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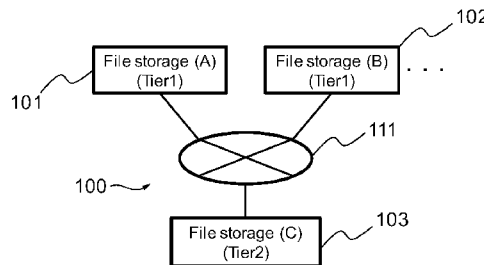
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[Fig. 1]

FIG. 1



(57) Abstract: Predicting whether a file migration will be executed successfully or not. A file storage apparatus in a high-order tier generates a migration task list that records scheduled time periods of migration execution and a total file size of files which are targets to be migrated, and transfers the generated migration task list to a file storage apparatus in a low-order tier; and the file storage apparatus in the low-order tier generates, based on the migration task list, a migration overlap table that records, for each unit time, whether the execution of a migration is scheduled or not, and a remaining file size table that records a predicted value of a data transfer amount for each unit time and a predicted value of a remaining file size for each unit time; and if the predicted value in the last scheduled time period, from among the predicted value of the remaining file size for each unit time which is recorded in the remaining file size table, is equal to or less than 0, it is predicted that the migration will be executed successfully; and if the predicted value in the last scheduled time period is more than 0, it is predicted that the execution of the migration will fail.





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