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comparing the preexisting software configuration corresponding to the selected image with the desired software configuration to determine a set of changes; and generating an image of the set of changes, the image of the set of changes corresponding to the difference between the preexisting software configuration and the desired software configuration.

29. The method of updating a software configuration of claim 28 further comprising broadcasting the image of the set of changes.

30. The method of claim 29 wherein broadcasting comprises broadcasting via a wireless connection.

31. The method of claim 29 wherein broadcasting comprises broadcasting via a wired connection.

32. A computerized system for building a custom software configuration, the computerized system comprising:

- a processor;
- a storage device accessible to the processor having a plurality of available software configurations stored as images; and

an image builder coupled to the processor and coupled to the storage device, the image builder for receiving a desired software configuration, searching the available software configurations, selecting one of the available software configurations similar to the desired software configuration, ring the image of the selected software configuration with the image desired software configuration, determining required changes such that the selected software configuration combined with the changes yields the desired software configuration and storing the image of the desired software configuration on the storage device.

33. The computerized system of claim 32 further comprising an image server coupled to the storage device, the image server for broadcasting the image of the desired software configuration.

34. The computerized system of claim 33 wherein the image server broadcasts via a satellite.

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35. The computerized system of claim 33 wherein the image server broadcasts over the Internet.

36. The computerized system of claim 33 wherein the image server broadcasts using an Ethernet connection and a local area network.

37. A computerized method comprising:

receiving specifics of a computer system;

receiving a desired software configuration;

determining if an image of the desired configuration already exists, the image of the desired configuration determined as a function of the specifics and the desired software configuration;

if the desired configuration already exists, then sending notification that an image is available;

otherwise,

selecting an appropriate baseline image from a plurality of baseline images;

selecting an appropriate delta image from a plurality of delta images, the appropriate baseline image and the appropriate delta image selected such that the combination of the appropriate baseline image and the appropriate delta image yield the image of the desired configuration;

storing the image of the desired configuration.

38. The method of claim 37 further comprising transferring the image of the desired configuration to the computer system.

39. The method of claim 37 wherein selecting an appropriate delta image comprises creating a delta image.

40. The method of claim 37 further comprising assigning a configuration number to each baseline image and each delta image.

41. The method of claim 37 wherein the desired configuration is rejected if the desired configuration is incompatible with the computer system.

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