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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method and system for identifying a work in a data transfer. In accordance with this invention, a data transfer is received. The media content of a work is then read from the data transfer. The media content is then used to generate a fingerprint of the work. The fingerprint is then used to identify the work. A report including the identity of the work is then generated.

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