internal content browsing menu **402** of the application screen **400A** shown in FIG. **4A**. When the control unit **201** determines that the internal content browsing menu **402** of the application screen **400A** shown in FIG. **4A** is selected, the process advances to step **S513**. When the control unit **201** determines that the internal content browsing menu **402** of the application screen **400A** shown in FIG. **4A** is not selected, the process returns to step **S501**.

[0061] In step **S513**, the control unit **201** displays the thumbnail images **403** and the pieces of supplementary information **404** of the contents held by the communication apparatus **200** on the content list screen **400B** shown in FIG. **4B**, and advances the process to step **S510**.

[0062] In step **S512**, the control unit **201** displays a transfer confirmation screen **400C** shown in FIG. **4C** on the display unit **206**. A deselect button **408** shown in FIG. **4C** is displayed on the transfer confirmation screen **400C**, and if the user operates the operation unit **205** to select the deselect button **408**, he/she can reselect contents to be transferred. In a case that the user operates the operation unit **205** to select a transfer destination menu **409** of the transfer confirmation screen **400C** shown in FIG. **4C**, he/she can set the transfer destination of the contents. In a case that the user operates the operation unit **205** to select a compression setting menu **410** of the transfer confirmation screen **400C** shown in FIG. **4C**, a content compression setting screen **400D** shown in FIG. **4D** is displayed, and the user can perform setting of compression processing of the contents to be transferred. In a case that the user turns on an image quality adjustment button **415** on the content compression setting screen **400D** shown in FIG. **4D**, an image quality adjustment function is enabled to allow the user to set image quality **416**. In a case that the user turns on a size adjustment button **417** on the content compression setting screen **400D** shown in FIG. **4D**, a size adjustment function is enabled to allow the user to set a content size **418**. In addition, on the content compression setting screen **400D** shown in FIG. **4D**, a file size **414** in a case where the image quality **416** and the content size **418** set by the user are applied to perform compression processing of content having a largest file size is displayed. The user can perform compression setting of the contents to be transferred while confirming the file size **414** of the content having the largest file size, obtained after the compression processing. In the compression setting menu **410** of the transfer confirmation screen **400C** shown in FIG. **4C**, setting contents **412** of the compression processing set on the content compression setting screen **400D** shown in FIG. **4D** and the file size **414** of the content having the largest file size, obtained after performing the compression processing with the setting contents, are displayed. The user can confirm, in the compression



setting menu **410** of the transfer confirmation screen **400C** shown in FIG. **4C**, the file size **414** of the content having the largest file size, obtained after performing the compression processing with the current compression settings.

[0063] In step **S530**, the control unit **201** determines whether the image quality adjustment button **415** on the content compression setting screen **400D** shown in FIG. **4D** is ON or the size adjustment button **417** is ON. When the control unit **201** determines that the image quality adjustment button **415** on the content compression setting screen **400D** shown in FIG. **4D** is ON or the size adjustment button **417** is ON, the process advances to step **S531**. When the control unit **201** determines that the image quality adjustment button **415** on the content compression setting screen **400D** shown in FIG. **4D** is not ON or the size adjustment button **417** is not ON, the process advances to step **S537**.

[0064] In step **S531**, the control unit **201** extracts the content having the largest file size from the selected contents.

[0065] In step **S532**, the control unit **201** transmits an acquisition request of the main data of the content having the largest file size to the image capture apparatus **100**.

[0066] In step **S533**, the control unit **201** receives the main data of the content having the largest file size from the image capture apparatus **100**, and saves it in the working memory **204**.

[0067] In step **S534**, the control unit **201** executes compression processing of the main data of the content having the largest file size received from the image capture apparatus **100** in step **S533**. As the settings of the compression processing, the image quality **416** and/or the content size **418** set by the user on the content compression setting screen **400D** shown in FIG. **4D** are applied.

[0068] In step **S535**, the control unit **201** calculates the file size of the content having the largest file size, obtained after the compression processing in step **S534**.

[0069] In step **S536**, the control unit **201** displays, in the compression setting menu **410** of the transfer confirmation screen **400C** shown in FIG. **4C**, as a reference value, the file size **414** of the content having the largest file size after the compression processing, which has been calculated in step **S535**. By calculating the file size of the content having the largest file size after the compression processing and presenting it to the user before transferring the content, as described above, the user can confirm, at the time of transferring the contents, whether the upper limit (to be referred to as the limited data amount hereinafter) receivable by the content management apparatus **300** is exceeded. In addition, by actually performing the compression processing of the content and calculating the file size, the user can be notified of the correct file size that is not an estimated file size. In a case that, after calculating the file size obtained after the compression processing of the content having the largest file size, the user changes the compression settings or changes the contents to be transferred, the processing in steps **S530** to **S536** are re-executed to allow the user to always confirm the file size obtained after performing the compression processing of the content having the largest file size.

[0070] Note that in step **S535**, the file size calculation processing may be performed as follows.

[0071] The file size of the content having the largest file size is calculated for each of the file formats of the contents. [0072] The file size is not calculated when the contents to be transferred are not selected in step **S510**. [0073] A state in which the file size is being calculated is displayed.

[0074] The file size is calculated immediately before the content transfer processing in steps **S539** to **S544**. [0075] The file size is recalculated when the selection is switched between the external content browsing menu and the internal content browsing menu. [0076] The file size is recalculated when the content list screen is switched by a filter function or the like. [0077] The file size is recalculated at the time of connection to the image capture apparatus when all the contents held by the image capture apparatus are transferred. [0078] The file size is recalculated every time the contents to be transferred are selected.

[0079] In step **S537**, the control unit **201** determines whether the user operates the operation unit **205** to select an upload button **413** on the transfer confirmation screen **400C** shown in FIG. **4C**.

When the control unit **201** determines that the upload button **413** on the transfer confirmation screen **400C** shown in FIG. **4C** is selected, the process advances to step **S538**. When the control unit **201** determines that the upload button **413** on the transfer confirmation screen **400C** shown in FIG. **4C** is not selected, the process returns to step **S537**.

[0080] In step **S538**, the control unit **201** displays a transfer progress screen **400E** shown in FIG. **4E** on the display unit **206**.

[0081] Processing in steps **S539** to **S545** are processing of transferring the contents selected in step **S510** to the content management apparatus **300**, and are repeated the number of times equal to the number of selected contents.

[0082] In step **S540**, the control unit **201** transmits an acquisition request of the main data of the content to the image capture apparatus **100**.

[0083] In step **S541**, the control unit **201** receives the main data of the content from the image capture apparatus **100**, and saves it in the working memory **204**. In this case, it is unnecessary to receive the main data of the received content from the image capture apparatus **100** to calculate the file size.

[0084] In step **S542**, the control unit **201** determines whether the image quality adjustment button **415** on the content compression setting screen **400D** shown in FIG. **4D** is ON or the size adjustment button **417** is ON. When the control unit **201** determines that the image quality adjustment button **415** on the content compression setting screen **400D** shown in FIG. **4D** is ON or the size adjustment button **417** is ON, the process advances to step **S543**. When the control unit **201** determines that the image quality adjustment button **415** on the content compression setting screen **400D** shown in FIG. **4D** is not ON or the size adjustment button **417** is not ON, the process advances to step **S544**.

[0085] In step **S543**, the control unit **201** performs compression processing of the main data of the content received from the image capture apparatus **100** in step **S541**.

[0086] In step **S544**, the control unit **201** transfers the main data of the content after the compression processing in step **S543** and all contents including the supplementary information of the content to the content management apparatus **300**. While the content is transferred, a transfer status **419** is displayed on the transfer progress screen **400E** shown in FIG. **4E**. Since the compression processing of the content in steps **S542** and **S543** can be executed after the main data of the content is received, the processing order is not limited to that shown in FIG. **5B** and may be changed.

[0087] After the processing in steps **S539** to **S545** are repeated the number of times equal to the number of contents, the control unit **201** ends the processing.

[0088] Note that when the internal content browsing menu **402** of the application screen **400A** shown in FIG. **4A** is selected in step **S502**, after the contents to be transferred are selected in step **S513** on the content list screen **400B** shown in FIG. **4B**, and the content transfer confirmation screen **400C** is displayed in step **S512**, the compression processing (step **S543**) of the content and the transfer processing (step **S544**) of the content after the compression processing are repeatedly executed in steps **S539** to **S545** the number of times equal to the number of contents to be transferred without executing the processing (steps **S532**, **S533**, **S540**, and **S541**) of receiving the main data of the content from the image capture apparatus **100**.

[0089] According to the present embodiment, before transferring contents, the file size of the content having the largest file size after compression processing is calculated and presented to the user. As a result, the user can adjust the settings of the compression processing and the number of contents to be transferred while confirming whether the limited data amount of the content management apparatus **300** is exceeded, before transferring the contents. Therefore, it is possible to avoid a situation in which the limited data amount of the content management apparatus **300** is exceeded to make it impossible to transfer contents. Furthermore, by actually performing the compression processing of the content having the largest file size and calculating the file size, the

user can be notified of the correct file size that is not an estimated file size.

#### Other Embodiments

[0090] The present invention may be applied to a system formed by a plurality of devices (a host computer, an interface device, an image capture apparatus, a WEB application, and the like) or an apparatus formed by a single device.

[0091] Embodiment(s) of the present invention can also be realized by a computer of a system or apparatus that reads out and executes computer executable instructions (e.g., one or more programs) recorded on a storage medium (which may also be referred to more fully as a 'non-transitory computer-readable storage medium') to perform the functions of one or more of the above-described embodiment(s) and/or that includes one or more circuits (e.g., application specific integrated circuit (ASIC)) for performing the functions of one or more of the above-described embodiment(s), and by a method performed by the computer of the system or apparatus by, for example, reading out and executing the computer executable instructions from the storage medium to perform the functions of one or more of the above-described embodiment(s) and/or controlling the one or more circuits to perform the functions of one or more of the above-described embodiment(s). The computer may comprise one or more processors (e.g., central processing unit (CPU), micro processing unit (MPU)) and may include a network of separate computers or separate processors to read out and execute the computer executable instructions. The computer executable instructions may be provided to the computer, for example, from a network or the storage medium. The storage medium may include, for example, one or more of a hard disk, a random-access memory (RAM), a read only memory (ROM), a storage of distributed computing systems, an optical disk (such as a compact disc (CD), digital versatile disc (DVD), or Blu-ray Disc (BD)<sup>TM</sup>), a flash memory device, a memory card, and the like.

[0092] While the present invention has been described with reference to exemplary embodiments, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the disclosed exemplary embodiments. The scope of the following claims is to be accorded the broadest interpretation so as to encompass all such modifications and equivalent structures and functions.

[0093] This application claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2024-018023, filed Feb. 8, 2024 which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

## Claims

1. A communication apparatus that is able to communicate with an external apparatus, comprising: a transfer unit that transfers contents to a transfer destination; an extraction unit that extracts a predetermined content having a largest data amount from the contents to be transferred; and a presentation unit that presents, before transferring the contents, a data amount after compression processing of the predetermined content.
2. The communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising: an acquisition unit that acquires data obtained by reducing content and supplementary information including a data amount of the content; a display unit that displays the supplementary information; and a selection unit that selects the contents to be transferred from contents displayed by the display unit.
3. The communication apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the content is content held by the external apparatus, and the acquisition unit acquires the supplementary information from the external apparatus.
4. The communication apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the content is content held by the communication apparatus, and the acquisition unit acquires supplementary information of the content held by the communication apparatus.
5. The communication apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising: a compression processing unit that performs compression processing of the contents to be transferred; and a calculation unit that calculates a data amount after the compression processing of the contents to be

transferred.

**6.** The communication apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising: a setting unit that performs setting of the compression processing, wherein the calculation unit calculates the data amount after performing the compression processing by applying the setting of the compression processing.

**7.** The communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the compression processing unit performs compression processing of main data of the predetermined content, and the calculation unit calculates a data amount after the compression processing of the main data of the predetermined content.

**8.** The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the predetermined content is content received from the external apparatus.

**9.** The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the predetermined content is content held by the communication apparatus.

**10.** The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the calculation unit calculates the data amount after the compression processing of the main data of the predetermined content for each of file formats of the contents to be transferred.

**11.** The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein in a case where the selection unit does not select the contents to be transferred, the calculation unit does not calculate the data amount after the compression processing of the main data of the predetermined content.

**12.** The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the display unit displays a state in which the calculation unit is calculating the data amount after the compression processing of the main data of the predetermined content.

**13.** The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein immediately before the transfer unit performs the transfer processing of the contents, the calculation unit calculates the data amount after the compression processing of the main data of the predetermined content.

**14.** The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein in a case where the setting unit changes the compression setting of the compression processing, the calculation unit calculates the data amount after the compression processing of the main data of the predetermined content.

**15.** The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein in a case where the contents to be transferred are changed, the calculation unit calculates the data amount after the compression processing of the main data of the predetermined content.

**16.** The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein in a case where the contents displayed by the display unit are switched, the calculation unit calculates the data amount after the compression processing of the main data of the predetermined content.

**17.** The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein in a case where all contents held by the external apparatus are transferred, the calculation unit calculates, at the time of connection to the external apparatus, the data amount after the compression processing of the main data of the predetermined content.

**18.** The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein every time the selection unit selects the contents to be transferred, the calculation unit calculates the data amount after the compression processing of the main data of the predetermined content.

**19.** The communication apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the compression processing unit performs the compression processing of main data of the contents to be transferred, which have been received from the external apparatus, and the transfer unit transfers, to the transfer destination, the contents obtained after the compression processing.

**20.** The communication apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising: a reception unit that receives, from the external apparatus, main data of the contents except for the predetermined content among the contents to be transferred.

**21.** The communication apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the compression processing unit performs the compression processing of main data of the contents to be transferred among contents

held by the communication apparatus, and the transfer unit transfers the contents obtained after the compression processing.

**22.** The communication apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the external apparatus is an image capture apparatus.

**23.** The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the content is an image.

**24.** A control method of a communication apparatus that transfers contents to a transfer destination, comprising: extracting a predetermined content having a largest data amount from the contents to be transferred; and presenting, before transferring the contents, a data amount after compression processing of the predetermined content.

**25.** A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium storing a program for causing a computer to function as a communication apparatus that is able to communicate with an external apparatus, comprising: a transfer unit that transfers contents to a transfer destination; an extraction unit that extracts a predetermined content having a largest data amount from the contents to be transferred; and a presentation unit that presents, before transferring the contents, a data amount after compression processing of the predetermined content.

---