

I claim:

1. A distributed computing system comprising:

- (a) a home network server in a subscriber's home;
- (b) one or more home network client devices;
- (c) an Internet connection;

whereby the subscriber receives something of value in return for access to the resources of said home network server that would otherwise be unused.

2. The distributed computing system of claim 1 further comprising:

- (a) a first firewall between said Internet connection and said home network server;
- (b) a second firewall to prevent unwanted interactions between said access to the resources of said home network server that would otherwise be unused and said home network server.

3. A method for providing a distributed computing system comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a home network server in a subscriber's home;
- (b) providing one or more home network client devices;
- (c) providing an Internet connection;

whereby the subscriber receives something of value in return for access to the resources of said home network server that would otherwise be unused.