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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

UNILOC USA, INC. and UNILOC LUXEMBOURG, S.A.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2017-00058
Patent 7,804,948 B2

Before KARL D. EASTHOM, KEN B. BARRETT, and
JEFFREY S. SMITH, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

SMITH, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Instituting *Inter Partes* Review
37 C.F.R. § 42.108

I. INTRODUCTION

Petitioner filed a Petition for *inter partes* review of claims 1, 2, 5–10, 12, 18–26, 29, 30, 36, 37, 49–53, 65, and 66 of U.S. Patent No. 7,804,948 B2 (Ex. 1001, “the ’948 patent”). Paper 2 (“Pet.”). Patent Owner filed a Preliminary Response. Paper 5 (“Prelim. Resp.”). Institution of an *inter partes* review may not be authorized by statute “unless . . . the information presented in the petition . . . and any response . . . shows that there is a reasonable likelihood that the petitioner would prevail with respect to at least 1 of the claims challenged in the petition.” 35 U.S.C. § 314(a); *see* 37 C.F.R. § 42.108.

Upon consideration of the Petition and the Preliminary Response, we are persuaded Petitioner has demonstrated a reasonable likelihood that it would prevail in establishing the unpatentability of claims 1, 2, 5–10, 12, 18–26, 29, 30, 36, 37, 49–53, 65, and 66 of the ’948 patent. Accordingly, we institute an *inter partes* review.

A. Related Matters

One or both parties identify, as matters involving or related to the ’948 patent, the following:

Uniloc USA, Inc. v. Google, Inc., Case No. 2:16-cv-00566 (E.D. Tex.), filed March 28, 2016. Pet. 1.

Uniloc USA, Inc. v. Huawei Enterprise USA, Inc., Case No. 6:16-cv-00099 (E.D. Tex.), filed March 4, 2016. Pet. 1.

Uniloc USA, Inc. v. Cisco Systems, Inc., Case No. 6:15-cv-1175 (E.D. Tex.), filed Dec. 30, 2015. Pet. 1.

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Uniloc USA, Inc. v. Avaya, Inc., Case No. 6:15-cv-01168 (E.D. Tex.), filed Dec. 28, 2015. Pet. 1.

Uniloc USA, Inc. v. ShoreTel, Inc., Case No. 6:15-cv-01169 (E.D. Tex.), filed Dec. 28, 2015. Pet. 1.

Uniloc USA, Inc. v. GENBAND US LLC, Case No. 6:15-cv-01169 (E.D. Tex.), filed April 30, 2015. Pet. 1.

Uniloc USA, Inc. v. Microsoft Corp., Case No. 2:14-cv-01040 (E.D. Tex.), filed Nov. 13, 2014. Pet. 1.

The '948 patent was also asserted against Cisco Systems, Inc., Huawei Device USA, Inc., NEC Corporation of America, Shoretel, Inc., Unify, Inc., Tangome, Inc. d/b/a Tango, Facebook, Inc., Viber Media S.a.r.l., and WhatsApp Inc., ooVoo, LLC, in civil actions related to lead case *Uniloc USA, Inc. et al. v. Avaya, Inc.*, Case No. 6:15-cv-01168, in the Eastern District of Texas. Patent Owner's Mandatory Notice, Paper 4.

B. The '948 Patent

The '948 patent relates generally to a method for initiating a conference call between two or more users, and more particularly to initiating a voice conference call between two or more users using a central server to communicate parameters for the call and for initiating the call itself. Ex. 1001, 1:13–17. Conference calls are initiated via an instant messaging (IM) system to reduce the effort required to initiate and manage the call. *Id.* at Abstract. The system uses an IM connection between a requesting party and a conference call server to inform the conference call server of the desire to initiate the conference call. *Id.* The conference call server initiates the conference call by having involved parties called by a

conference bridge, thus reducing the effort required by the parties to join the call. *Id.* Figure 4 of the '948 patent is reproduced below.

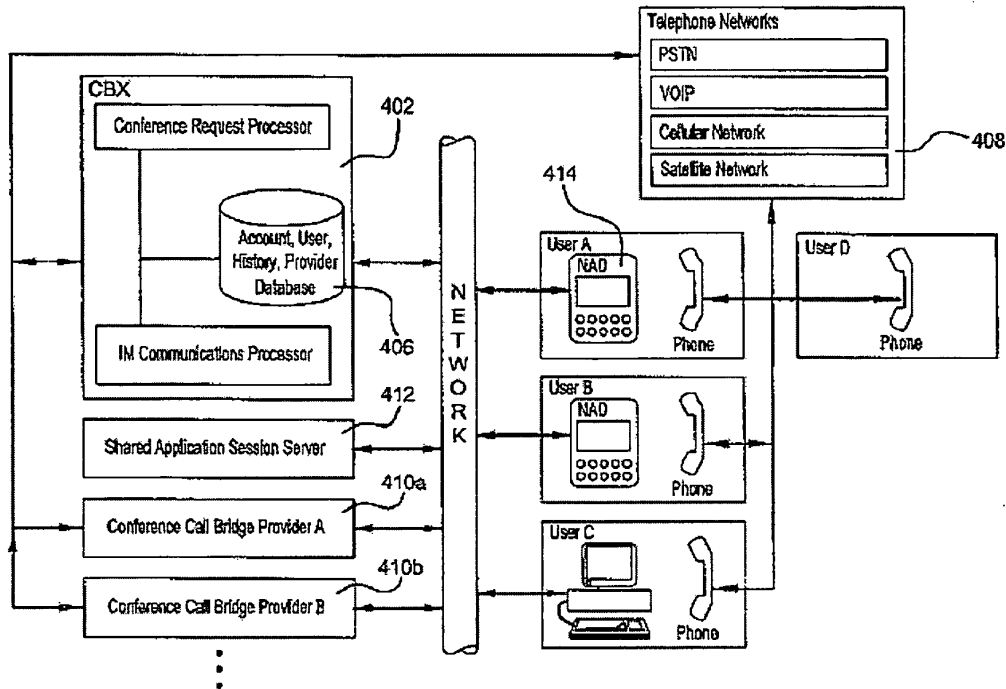


Figure 4 above shows a block diagram of a system for accomplishing the initiation of conference calls. Ex. 1001, 9:13–14. Conference call server 402 is connected to network 404. *Id.* at 9:14–15. Database 406, associated with conference call server 402, stores account information, user information, and call management information. *Id.* at 9:15–18. The conference call server can be connected directly to telephone network 408, or indirectly through third party conference bridge 410. *Id.* at 9:22–25. Shared application server 412 can also be connected to allow information generated during a shared application session to be accessed by the conference call server as required, such as to determine a list of parties involved in a shared application session. *Id.* at 9:26–30. The users connect

to the system via network access device (NAD) 414, which may be any network communicable device having the appropriate IM software service access. *Id.* at 9:39–41.

During an IM session involving User A, User B, and User C, a conference call requester (User A) requests a conference call through User A's NAD. *Id.* at 7:27–34. The IM service in communication with User A's NAD is aware of the IM session, and determines the list of conference call targets from the list of parties presently in the IM session. *Id.* at 7:34–38. The conference call server sends a conference call invitation to User B and User C. *Id.* at 7:64–66. If User B and User C accept the conference call invitation, the conference call server prompts User B and User C, via the IM functionality, to verify their phone numbers for the conference call. *Id.* at 7:66–8:10. The conference call server then initiates a conference call bridge between the conference requester and the targets. *Id.* at 8:11–12.

C. Illustrative Claim

Claims 1, 23, and 51 of the challenged claims of the '948 patent are independent. Claim 1 is illustrative of the claimed subject matter:

1. A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:

providing a conference call requester with a network access device, said network access device communicating via an instant messaging service, said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with a conference call server;

establishing a communications connection from said network access device to the conference call server;

presenting said conference call requester with a display showing a plurality of potential targets then being connected to

said instant messaging service and participating in a given instant messaging session with the conference call requester and with whom a conference call may be initiated;

generating a conference call request responsively to a single request by the conference call requester, said conference call request identifying each of the potential targets for said conference call request;

transmitting said conference call request from said network access device to said conference call server; and

automatically establishing a conference call connection to said conference call requester, said conference call connection initiated by said conference call server, said conference call connection further being connected to each of the potential targets.

Ex. 1001, 11:58–12:17.

D. References

Petitioner relies on the following references. Pet. 9–10.

Reference	Title	Date	Ex. No.
Hamberg	WO 02/21816 A1	Mar. 14, 2002	Ex. 1005
Lamb	US 6,747,970 B1	June 8, 2004 (filed Mar. 21, 2000)	Ex. 1006
Ludwig	US 6,237,025 B1	May 22, 2001	Ex. 1007
Vassilovski	US 2003/0086411 A1	May 8, 2003	Ex. 1008

E. Asserted Grounds of Unpatentability

Petitioner contends that claims 1, 2, 5–10, 12, 18–26, 29, 30, 36, 37, 49–53, 65, and 66 of the '948 patent are unpatentable based on the following specific grounds:

References	Basis	Challenged Claims
Hamberg and Lamb	§ 103(a)	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 19, 21–25, 29, 30, 49–51, 65, and 66
Hamberg, Lamb, and Ludwig	§ 103(a)	7, 9, 10, 26, 36, 37, 52, and 53
Hamberg, Lamb, and Vassilovski	§ 103(a)	20

II. ANALYSIS

A. Claim Construction

In an *inter partes* review, we construe claim terms in an unexpired patent according to their broadest reasonable construction in light of the specification of the patent in which they appear. 37 C.F.R. § 42.100(b); *Cuozzo Speed Techs., LLC v. Lee*, 136 S. Ct. 2131, 2144–46 (2016) (upholding the use of the broadest reasonable interpretation standard as the claim interpretation standard to be applied in *inter partes* reviews). Consistent with the broadest reasonable construction, claim terms are presumed to have their ordinary and customary meaning as understood by a person of ordinary skill in the art in the context of the entire patent disclosure. *In re Translogic Tech., Inc.*, 504 F.3d 1249, 1257 (Fed. Cir. 2007). An inventor may provide a meaning for a term that is different from its ordinary meaning by defining the term in the specification with reasonable clarity, deliberateness, and precision. *In re Paulsen*, 30 F.3d 1475, 1480 (Fed. Cir. 1994).

Petitioner proposes construction of the claim terms “network access device” (recited in all claims), “address” (recited in claim 18), “automatic number identifier” (recited in claim 19), and “VoIP address” (recited in claim 20. Pet. 6–9. Patent Owner proposes construction of the claim terms

“instant messaging” (recited in all claims) and “VoIP address” (recited in claim 20). Prelim. Resp. 8–12. At this stage of the proceeding, neither party has identified a dispositive term for construction. For purposes of this Decision, no terms need an explicit construction to resolve a controversy at this preliminary stage. *See Vivid Techs., Inc. v. Am. Sci. & Eng’g, Inc.*, 200 F.3d 795, 803 (Fed. Cir. 1999) (only those terms which are in controversy need to be construed and only to the extent necessary to resolve the controversy). We further determine that none of the other terms require express construction at this stage.

B. Asserted Obviousness Over Hamberg and Lamb: Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 19, 21–25, 29, 30, 49–51, 65, and 66

Petitioner, relying on the Declaration of Dr. Henry Houh (Ex. 1003), challenges claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 19, 21–25, 29, 30, 49–51, 65, and 66 as obvious over the combination of Hamberg and Lamb. Pet. 11–60.

1. Hamberg (Ex. 1005)

Hamberg relates to setting up a conference call in digital communications systems. Ex. 1005, 1:3–4. Figure 1 of Hamberg is reproduced below.

FIG. 1

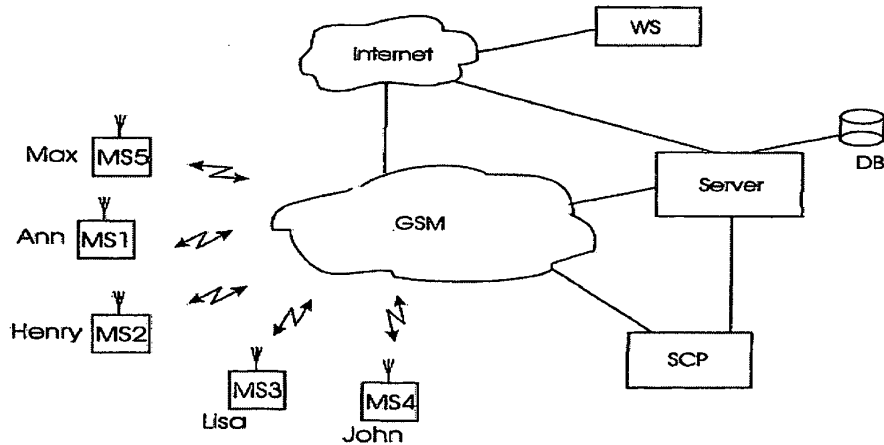


Figure 1 above shows a general communication system. *Id.* at 2:18. Five subscribers, Ann, Henry, Lisa, John, and Max have corresponding mobile stations MS1, MS2, MS3, MS4, and MS5, connected to a communications system, such as a Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM). *Id.* at 2:19–22. The mobile stations can be equipped with an instant message service. *Id.* at 2:25–30. The GSM system can be connected directly to the Internet and to a quick message server. *Id.* at 2:34–3:4. The quick message server can also be connected to an intelligent network service control point (SCP), in which case the quick message server can initiate a conference call in the GSM network. *Id.* at 3:4–8. A database DB represents a database residing in the quick message server. *Id.* at 3:16–17. Figure 2 of Hamberg is reproduced below.

FIG. 2

DB				
Group 1: 050-123456-1; Group 2: 050-123456-2				
Alias	E.164	Status	Note	
G1	Henry	050 -	logged	-
	Lisa	040 -	logged	-
	John	050 -	logged	-
G2	Max	040 -	absent	sleep.
	Ann	040 -	logged	-

Figure 2 above shows an example of a more detailed structure of the database DB. *Id.* at 3:18–19. Henry, Lisa, and John have registered into chat group 1, and Henry, Lisa, John, Max, and Ann have registered into chat group 2. *Id.* at 3:19–21. Henry, Lisa, John, and Ann have sent an activating LOGIN message to the second group’s telephone number shown in Figure 2, so they are in active chat status. *Id.* at 4:10–12. Max has set his status to absent, to indicate he does not want to participate in a conference call, but text messages can be sent to him. *Id.* at 4:12–15.

2. *Lamb (Ex. 1006)*

Lamb is related to providing advanced telecommunications services using a connectionless network host for service implementation, while using connection-based network equipment for transport of at least a portion of a telecommunications session. Ex. 1006, 1:10–16. A telecommunications system uses hosting agents that operate on behalf of users in a hosting server to control call connections. *Id.* at Abstract. A conference now feature of a

user interface allows a user to create a conference call at the current moment. *Id.* at 60:37–41; Fig. 12.

The user interface can be a MetaTel client user interface that is installed onto a user’s computer. *Id.* at 64:16–19. A MetaTel view allows a user to see availability of colleagues, send messages, and place phone calls instantly. *Id.* at 109–110. A user can press a call button to set up an instant conference call. *Id.*

*3. Analysis of Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 12,
18, 19, 21–25, 29, 30, 49–51, 65, and 66*

a. Independent Claims 1, 23, and 51

Petitioner contends “providing a conference call requester with a network access device,” as recited in independent claim 1, is disclosed by Hamberg in describing subscribers provided with mobile stations connected to a GSM system. Pet. 20–21 (citing Ex. 1005, Fig. 1; 2:19–22, 4:29–32).

Petitioner contends “said network access device communicating via an instant messaging system,” as recited in claim 1 is disclosed by Hamberg in describing mobile stations equipped with an instant message service. *Id.* at 21–22 (citing Ex. 1005, 2:25–33, 3:11–12).

Petitioner contends “said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with a conference call server,” as recited in claim 1 is disclosed by Hamberg in describing a CALL ALIAS message sent to the server, where the ALIAS represents the names of the group members that the sender of the message wants to call. *Id.* at 22–24 (citing Ex. 1005, 4:27–32, 6:1–2, 6–7).

Petitioner contends “establishing a communications connection from said network access device to the conference call server,” as recited in claim 1 is disclosed by Hamberg in describing a LOGIN message sent from the

mobile station to the quick message server to indicate whether a subscriber's status is set to logged or absent during the group chat session. *Id.* at 24–25 (citing Ex. 1005, 4:10–13).

Petitioner contends “presenting said conference call requester with a display showing a plurality of potential targets then being connected to said instant messaging service,” as recited in claim 1 is taught by the combination of Hamberg and Lamb. Petitioner contends Hamberg describes a database including a user name, telephone number, status data such as logged or absent, and notable matters, for each group member. *Id.* at 25–26 (citing Ex. 1005, Fig. 2; 4:10–19, 5:19–22). According to Petitioner, the list of users who have registered with the group using the LOGIN message describes “a plurality of potential targets then being connected to said instant messaging service.” *Id.* (emphasis omitted). Petitioner contends Lamb discloses “presenting said conference call requester with a display showing a plurality of targets then being connected to said instant messaging service,” as recited in claim 1, in describing displaying status information in a user agent interface. *Id.* at 26–29 (citing Ex. 1006, Figs. 9, 12; 59:3–7, 59:22–35, 60:25–26, 64:15–17).

Petitioner relies on testimony from Dr. Houh and contends that incorporating Lamb's display of status information into Hamberg's mobile stations and workstations would have made it easier for Hamberg's users to communicate with each other. *Id.* at 29 (citing Ex. 1003, pp. 49–50). According to Petitioner, Hamberg's stations would benefit from a display of chat group members, such as members in G1 or G2, along with the members' status information, because a conference call requester would know which members are available for a conference call, and avoid

attempting to initiate a call with members who are not available, for whom a conference call would be an unwanted disturbance, or those who are not connected to the instant messaging service. *Id.* at 29 (citing Ex. 1003, pp. 49–50).

Dr. Houh testifies that

[a] POSITA would have been motivated to incorporate Lamb’s display that includes status information into Hamberg’s mobile stations and workstations to facilitate communication between Hamberg’s group members. Hamberg’s stations would benefit from a display that displays chat group members, such as members in group G1 or group G2, along with the members’ status information. For example, by looking at a display displaying that information, a conference call requester would know which group members are available for a conference call. As such, when a conference call requester views the status information for group G2, a conference call requester would know that Max would not be available for a conference call, and that the conference call could be initiated with Henry, Lisa, John, and Ann. Thus, the conference call requester could avoid attempting to initiate a call with members who are not available, such as those who do not want to participate, those for whom a conference call would be an unwanted disturbance, or those who are registered into the chat group but are not connected to the instant messaging service.

Ex. 1003, pp. 49–50.

Petitioner contends “[presenting said conference call requester with a display showing a plurality of potential targets then being connected to said instant messaging service and] participating in a given instant messaging session with the conference call requester and with whom a conference call may be initiated,” as recited in claim 1, is taught by the combination of Hamberg and Lamb. Pet. 29–33.

Petitioner contends Hamberg describes that when the members of the group G1 communicate with each other, only the members of the group are allowed to participate. *Id.* at 30 (citing Ex. 1005, 4:23–24). Petitioner contends Hamberg describes in group G2, Max’s status of absent indicates that text messages can be sent to him, but since he is not in active status, he does not want to take part in a possible conference call. *Id.* (citing Ex. 1005, 4:10–15). According to Petitioner, in Hamberg’s group G1, Henry, Lisa, and John are the members participating in a given instant messaging session with the conference call requester, and with whom a conference call may be initiated. *Id.* (citing Ex. 1003, pp. 50–51). Also according to Petitioner, in group G2 of Hamberg, members Henry, Lisa, John, and Ann are participating in a given instant messaging session with the conference call requester, and with whom a conference call may be initiated. *Id.*

Petitioner contends Lamb discloses a MetaTel client user interface displaying messages from an instant messaging session between two users, and also displaying a call button to initiate a phone call. *Id.* at 31–32 (citing 1006, Fig. 9; 64:15–17). Petitioner contends that although the MetaTel client interface shows only two participants in the instant messaging session, Lamb also discloses an instant messaging session involving a group of colleagues, one of whom presses the call button to set up a conference call. *Id.* at 32 (citing Ex. 1006, cols. 109 and 110).

Petitioner relies on testimony of Dr. Houh to contend incorporating Lamb’s display of potential targets into Hamberg’s mobile stations and workstations allows a group member who initiates a conference call to see which group members are available for a conference call, and avoid attempting to initiate a call with group members who are not present in the

instant messaging session or who have indicated they do not wish to participate in the conference call. Pet. 32 (citing Ex. 1003, p. 53).

Dr. Houh testifies that

Hamberg's mobile stations and workstations would benefit from a display that displays chat group members of group G1 or G2 that are participating in the respective instant messaging sessions because the group member who initiates the conference call would be able to see which group members are available for a conference call by the group member's presence in the instant messaging session. For example, the conference call requester of group G2 would be able to see that Henry, Lisa, and Ann are available for a conference call, while Max is not available and may initiate a conference call where Max is not an essential party. Alternatively, when Max is an essential party to the conference call, the conference call requester may not initiate a conference call with other members of group G2 because Max is not available. Thus, the conference call requester could avoid attempting to initiate a call with group members who are not present in the instant messaging session and do not wish to participate in the conference call, or avoid making a conference call altogether when the group member notices that one or more group members who are essential to the conference call are not available for a conference call.

Ex. 1003, p. 53.

Petitioner contends "generating a conference call request responsively to a single request by the conference call requester," as recited in claim 1 is taught by the combination of Hamberg and Lamb. Pet. 33–36.

Petitioner contends Hamberg describes a CALL ALIAS message used to initiate a conference call, and also describes that the group member who sends the CALL ALIAS message is a conference call requester. Pet. 33 (citing Ex. 1005, 3:4–8). According to Petitioner, the CALL ALIAS message describes a conference call request. *Id.* at 33.

Petitioner contends Lamb's MetaTel client interface includes a call button that, when pressed, triggers a setup of an instant conference call. Pet. 33 (citing Ex. 1006, 109–110). Petitioner also contends the conference now button of Lamb allows the user to create a conference at the current moment. *Id.* (citing Ex. 1006, Fig. 12, 60:38–39). According to Petitioner, pressing either the call button or the conference now button of Lamb describes a single request by the conference call requester. *Id.*

Petitioner relies on testimony of Dr. Houh to contend incorporating the call button or the conference now button of Lamb into the user interface of Hamberg provides the benefit of informing the user that the conference calling feature is available, relieves the user from needing to remember the correct command word for initiating a conference call, and reduces the effort required of a user to initiate a conference call. *Id.* at 33–34 (citing Ex. 1003, pp. 54–56).

Patent Owner contends that using the call button or the conference now button of Lamb requires multiple requests, including selecting the button itself and separately selecting each one of the names to be included in the conference call. Prelim. Resp. 18–19. Patent Owner also contends the combination of Hamberg and Lamb would teach a “conference call request” that relies on multiple distinct requests by a conference call requester, including the button press and manual selection of each participant in Lamb, and Hamberg's multiple, manually-inputted alias names, but would not teach “a single request by the conference call requester.” *Id.* at 20–21.

Dr. Houh testifies that “Pressing the ‘Call’ or ‘CONF. NOW’ button is a single request by the conference call requester.” Ex. 1003, p. 54. For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh's testimony and determine at

this stage of the proceeding that Petitioner has sufficiently established that Lamb teaches “a single request by the conference call requester.”

Patent Owner contends the CALL ALIAS embodiment of Hamberg requires a sender to manually input each one of the names the sender wants joined to the call. Prelim. Resp. 19–20 (citing Ex. 1005, 6:27–32).

According to Patent Owner, Hamberg does not disclose that its mobile stations or workstations generate the manually inputted CALL ALIAS text message, and teaches away from such a modification. Prelim. Resp. 20.

Dr. Houh testifies that

Hamberg’s group member who sends a CALL ALIAS message to the quick message server is a *conference call requester*. Hamberg’s quick message server and SCP respond to the CALL ALIAS message by “initiat[ing] a conference call.” [citing Ex. 1005, 3:4–8]. Thus, the CALL ALIAS message is a *conference call request*.

Ex. 1003, p. 54. Dr. Houh further testifies that

in combining these features of Hamberg and Lamb, a POSITA would have recognized that the “Call” button should generate a CALL ALIAS message, and not simply a CALL message . . . to avoid race conditions between different status information available on the mobile station/workstation and the quick message server which may cause unintended surprises to the conference call requester.

Id., p. 55. Dr. Houh’s testimony provides evidence that pressing the call button of Lamb to generate the CALL ALIAS message taught by Hamberg would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art. For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh’s testimony and determine at this stage of the proceeding that Petitioner has sufficiently established that the CALL ALIAS message of Hamberg teaches “a conference call request,”

and the combination of Hamberg and Lamb teaches pressing the call button of Lamb to generate the CALL ALIAS message of Hamberg.

Patent Owner contends the Petition relies on nonsensical hindsight reconstruction in pointing to two unconnected requests found in disparate references to establish the “conference call request” is generated responsively to the “single request by the conference call requester.” Prelim. Resp. 21.

Dr. Houh testifies as follows:

The combination of Hamberg and Lamb provides benefit to a user that includes a simple, one-step click-to-call mechanism that generates Hamberg’s CALL ALIAS message For example, because some instant messaging services do not include conference calling features, the “Call” or “CONF. NOW” button would inform (or remind) the user that the conference calling feature is available on Hamberg’s instant messaging service. The “Call” button would also relieve the user from needing to remember the correct command word or series of commands for initiating a conference call with other group members. Finally, the combination would reduce the effort required of a user to initiate a conference call by providing a simple and quick “click-to-call” interface.

Further, in combining these features of Hamberg and Lamb, a POSITA would have recognized that the “Call” button should generate a CALL ALIAS message, and not simply a CALL message. . . . The reason a POSITA would use a CALL ALIAS message as opposed to a CALL message is to avoid race conditions between different status information available on the mobile station/workstation and the quick message server which may cause unintended surprises to the conference call requester. . . . [T]he CALL ALIAS message ensures that the conference call participants will be the group members listed and seen by the user as “active” or “logged” in at the time the user initiates the call.

Ex. 1003, pp. 54–56. Dr. Houh’s testimony provides evidence of a reason for a person of ordinary skill in the art to cause a mobile station or a workstation to generate a CALL ALIAS message, rather than a CALL message, in response to a user pressing a call button. For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh’s testimony and determine at this stage of the proceeding that Petitioner has sufficiently established that the combination of Hamberg and Lamb teaches generating the “conference call request” responsively to the “single request by the conference call requester.”

Petitioner contends “said conference call request identifying each of the potential targets for said conference call request,” as recited in claim 1 is disclosed by Hamberg in describing the CALL ALIAS message that identifies the group members to be included in the requested conference call. Pet. 36 (citing Ex. 1005, 4:28–32, 5:34–36).

Patent Owner contends the CALL ALIAS message of Hamberg does not disclose a “conference call request identifying each of the potential targets” that are (1) “connected to said instant messaging service,” and (2) “participating in a given instant messaging session” as recited in claim 1. Prelim. Resp. 22–23. According to Patent Owner, the CALL ALIAS message relied on in the Petition (CALL LISA HENRY ANN), excludes John and Max, both of whom the Petition fails to disqualify as being “potential targets” as claimed. Prelim. Resp. 22–23.

Dr. Houh testifies that Max is not a participant “with whom [a] conference call can be initiated” as claimed, because Max’s status is set to absent, which indicates that “text messages can be sent to him, [but] since he is not in an active status, he does not want to take part in a possible conference call.” Ex. 1003, p. 51 (citing Ex. 1005, 4:13–15). Dr. Houh also

testifies that the conference call requester of group G2 (i.e., John) would be able to see that Henry, Lisa, and Ann are available for a conference call, while Max is not available, and may initiate a conference call where Max is not an essential party. Ex. 1003, p. 53. For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh's testimony and determine at this stage of the proceeding that Petitioner has sufficiently established that Hamberg teaches "said conference call request identifying each of the potential targets for said conference call request."

Petitioner contends "transmitting said conference call request from said network access device to said conference call server," as recited in claim 1, is disclosed by Hamberg in describing transmitting a CALL message from a mobile station to the quick message server when a group member sends a CALL message to the server. Pet. 37 (citing Ex. 1005, 6:1–2).

Petitioner contends "automatically establishing a conference call connection to said conference call requestor," as recited in claim 1, is taught by the combination of Hamberg and Lamb. *Id.* at 37–40. Petitioner contends Hamberg describes the server triggering, in the intelligent network service control point (SCP), a service to direct the GSM network to connect a speech connection for the called subscriber, then complete call set-up for all other active members of the group. Pet. 37–38 (citing Ex. 1005, 6:15–21).

Petitioner contends Lamb describes a user agent pre-programmed via invite processing rules to automatically establish a call connection. Pet. 39 (citing Ex. 1006, Fig. 5A; 54:35–37). Petitioner relies on testimony from Dr. Houh to contend including Lamb's invite processing rules in Hamberg's

quick message server would allow each user to control whether the server should automatically establish a call connection, or prompt the user first for an accept or denial of the call connection. Pet. 39 (citing Ex. 1003, pp. 60–61).

Petitioner contends “said conference call connection initiated by said conference call server, said conference call connection further being connected to each of the potential targets,” as recited in claim 1 is disclosed by Hamberg in describing the quick message server and SCP setting up individual calls between the quick message server and each active group member, then connecting the individual calls into a conference call. Pet. 40–41 (citing Ex. 1005, 6:19–23).

Patent Owner contends that Hamberg states that a conference call connection will only be established with members of a pre-defined group who have registered as active within the group. Prelim. Resp. 24 (citing Ex. 1005, 6:1–23). According to Patent Owner, Hamberg does not describe “said conference call connection initiated by said conference call server, said conference call connection further being connected to each of the potential targets,” because even if a member manually inputs a CALL ALIAS message that identifies a subscriber who is not currently registered as active, such as Max, the server would not attempt to connect Max to the conference call because his status is not registered as active. *Id.*

Dr. Houh testifies that Max is not a participant “with whom [a] conference call can be initiated” as claimed, because Max’s status is set to absent, which indicates that “text messages can be sent to him, [but] since he is not in an active status, he does not want to take part in a possible conference call.” Ex. 1003, p. 51 (citing Ex. 1005, 4:13–15). Dr. Houh’s

testimony addresses why members of a group who have a status set to absent are not participants “with whom a conference call may be established,” and therefore are not “potential targets” as claimed.

Dr. Houh further testifies

[t]hus, Hamberg’s quick message server and SCP setting up individual calls between the server and each active group member teaches and connecting the individual calls into a conference call discloses *said conference call connection initiated by said conference call server*. Further, Hamberg’s disclosure that the quick message server and SCP establish a connection with each active group member and connecting the connections discloses *said conference call connection further being connected to each of the potential targets*.

Ex. 1003, p. 62. For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh’s testimony and determine at this stage of the proceeding that Petitioner has established sufficiently that Hamberg teaches “said conference call connection initiated by said conference call server, said conference call connection further being connected to each of the potential targets.”

For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh’s testimony and determine at this stage of the proceeding Petitioner has articulated sufficient reasoning to support its conclusion of obvious. We determine the Petition and supporting evidence adequately establishes a reasonable likelihood that the combination of Hamberg and Lamb teaches the limitations of claim 1.

Claim 23 recites limitations similar to those that claim 1 recites. Similar to its showing with respect to claim 1, Petitioner contends that Hamberg discloses or teaches the limitations of claim 23 or that the combination of Hamberg and Lamb would have rendered claim 23 obvious. *See* Pet. 49–55.

As an example, claim 23 recites “receiving said generated call request at said conference call server.” According to Petitioner, the CALL ALIAS message is transmitted to the quick message server, which (together with the SCP) is *said conference call server*. Pet. 52. Petitioner contends it would have been obvious to a POSITA that the quick message server and SCP receive the CALL ALIAS message that is transmitted. *Id.*

Claim 23 also recites “parsing said conference call request to determine parameters associated with a requested conference call.” Petitioner contends Lamb describes a user interface that includes a call identifier entry field where a user specifies a name, URL, phone number, email address or other identifier for persons or entities with which to establish call connections. Pet. 53 (citing Ex. 1006, 59:27–28, 43–44). Petitioner also contends Lamb’s server includes an agent that can parse this information and determine a telephony device associated with this information. *Id.* (citing Ex. 1006, 59:47–48).

Petitioner relies on testimony of Dr. Houh and contends a person of ordinary skill in the art would have used Lamb’s parsing technique to interpret Hamberg’s ALIAS information for the benefit of providing great flexibility to the user, because a conference call participant can be identified using a variety of different kinds of information. Pet. 53–54 (citing Ex. 1003, pp. 76–77).

Claim 23 also recites “automatically initiating a conference call in accordance with parameters associated with the requested conference call between the conference call requester and each of the potential targets.” Petitioner contends Hamberg discloses this limitation in describing initiating

a conference call in accordance with ALIAS values. Pet. 54–55 (citing Ex. 1005, 4:30–32, 6:26–27).

For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh’s testimony and determine at this preliminary stage of the proceeding Petitioner has articulated sufficient reasoning to demonstrate a likelihood it will prevail in its obviousness challenge. We determine the Petition and supporting evidence establish a reasonable likelihood that the combination of Hamberg and Lamb would have rendered claim 23 obvious.

Petitioner’s showing with respect to claim 51 also relies on Dr. Houh’s testimony and tracks its showing with respect to claims 1 and 23. *See* Pet. 57–59.

For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh’s testimony and determine at this preliminary stage of the proceeding Petitioner has articulated sufficient reasoning to demonstrate a likelihood it will prevail in its obviousness challenge. We determine the Petition and supporting evidence establish a reasonable likelihood that the combination of Hamberg and Lamb would have rendered claim 51 obvious.

b. Dependent Claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 29, 30, 49, 50, 65, and 66

Petitioner argues the combination of Hamberg and Lamb teaches the limitations of dependent claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 29, 30, 49, 50, 65, and 66. Pet. 41–60.

Claim 2 recites “said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.” Claim 30 recites a similar limitation. Petitioner contends the combination of Hamberg and Lamb renders this limitation obvious. *Id.* at 41. Petitioner contends Hamberg discloses an instant messaging service. *Id.* (citing Ex. 1005, 2:29–33).

Petitioner contends Lamb discloses a user agent interface can be programs written in software. Pet. 41 (citing Ex. 1006, 25:11–12). Petitioner contends Lamb describes the user client interface includes a Yahoo Instant Messaging Interface. *Id.* (citing Ex. 1006, 64:1–5). Petitioner relies on testimony of Dr. Houh to contend a person of ordinary skill in the art would have implemented Hamberg’s instant messaging service in software as disclosed by Lamb for the benefit of making development of new advanced telecommunications services much easier. *Id.* at 41–42 (citing Ex. 1003, pp. 63–64).

For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh’s testimony and determine at this preliminary stage of the proceeding Petitioner has articulated sufficient reasoning to demonstrate a likelihood it will prevail in its obviousness challenge. We determine the Petition and supporting evidence adequately establishes a reasonable likelihood that the combination of Hamberg and Lamb would have rendered claims 2 and 30 obvious.

Claim 5 recites “said conference call connection utilizes a publicly switched telephone network.” Claim 25 recites a similar limitation. Petitioner contends the combination of Hamberg and Lamb renders this limitation obvious. Pet. 42–43. Petitioner contends Hamberg describes connecting mobile stations to a GSM network using a service control point. Pet. 42 (citing Ex. 1005, 2:19–22, 3:4–8). Petitioner contends Lamb describes sending and receiving calls using public switched telephone network (PSTN) based devices as well as computer devices such as VoIP. Pet. 42 (citing Ex. 1006, 13:33–34). Petitioner relies on testimony of Dr. Houh to contend providing Hamberg’s conference call system with the ability to call users via the publicly switched telephone network gives users

the benefit of participating in a conference call using any standard telephone. Pet. 43 (citing Ex. 1003, pp. 64–65).

For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh’s testimony and determine at this preliminary stage of the proceeding Petitioner has articulated sufficient reasoning to demonstrate a likelihood it will prevail in its obviousness challenge. We determine the Petition and supporting evidence adequately establishes a reasonable likelihood that the combination of Hamberg and Lamb would have rendered claims 5 and 25 obvious.

Claim 6 recites “said conference call connection utilizes a voice over internet protocol communications path.” Claim 24 recites a similar limitation. Petitioner contends Hamberg discloses this limitation in describing that a subscriber using the workstation participates by means of an Internet protocol (IP) telephone in the operation of the group. Pet. 43 (citing Ex. 1005, 3:11–12).

Claim 8 recites “said conference call connection utilizes a cellular communications path.” Claim 29 recites a similar limitation. Petitioner contends Hamberg discloses this limitation in describing mobile stations that communicate via a GSM system. Pet. 44 (citing Ex. 1005, 2:22).

Claim 12 recites “determining whether at least one potential target to a conference call is available for said conference call dependant [sic] upon the presence of an IM presence for said at least one potential target.” Petitioner contends the combination of Hamberg and Lamb renders this limitation obvious. Pet. 44.

Petitioner contends Hamberg discloses status information for a group member includes a status of absent, indicating that the group member is not in active status and does not want to take part in a conference call set up

from the chat. Pet. 44 (citing Ex. 1005, 4:13–15). Petitioner contends Lamb discloses a user programming his or her agent to set aside a time in which he or she is not to be disturbed, so that any incoming calls for the user will be rejected. Pet. 44–45 (citing Ex. 1006, 33:30–32, 51:35–38). Petitioner relies on testimony of Dr. Houh to contend that a person of ordinary skill in the art would use the status information of absent disclosed by Hamberg to not include that person when initiating a conference call for the group for the benefit of not disturbing such users with unwanted telephone call. Pet. 45 (citing Ex. 1003, pp. 67–68).

For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh’s testimony and determine at this preliminary stage of the proceeding Petitioner has articulated sufficient reasoning to demonstrate a likelihood it will prevail in its obviousness challenge. We determine the Petition and supporting evidence establish a reasonable likelihood that the combination of Hamberg and Lamb would have rendered claim 12 obvious.

Claim 18 recites “said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential targets.” Petitioner contends the combination of Hamberg and Lamb renders this limitation obvious. Pet. 45. Petitioner contends Hamberg discloses that the ALIAS represents the names of group members. Pet. 45–46 (citing Ex. 1005, 4:30). Petitioner contends Lamb discloses a call signaling message indicating the call destination identifier, such as a name, a phone number, or an email address. Pet. 46 (citing Ex. 1006, 13:53–54, 20:23–24, 59:27–31). Petitioner relies on testimony of Dr. Houh to contend the ALIAS of Hamberg can represent an address such as a phone number instead of a name as taught by Lamb for the benefit of

providing flexibility for a user to specify the telephone number of a desired conference call participant. Pet. 46–47 (citing Ex. 1003, pp. 69–71).

For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh’s testimony and determine at this preliminary stage of the proceeding Petitioner has articulated sufficient reasoning to demonstrate a likelihood it will prevail in its obviousness challenge. We determine the Petition and supporting evidence establish a reasonable likelihood that the combination of Hamberg and Lamb would have rendered claim 18 obvious.

Claim 19 recites “at least one address comprises an automatic number identifier.” Petitioner contends Lamb discloses this limitation in describing identifying desired participants in a conference call by a phone number. Pet. 47 (citing Ex. 1006, 20:18–19).

Claim 21 recites “said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.” Claims 49 and 65 recite a similar limitation. Petitioner contends Hamberg discloses this limitation in describing a workstation that includes an IP telephone (Internet protocol, Voice over IP). Pet. 48 (citing Ex. 1005, 3:11–12).

Claim 22 recites “said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.” Claims 50 and 66 recite a similar limitation. Petitioner contends the combination of Hamberg and Lamb renders this limitation obvious. Pet. 48. Petitioner contends Lamb describes providing video data that can be transmitted over an IP network. Pet. 48–49 (citing Ex. 1006, 1:34–35, 4:12–13, 53:44–46). Petitioner relies on testimony from Dr. Houh to contend that using the workstation and IP telephone of Hamberg to

communicate the video and textual data of Lamb, results in the user being able to see as well as hear other call participants, or to conduct a presentation during the conference call. Pet. 49 (citing Ex. 1003, pp. 72–73).

For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh’s testimony and determine at this preliminary stage of the proceeding Petitioner has articulated sufficient reasoning to support its showing of obviousness. We determine the Petition and supporting evidence establish a reasonable likelihood that the combination of Hamberg and Lamb would have rendered claims 22, 50, and 66 obvious.

C. Asserted Obviousness Over Hamberg, Lamb, and Ludwig: Claims 7, 9, 10, 26, 36, 37, 52, and 53

Petitioner argues the combination of Hamberg, Lamb, and Ludwig teaches the limitations of dependent claims 7, 9, 10, 26, 36, 37, 52, and 53. Pet. 60–68.

1. Ludwig (Ex. 1007)

Ludwig relates to computer-based systems for enhancing collaboration between individuals who are separated by distance or time. Ex. 1007, 1:12–14. A multimedia collaboration system facilitates distributed collaboration such as real-time audio and video teleconferencing and data conferencing. *Id.* at Abstract, 4:49–67. The system architecture permits audio and video capabilities to be superimposed onto existing personal computers and workstations and their interconnecting LANs and WANs. *Id.* at Abstract.

2. Analysis of Dependent Claims 7, 9, 10, 26, 36, 37, 52, and 53

Claim 7 recites “wherein said conference call connection provides for video data transmission.” Claim 26 recites a similar limitation. Petitioner

contends the combination of Hamberg, Lamb, and Ludwig renders this limitation obvious. Pet. 62. Petitioner contends the combination of Hamberg and Lamb teaches a conference call connection initiated via a CALL message and a call or conference now button as discussed in Petitioner's analysis of claim 1. *Id.* Petitioner contends Ludwig teaches a user can click a call button to initiate a video conference call. *Id.* (citing Ex. 1007, 19:14–17; Fig. 2A). Petitioner relies on testimony of Dr. Houh to contend extending the systems of Hamberg and Lamb to include video conferencing as taught by Ludwig provides the benefit of improving the conferencing experience by allowing participants to communicate using visual cues such as eye contact and body language, which provides additional information over and above spoken words, thus reducing the chance for misunderstanding. *Id.* (citing Ex. 1003, pp. 86–87).

Claim 9 recites “said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.” Claims 36 and 52 recite a similar limitation. Petitioner contends the combination of Hamberg, Lamb, and Ludwig renders this limitation obvious. *Id.* at 63. Petitioner contends Ludwig describes application sharing software installed on a workstation. *Id.* at 63–64 (citing Ex. 1007, 9:21–24, 14:66–15:5, 36:37–47; Figs. 20, 36). Petitioner relies on testimony of Dr. Houh to contend combining the application sharing software of Ludwig with the mobile stations and workstations of Hamberg provides the benefit of facilitating the exchange of information that is more easily viewed on-screen than explained verbally during a conference call. *Id.* at 65 (citing Ex. 1003, p. 91).

Claim 10 recites “said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.” Claim

53 recites a similar limitation. Petitioner contends Ludwig describes this limitation in disclosing application sharing software on a collaborative multimedia workstation that communicates with server software modules. Pet. 66 (citing Ex. 1007, 20:16–19). Petitioner also contends that using Ludwig’s application sharing capabilities would have improved the effectiveness of Hamberg’s and Lamb’s combined collaboration system. Pet. 66.

For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh’s testimony and determine at this preliminary stage of the proceeding Petitioner has articulated sufficient reasoning to demonstrate a likelihood it will prevail in its obviousness challenge. We determine the Petition and supporting evidence establish a reasonable likelihood that the combination of Hamberg, Lamb, and Ludwig would have rendered claims 7, 9, 10, 26, 36, 37, 52, and 53 obvious.

D. Asserted Obviousness Over Hamberg, Lamb, and Vassilovski: Claim 20

Petitioner argues the combination of Hamberg and Lamb teaches the limitations of dependent claim 20. Pet. 68–71.

1. Vassilovski

Vassilovski relates to providing quality of service assurance over non-wireless portions of a wireless VoIP system, and to locating and connecting to destination devices outside of a serving cell site. Ex. 1008 ¶ 1. For intrasystem calls, a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) server routes VoIP packets directly between the originating and destination devices. *Id.* at Abstract. For intersystem calls, the SIP server instantiates a circuit-switched

call to the requested destination using a local modem bank connected to the PSTN. *Id.*

2. *Analysis of Dependent Claim 20*

Claim 20 recites “at least one address comprises a VoIP address.” Petitioner contends the combination of Hamberg, Lamb, and Vassilovski renders this limitation obvious. Pet. 70. Petitioner contends Vassilovski describes using the SIP address to issue a VoIP call request to the destination device. Pet. 71 (citing Ex. 1008 ¶ 10). Petitioner relies on testimony from Dr. Houh to contend incorporating the SIP address of Vassilovski into Hamberg’s CALL message provides the benefit of easily combining conversational multimedia services with other categories of service, and offering seamless service capabilities between fixed and mobile networks. Pet. 70 (citing Ex. 1003 ¶ 88).

For purposes of this decision, we credit Dr. Houh’s testimony and determine at this preliminary stage of the proceeding Petitioner has articulated sufficient reasoning to demonstrate a likelihood it will prevail in its obviousness challenge. We determine the Petition and supporting evidence establish a reasonable likelihood that the combination of Hamberg and Lamb would have rendered claim 20 obvious.

III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, we determine that the information presented in the Petition establishes that there is a reasonable likelihood that Petitioner would prevail with respect to claims 1, 2, 5–10, 12, 18–26, 29, 30, 36, 37, 49–53, 65, and 66 of the ’948 patent.

Any discussion of facts in this Decision is made only for the purposes

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of institution and is not dispositive of any issue related to any ground on which we institute review. The Board has not made a final determination on the patentability of any challenged claim. The Board's final determination will be based on the record as fully developed during trial.

IV. ORDER

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 314, *inter partes* review is instituted on the following grounds:

1. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 19, 21–25, 29, 30, 49–51, 65, and 66 of the '948 patent as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Hamberg and Lamb;
2. Claims 7, 9, 10, 26, 36, 37, 52, and 53 of the '948 patent as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Hamberg, Lamb, and Ludwig; and
3. Claim 20 of the '948 patent as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Hamberg, Lamb, and Vassilovski.

FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 314(a), *inter partes* review of the '194 patent is hereby instituted commencing on the entry date of this Order, and pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 314(c) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.4, notice is hereby given of the institution of a trial.

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DOCKET NO. 6:16-cv-99	DATE FILED 3/4/2016	U.S. DISTRICT COURT Eastern District of Texas, Tyler Division
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PATENT OR TRADEMARK NO.	DATE OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK	HOLDER OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK
1 7,804,948	9/28/2010	UNILOC LUXEMBOURG, S.A.
2 7,853,000	12/14/2010	UNILOC LUXEMBOURG, S.A.
3 8,571,194	10/29/2013	UNILOC LUXEMBOURG, S.A.
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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

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I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney given in the application identified in the attached statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

I hereby appoint:

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OR

Practitioner(s) named below (if more than ten patent practitioners are to be named, then a customer number must be used):

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as attorney(s) or agent(s) to represent the undersigned before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with any and all patent applications assigned only to the undersigned according to the USPTO assignment records or assignment documents attached to this form in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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Assignee Name and Address:

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 75, Boulevard Grande Duchesse Charlotte
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A copy of this form, together with a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) (Form PTO/SB/96 or equivalent) is required to be filed in each application in which this form is used. The statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) may be completed by one of the practitioners appointed in this form if the appointed practitioner is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee, and must identify the application in which this Power of Attorney is to be filed.

SIGNATURE of Assignee of Record

The individual whose signature and title is supplied below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee

Signature	/Craig S. Etchegoyen/	Date	June 6, 2014
Name	Craig S. Etchegoyen	Telephone	
Title	Uniloc Luxembourg, S.A. CEO		

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7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (*i.e.*, GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about individuals.
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(c)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Uniloc Luxembourg, S.A.
Application No./Patent No.: 13/657,859 Filed/Issue Date: December 22, 2004
Titled: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INITIATING A CONFERENCE CALL
Uniloc Luxembourg, S.A., a corporation

(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that, for the patent application/patent identified above, it is (choose **one** of options 1, 2, 3 or 4 below):

1. The assignee of the entire right, title, and interest.
2. An assignee of less than the entire right, title, and interest (check applicable box):
- The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is _____%. Additional Statement(s) by the owners holding the balance of the interest must be submitted to account for 100% of the ownership interest.
 - There are unspecified percentages of ownership. The other parties, including inventors, who together own the entire right, title and interest are:

Additional Statement(s) by the owner(s) holding the balance of the interest must be submitted to account for the entire right, title, and interest.

3. The assignee of an undivided interest in the entirety (a complete assignment from one of the joint inventors was made). The other parties, including inventors, who together own the entire right, title, and interest are:

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4. The recipient, via a court proceeding or the like (e.g., bankruptcy, probate), of an undivided interest in the entirety (a complete transfer of ownership interest was made). The certified document(s) showing the transfer is attached.

The interest identified in option 1, 2 or 3 above (not option 4) is evidenced by either (choose **one** of options A or B below):

- A. An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

- B. A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as follows:

1. From: Tod C. Turner To: Linqware, Inc.

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2. From: Linqware, Inc. To: Uniloc Luxembourg, S.A.

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Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet(s).

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

/Sean D. Burdick/

Signature

Sean D. Burdick

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June 6, 2014

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	Issue Date	September 28, 2010
	First Named Inventor	Tod Turner
	Title	System and Method for Initiating a Conference Call
	Attorney Docket Number	6072-2

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Date

7-19-12

Name

Tod C. Turner

Telephone

206-799-1972

Title and Company

Chief Executive Officer - LINQware, Inc.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: LINQware, Inc.

Application No./Patent No.: 11/019,655/7,804,948

Filed/Issue Date: 12/22/2004 - 09/28/2010

Titled: System and Method for Initiating a Conference Call

LINQware, Inc., a Corporation

(Name of Assignee)

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

/Louis M. Heidelberg/

July 23, 2012

Signature

Date

Louis M. Heidelberg Reg. No. 27,899

Attorney for Assignee

Printed or Typed Name

Title

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PATENT NUMBER (if known)	APPLICATION NUMBER
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First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Tod Turner
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Attorney Docket Number:	03-40224-US
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Filing Date:	22-DEC-2004
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<i>S. Brooks</i>	(Signature)
<i>8-20-10</i>	(Date)

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
11/019,655	12/22/2004	Tod Turner	03-40224-US	7999

TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INITIATING A CONFERENCE CALL

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	YES	\$755	\$300	\$0	\$1055	08/24/2010

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LIQWare, Inc.

Kenmore, WA

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2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-66.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art references cited in the IDS of March 15, 2010 have been considered and are deemed to be no more pertinent than the prior art references already of the record.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry S. Hong whose telephone number is (571) 272-7485. The examiner is normally off on Wednesdays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad F. Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Harry S. Hong/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2614

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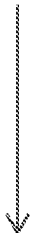
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1. This communication is responsive to the Amendment and Remarks of September 3, 2009.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-66.
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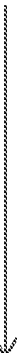
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INITIATING A
CONFERENCE CALL

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in the present application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:
 - providing a conference call requester with a network access device, said network access device ~~capable of~~ communicating via an instant messaging service, said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with a conference call server;
 - establishing a communications connection from said network access device to ~~[[a]]~~ the conference call server;
 - presenting said conference call requester with a display showing ~~at least one~~ a plurality of potential target targets then being connected to said instant messaging service and participating in a given instant messaging session with the conference call requester and with whom a conference call may be initiated, ~~said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;~~
 - generating a conference call request ~~by said conference call requester~~ responsively to a single request by the conference call requester, said conference call request identifying ~~at least one~~ each of the potential target targets for said conference call request;
 - transmitting said conference call request from said network access device to said conference call server; and
 - automatically establishing a conference call connection to said conference call requester, said conference call connection initiated by said conference call server, said conference call connection further being connected to ~~at least a one other target~~ each of the potential targets.

2. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.
3. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said instant messaging service comprises an internet accessible application, said internet accessible application being communicably connected to said network access device via the Internet.
4. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 3, wherein said internet accessible application comprises a browser viewable web page.
5. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a publicly switched telephone network.
6. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a voice over internet protocol communications path.
7. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection provides for video data transmission.
8. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a cellular communications path.
9. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.
10. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim [[8]] 9, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.
11. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim [[8]] 9, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service,

said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

12. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, further comprising the step of determining whether at least one potential target to a conference call is available for said conference call dependant upon the presence of an IM presence for said at least one potential target.

13. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 12, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party conference call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

14. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 13, wherein said conference bridge selects between alternate communications paths dependant upon cost criteria.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 14, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a ~~VoIP~~ VoIP path.

16. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 13, wherein said conference bridge selects between alternate communications paths dependant upon performance criteria.

17. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 16, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a VoIP path.

18. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential targets.

19. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 18, wherein at least one address comprises an automatic number identifier.

20. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 19, wherein at least one address comprises a VoIP address.
21. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.
22. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.
23. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:
- providing a conference call server;
 - providing a call requester with a network accessible device, the network accessible device being communicably connected to an instant messaging service, said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said conference call server;
 - presenting said conference call requester with a display showing ~~at least one a plurality~~ potential targets then being connected to said instant messaging service and participating in a given instant messaging session with the conference call requester and with whom a conference call may be initiated, said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;
 - generating a conference call request by said conference call requester in a single step, said conference call request identifying ~~at least one~~ each of the potential targets ~~target for joining in a conference call;~~
 - transmitting said generated call request from said conference call requester to said conference call server;

receiving said generated call request at said conference call server;

parsing said conference call request to determine parameters associated with a requested conference call; and

automatically initiating a conference call in accordance with parameters associated with the requested conference call between the conference call requester and each of the potential targets.

24. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call connects at least one target via a voice over Internet protocol path.

25. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call connects at least one potential call recipient via a publicly switched telephone network.

26. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call comprises at least one path providing for transmission of visual data.

27. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 26, wherein said visual data comprises video conferencing images.

28. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 26, wherein said visual data comprises image files in a digital format.

29. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a cellular communications path.

30. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.

31. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 30, further comprising the step of displaying for a call requester a conference call status display, said

conference call status display listing targets involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

32. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises at least one potential target previously involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

33. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises at least one potential target identified from an e mail application associated with said conference call requester's network access device.

34. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said instant messaging service comprises an internet accessible application, said internet accessible application being communicably connected to said network access device via the Internet.

35. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 34, wherein said internet accessible application comprises a browser viewable web page.

36. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.

37. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 36, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

38. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 37, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

39. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a personal digital assistant, said personal digital assistant comprising an Internet connection.

40. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a cellular telephone, said cellular telephone comprising an Internet connection.

41. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party conference call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

42. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 41, wherein said conference call server further selects said third party conference call service from a plurality of available third party call services dependant upon cost criteria.

43. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server establishes a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

44. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 43, wherein said conference call server further selects at least one connection path for said conference bridge from a plurality of connection paths dependant upon cost criteria.

45. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 44, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a ~~VoID~~ VoIP path.

46. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 43, wherein said conference call server further selects at least one connection path for said conference bridge from a plurality of connection paths dependant upon performance criteria.

47. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential conference call recipients.

48. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 47, wherein at least one address comprises a VoIP address.

49. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.

50. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.

51. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:

providing a conference call server;

providing a call requester with a network accessible device, the network accessible device having instant messaging software thereon, said instant messaging software being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said conference call server;

presenting to said conference call requester a display showing ~~at least one~~ a plurality of potential target targets then being connected to an instant messaging service and participating in a given instant messaging session with the call requester and with whom a conference call may be initiated, ~~said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;~~

generating a conference call request by the call requester responsively to a single requester indication;

transmitting said generated call request from said call requester to said conference call server;

receiving said generated call request at said conference call server;

parsing said conference call request to determine parameters associated with a requested conference call; and

automatically initiating a conference call between the call requester and each of the potential targets across a conference call connection in accordance with parameters associated with the requested conference call.

52. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.

53. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 52, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

54. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 53, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a conference call to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

55. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, further comprising the step of displaying for a conference call requester a conference call status display, said conference call status display listing targets involved in a conference call initiated by said conference call server.

56. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated

comprises identification of at least one potential target previously involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

57. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises identification of at least one potential target identified from an e mail application associated with said conference call requester's network access device.

58. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party conference call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one call recipient.

59. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 58, wherein said third party conference call service selects between alternate communications paths for the conference bridge dependant upon cost criteria.

60. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 59, wherein at least one alternate communications path is a VOIP path.

61. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 58, wherein said third party conference call service selects between alternate communications paths for the conference bridge dependant upon performance criteria.

62. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 61, wherein at least one alternate communications path is a VOIP path.

63. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential conference call targets.

64. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 63, wherein at least one address comprises a VOIP address.

65. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.

66. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.

67-80. (Cancelled)

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given to this application. Reconsideration is now respectfully requested in view of the amendment above and the following remarks.

Claims 1-80 are pending. Claims 10, 11, 15, 45 and 74 were objected to. Claims 1-80 were rejected. Claims 1, 10, 11, 15, 23, 45 and 51 have been amended without prejudice herein. Claims 67-80 have been cancelled without prejudice herein.

Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of these rejections for at least the following reasons.¹

Claims 10 and 11 were objected to as depending from Claim 8. Applicant has amended these claims to depend from Claim 9. Claims 15, 45 and 74 were objected to as including a typographical error. Claims 15 and 45 have been amended. Claim 74 has been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration and removal of the claim objections.

Claims 1-13, 18-22 and 67-79 stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Haims (United States Patent Publication No. US2003/0105820A1). Claims 14-17, 23-66 and 80 stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Haims in view of Detampel (United States Patent No. 5,995,608).

Under 35 U.S.C. §102 “[a] claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Accordingly, to anticipate any of the pending claims, Haims must teach each and every element recited thereby. Haims fails to teach each of the recited elements of any of the pending claims -- and hence fails to anticipate any of the pending claims as a matter of law.

In certain embodiments of the present invention, and as is shown in FIG. 3 for example, three parties, User A 302, User B 304, and User C 306, are involved 308 in an IM session, such as a chat session which could occur during a shared application session. User A 302, the

¹ The following discussion may identify exemplary reference characters, and/or references particular portions of the disclosure. Such identification and/or references do not constitute a representation that any claim element is limited to the embodiment illustrated at any identified character or described in any referenced portion of the disclosure.

conference call requester, could request a conference call through the NAD in use by User A. The IM service in communication with User A's NAD could be implemented to be aware of the on-going IM session, such that the software would determine the list of conference call targets from the list of parties presently in the IM session. Thus, User A could request a conference call with one step, such as through actuation of a "call now" button or icon associated with User A's IM service. See, e.g., *Specification*, p. 16, ll. 12-22.

Consistently Claim 1 has been amended to recite:

A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:
providing a conference call requester with a network access device, said network access device communicating via an instant messaging service, said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with a conference call server;
establishing a communications connection from said network access device to the conference call server;
presenting said conference call requester with a display showing *a plurality of potential targets then being connected to said instant messaging service and participating in a given instant messaging session with the conference call requester* and with whom a conference call may be initiated;
generating a conference call request *responsively to a single request by the conference call requester*, said conference call request *identifying each of the potential targets* for said conference call request;
transmitting said conference call request from said network access device to said conference call server; and
automatically establishing a conference call connection to said conference call requester, said conference call connection initiated by said conference call server, *said conference call connection further being connected to each of the potential targets.*

Haims neither teaches nor even suggests such a methodology. Rather, Haims proposes that a user determine whether attendees are available and select ones for invitation. See, e.g., *pars. [0110] and [0111]*. In contrast, Claim 1 calls for the system to automatically establish a conference call with a plurality of users who are then participating in a common IM session with the requester responsively to a single requester request.

Accordingly, as Haims fails to teach each of the limitations of amended Claim 1, it fails to anticipate it as a matter of law. Thus, Applicant requests reconsideration and removal of the rejection of Claim 1. Applicant also requests reconsideration and removal of the rejections of Claims 2-22 as well, at least by virtue of these claims' ultimate dependency upon a patentably distinct base Claim 1.

Turning now to Claim 23, it analogously recites:

A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:
providing a conference call server;
providing a call requester with a network accessible device,
the network accessible device being communicably connected to
an instant messaging service, said instant messaging service being
adapted to communicate conference call request information with
said conference call server;
presenting said conference call requester with a display
showing *a plurality potential targets then being connected to said
instant messaging service and participating in a given instant
messaging session with the conference call requester* and with
whom a conference call may be initiated;
generating a conference call request by said conference call
requester *in a single step*, said conference call request *identifying
each of the potential targets*;
transmitting said generated call request from said
conference call requester to said conference call server;
receiving said generated call request at said conference call
server;
parsing said conference call request to determine
parameters associated with a requested conference call; and
automatically initiating a conference call in accordance
with parameters associated with the requested conference call
*between the conference call requester and each of the potential
targets.*

Detampel is only relied upon in the asserted rejections for its purported parsing teachings, and fails to remedy the above-identified Haims deficiencies. Accordingly, as Haims and Detampel fail, in any combination, to teach each of the limitations of amended Claim 23, they fail to render it unpatentable as a matter of law. Thus, Applicant requests reconsideration and removal of the rejection of Claim 23. Applicant also requests reconsideration and removal of the

rejections of Claims 24-50 as well, at least by virtue of these claims' ultimate dependency upon a patentably distinct base Claim 23.

Turning now to Claim 51, it analogously recites:

A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:
providing a conference call server;
providing a call requester with a network accessible device,
the network accessible device having instant messaging software
thereon, said instant messaging software being adapted to
communicate conference call request information with said
conference call server;
presenting to said conference call requester a display
showing *a plurality of potential targets then being connected to
an instant messaging service and participating in a given instant
messaging session with the call requester* and with whom a
conference call may be initiated;
generating a conference call request by the call requester
responsively to a single requester indication;
transmitting said generated call request from said call
requester to said conference call server;
receiving said generated call request at said conference call
server;
parsing said conference call request to determine
parameters associated with a requested conference call; and
*automatically initiating a conference call between the call
requester and each of the potential targets* across a conference
call connection in accordance with parameters associated with the
requested conference call.

Again, Detampel is only relied upon in the asserted rejections for its purported parsing teachings, and fails to remedy the above-identified Haims deficiencies. Accordingly, as Haims and Detampel fail, in any combination, to teach each of the limitations of amended Claim 51, they fail to render it unpatentable as a matter of law. Thus, Applicant requests reconsideration and removal of the rejection of Claim 51. Applicant also requests reconsideration and removal of the rejections of Claims 52-66 as well, at least by virtue of these claims' ultimate dependency upon a patentably distinct base Claim 51.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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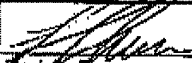
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LINQware, Inc., a Corporation
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

/Louis M. Heidelberg/
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June 17, 2009
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Schedule A

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 10 and 11 are objected to because of the following informalities: It is assumed that claims 10 and 11 should be dependent on claim 9, not claim 8.

Appropriate correction is required.

2. Claims 15, 45, and 74 are objected to because of the following informalities: It is assumed that "VOID" should read as "VOIP". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-13, 18-22, and 67-79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Haims et al. (Haims; US 2003/0105820 A1; cited by the examiner and applied for the first time).

Regarding claims 1 and 67, Haims plainly teaches the claimed method and system for initiating a conference call via an instant messaging service; see paragraph [0108] and [0109]. Refer also to FIG. 11 of Haims. The claimed conference call requester with a network access device reads on the User Device(s). The claimed conference call server reads on the Communication Server 200; the claimed database

for storing prospective target information reads on the USER DATA 400 in FIGs. 3 and 5 of Haims. The claimed display showing the potential target and indicating whether the target is connected to the IM service is taught at paragraph [0111]. The claimed generating and transmitting a conference call request is taught at paragraph [0112]. The claimed establishing a conference call connection is taught at paragraph [0114]. The claimed conference call bridge reads on the Conference Bridges 202.

Regarding claims 2 and 71, the claimed software client has to be most basic and inherent to the User Device(s) of Haims, otherwise, the user would not be able to interact with the Messaging Server 206.

Regarding claims 3, 4, 72, and 73, see [0117].

Regarding claims 5 – 8, 21, 22, and 74 - 76, Haims plainly teaches throughout that the COMMUNICATION NETWORK 150 can utilize and provide for different networks and transmissions. Haims also plainly teaches video sessions.

Regarding claims 9 – 11 and 68 - 70, Haims teaches such application sharing by name at paragraphs [0029], [0031], and [0119].

Regarding claim 12, refer again to paragraph [0111], where the claimed “presence” is taught by name. See also paragraph [0089].

Regarding claim 13, see paragraph [0041], penultimate sentence. The claimed bridge reads on the Conference Bridges 202.

Regarding claims 18-20, such addressing is most basic and inherent to Haims, otherwise the system would not function.

Regarding claims 77 and 78, refer to FIGs. 4 and 5.

Regarding claim 79, refer to paragraphs [0062], [0062], [0068], [0081], and [0094]

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

6. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

7. Claims 14-17, 23-66, and 80 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haims (as applied above) view of Detampel, Jr. et al. (Detampel; 5,995,608; previously cited and applied by the examiner).

Regarding claims 14 - 17, Haims is silent with respect to the features of least cost routing or optimal routing. However, Detampel teaches such a feature at column 9, lines 21 - 32. Therefore, it would have been obvious even to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate such routing features into the method and system of Haims since Detampel plainly teaches the advantages of such alternate routing in the same field of conferencing as Haims.

Regarding claims 23 – 66 and 80, the only difference between Haims and claims 23-66 and 80 is that Haims is silent with respect to parsing the conference call request. However, Detampel plainly teaches, by name, initiating a conference call by parsing a formatted text message to extract a conferee list (read as determining parameters);

refer to column 11, lines 57 - 60. Thus, it would have been obvious even to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the parsing feature of Detampel into the conference call request of Haims in order to easily determine the parameters associated with a conference call as motivated by Detampel in the same field of endeavor as Haims.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to the publication to Green et al. have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejections using the Green et al. publication have been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made as cited above. Also, the applicant is again advised that the limitations after "adapted to" may not be given patentable weight (refer to MPEP 2111.04).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry S. Hong whose telephone number is (571) 272-7485. The examiner is normally off on Wednesdays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad F. Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Harry S. Hong/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2614

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2008 in the above-identified patent application was assigned a shortened statutory period, set to expire September 9, 2008. Applicant respectfully requests and files herewith a Request for a Three Month Extension of Time extending the time for response to December 9, 2008. Accordingly, Applicant deems this Amendment and Response timely filed.

Should there be any additional fees due and owing, or being paid in excess of any required amount, with respect to this application, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees or to credit such overpayment to deposit account no. 03-3839.

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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Amended) A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:
 - providing a conference call requester with a network access device, said network access device capable of communicating via an instant messaging service, said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with a conference call server;
 - establishing a communications connection from said network access device to a conference call server;
 - presenting said conference call requester with a display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated, said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;
 - generating a conference call request by said conference call requester, said conference call request identifying at least one potential target for said conference call request;
 - transmitting said conference call request from said network access device to said conference call server;
 - establishing a conference call connection to said conference call requester, said conference call connection initiated by said conference call server, said conference call connection further being connected to at least a one other target.

2. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.

3. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said instant messaging service comprises an internet accessible application, said internet accessible application being communicably connected to said network access device via the Internet.

4. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 3, wherein said internet accessible application comprises a browser viewable web page.

5. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a publicly switched telephone network.

6. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a voice over internet protocol communications path.

7. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection provides for video data transmission.

8. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a cellular communications path.

9. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.

10. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 8, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

11. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 8, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

12. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, further comprising the step of determining whether at least one potential target to a conference call is available for said conference call dependant upon the presence of an IM presence for said at least one potential target.

13. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 12, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party conference call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

14. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 13, wherein said conference bridge selects between alternate communications paths dependant upon cost criteria.

15. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 14, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a VOID path.

16. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 13, wherein said conference bridge selects between alternate communications paths dependant upon performance criteria.

17. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 16, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a VOIP path.

18. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential targets.

19. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 18, wherein at least one address comprises an automatic number identifier.

20. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 19, wherein at least one address comprises a VOIP address.

21. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.

22. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.

23. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:

providing a conference call server;

providing a call requester with a network accessible device, the network accessible device being communicably connected to an instant messaging service, said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said conference call server;

presenting said conference call requester with a display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated, said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;

generating a conference call request by said conference call requester, said Conference call request identifying at least one potential target for joining in a conference call;

transmitting said generated call request from said conference call requester to said conference call server;

receiving said generated call request at said conference call server;

parsing said conference call request to determine parameters associated with a requested conference call; and

initiating a conference call in accordance with parameters associated with the requested conference call.

24. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call connects at least one target via a voice over Internet protocol path.

25. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call connects at least one potential call recipient via a publicly switched telephone network.

26. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call comprises at least one path providing for transmission of visual data.

27. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 26, wherein said visual data comprises video conferencing images.

28. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 26, wherein said visual data comprises image files in a digital format.

29. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a cellular communications path.

30. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.

31. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 30, further comprising the step of displaying for a call requester a conference call status display, said conference call status display listing targets involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

32. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises at least one potential target previously involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

33. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises at least one potential target identified from an e mail application associated with said conference call requester's network access device.

34. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said instant messaging service comprises an internet accessible application, said internet accessible application being communicably connected to said network access device via the Internet.

35. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 34, wherein said internet accessible application comprises a browser viewable web page.

36. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.

37. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 36, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

38. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 37, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

39. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a personal digital assistant, said personal digital assistant comprising an Internet connection.

40. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a cellular telephone, said cellular telephone comprising an Internet connection.

41. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party conference call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

42. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 41, wherein said conference call server further selects said third party conference call service from a plurality of available third party call services dependant upon cost criteria.

43. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server establishes a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

44. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 43, wherein said conference call server further selects at least one connection path for said conference bridge from a plurality of connection paths dependant upon cost criteria.

45. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 44, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a VOID path.

46. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 43, wherein said conference call server further selects at least one connection path for said

conference bridge from a plurality of connection paths dependant upon performance criteria.

47. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential conference call recipients.

48. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 47, wherein at least one address comprises a VOIP address.

49. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.

50. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.

51. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:

- providing a conference call server;
- providing a call requester with a network accessible device, the network accessible device having instant messaging software thereon, said instant messaging software being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said conference call server;

presenting to said conference call requester a display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated, said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;

generating a conference call request by the call requester;

transmitting said generated call request from said call requester to said conference call server;

receiving said generated call request at said conference call server;

parsing said conference call request to determine parameters associated with a requested conference call; and

initiating a conference call across a conference call connection in accordance with parameters associated with the requested conference call.

52. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.

53. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 52, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

54. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 53, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a conference call to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

55. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, further comprising the step of displaying for a conference call requester a conference call status display, said conference call status display listing targets involved in a conference call initiated by said conference call server.

56. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises identification of at least one potential target previously involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

57. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises identification of at least one potential target identified from an e mail application associated with said conference call requester's network access device.

58. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party conference call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one call recipient.

59. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 58, wherein said third party conference call service selects between alternate communications paths for the conference bridge dependant upon cost criteria.

60. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 59, wherein at least one alternate communications path is a VOIP path.

61. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 58, wherein said third party conference call service selects between alternate communications paths for the conference bridge dependant upon performance criteria.

62. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 61, wherein at least one alternate communications path is a VOIP path.

63. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential conference call targets.

64. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 63, wherein at least one address comprises a VOIP address.

65. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.

66. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.

67. (Previously Amended) A system for initiating conference calls, comprising:

a conference call server, said conference call server having a network connection communicable with network access devices, said conference call server further comprising a database for storing prospective target information;

at least one network access device, said at least one network access device being communicably connected to an instant messaging service, an instant messaging client being adapted to communicate a conference call request to said conference call server;

a conference call bridge, said conference call bridge having a plurality of communications paths and hardware or software for bridging at least two of said paths for enabling a conference call.

68. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said network access device further comprises application sharing capabilities.

69. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 68, wherein said application sharing capabilities comprising an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

70. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 69, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging

service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

71. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.

72. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said instant messaging service comprises an internet accessible application, said internet accessible application being communicably connected to said network access device via the Internet.

73. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 72, wherein said internet accessible application comprises a browser viewable web page.

74. (Previously Amended) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein at least one of said plurality of communications paths comprises a VOID channel.

75. (Previously Amended) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein at least one of said plurality of communications paths comprises a publicly switched telephone network channel.

76. (Previously Amended) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein at least one of said plurality of communications paths comprises a channel capable of transmitting visual images.

77. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said conference call server further comprises a database containing information derived from previous conference calls initiated by the conference call server.

78. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 77, wherein said conference call server database information comprises addresses derived from previous conference calls initiated by the conference call server.

79. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, further comprising an interface to an e mail application resident on said conference call requester's network access device, said interface capable of querying said e mail application to identify contact information for potential conference call targets.

80. (Previously Amended) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a personal computer.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-80 are pending in this Application.

Claims 1-80 stand rejected.

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 and 67-79 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Green (United States Patent Pub. No. 2006/0088152). Claims 23-66 and 80 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Green (United States Patent Pub. No. 2006/0088152) as applied above in view of Detampel (United States Patent No. 5,995,608). Reconsideration of the present Application is respectfully requested.

Rejections Based On 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-22 and 67-79 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Green (United States Patent Pub. No. 2006/0088152).

Section 102(e) states:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in - (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for the purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language. . .

Consistently, "a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Schering Corporation v. Geneva Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 339 F.3d 1373 (Fed. Cir. 2003). Identity of invention requires that a prior reference disclose to one of ordinary skill in the art all elements and limitations of the patent claim. *Scripps Clinic v. Genentech*, 927 F.2d 1565, 1576 (Fed. Cir. 1991). Absence from the reference of any claimed element negates anticipation. *Kloster Speedsteel AB v. Crucible, Inc.*, 230 USPQ 81 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

Applicant respectfully submits that, irrespective of any distinguishing arguments made to date, Green is not, in fact, a reference that supports a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102, because the date of invention of the present application is before the filing date of Green. In particular, Green has a filing date of October 21, 2004, and does not make a claim to any prior date. The present application, which has a filing date of December 22, 2004, claims priority to provisional patent application 60/531,722, which has a filing date of December 22, 2003. Therefore, because the present application claims the benefit of the December 22, 2003 filing date, Green cannot be said to have described the present invention in an application for patent, published by another filed in the United States before the invention by Applicant.

Applicant further notes that this position does not contradict arguments made by Applicant in previous responses with regard to the question of whether or not Green describes the claimed invention. For that matter, Applicant believes that Green does not describe the present invention, but because Green is not a reference upon which a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 or 103 can be made, it is Applicant's position that no further distinguishing of Green is necessary.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-22 and 67-79 are patentable over the teaching of Green, as Green does not describe the present invention prior to the date of invention established by Applicant.

Rejections Based On 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 23-66 and 80 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Green (United States Patent Pub. No. 2006/0088152) as applied above in view of Detampel (United States Patent No. 5,995,608). Reconsideration of the present Application is respectfully requested.

Section 103(a) states:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

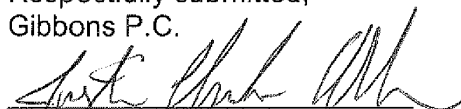
To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the references or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art and not based on applicant's disclosure. In re Vaeck, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

For the same reasons identified above, Green is not, in fact, a reference that can support a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103, in that each reference making up the rejection must describe at least a portion of the present invention prior to the date of invention established by Applicant. Because Green does not does not describe the present invention prior to the date of invention established by Applicant, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 23-66 and 80 are patently distinguishable over the art of record.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, Applicant believes all outstanding grounds raised by the Office Action have been addressed, and thus respectfully submits that the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-22 and 67-79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Green et al. (Green; US 2006/0088152 A1; previously cited and applied).

Green plainly teaches the claimed method and system for initiating a conference call via an instant messaging service. Refer to FIG. 1 of Green where the claimed conference call requester with a network access device reads on the computer 28. The claimed conference call server reads on the conference-calling system 10. The claimed display showing the potential target and indicating whether the target is connected to the IM service is taught plainly at paragraph [0015], lines 10 – 14. The claimed generating a conference call request is taught at paragraph [0013]. The claimed bridge reads on the Bridge 12. The claimed alternative such as VoIP is plainly recited at paragraph [0012]. Green also teaches the Internet 24 and Database 48. Paragraphs [0007], [0014], [0016], [0021], and [0025] of Green further plainly teach the instant messaging service/software being adapted to communicate conference call request

information with a conference call server. Green has clearly shown how the IM Service 30 is adapted to be used with the conference-calling system 10.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

4. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

5. Claims 23-66 and 80 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Green et al. as applied above in view of Detampel.

The only difference between Green and claims 23-66 is that Green is silent with respect to parsing the conference call request. However, Detampel plainly teaches, by name, initiating a conference call by parsing a formatted text message to extract a conferee list (read as determining parameters); refer to column 11, lines 57 - 60. Thus, it would have been obvious even to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the parsing feature of Detampel into the conference call request of Green in order to easily determine the parameters associated with a conference call as motivated by Detampel.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-80 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

In as much as the phrase "adapted to" may raise a question as to the limiting effect in the claim language (refer to MPEP 2111.04), the examiner has addressed the applicant's assertion regarding the limitations of "instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with a conference call server" in the new ground(s) of rejection above.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry S. Hong whose telephone number is (571) 272-7485. The examiner is normally off on Wednesdays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad F. Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Harry S. Hong/
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
INITIATING A CONFERENCE CALL

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2007 in the above-identified patent application was assigned a shortened statutory period, set to expire December 27, 2007. Applicant respectfully requests and files herewith a Request for a Three Month Extension of Time extending the time for response to March 27, 2008. Accordingly, Applicant deems this Amendment and Response timely filed.

Should there be any additional fees due and owing, or being paid in excess of any required amount, with respect to this application, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees or to credit such overpayment to deposit account no. 03-3839.

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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Amended) A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:
 - providing a conference call requester with a network access device, said network access device capable of communicating via an instant messaging service, said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with a conference call server;
 - establishing a communications connection from said network access device to a conference call server;
 - presenting said conference call requester with a display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated, said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;
 - generating a conference call request by said conference call requester, said conference call request identifying at least one potential target for said conference call request;
 - transmitting said conference call request from said network access device to said conference call server;
 - establishing a conference call connection to said conference call requester, said conference call connection initiated by said conference call server, said conference call connection further being connected to at least a one other target.

2. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.

3. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said instant messaging service comprises an internet accessible application, said internet accessible application being communicably connected to said network access device via the Internet.

4. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 3, wherein said internet accessible application comprises a browser viewable web page.

5. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a publicly switched telephone network.

6. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a voice over internet protocol communications path.

7. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection provides for video data transmission.

8. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a cellular communications path.

9. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.

10. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 8, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

11. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 8, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

12. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, further comprising the step of determining whether at least one potential target to a conference call is available for said conference call dependant upon the presence of an IM presence for said at least one potential target.

13. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 12, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party conference call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

14. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 13, wherein said conference bridge selects between alternate communications paths dependant upon cost criteria.

15. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 14, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a VOID path.

16. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 13, wherein said conference bridge selects between alternate communications paths dependant upon performance criteria.

17. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 16, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a VOIP path.

18. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential targets.

19. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 18, wherein at least one address comprises an automatic number identifier.

20. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 19, wherein at least one address comprises a VOIP address.

21. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.

22. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.

23. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:

providing a conference call server;

providing a call requester with a network accessible device, the network accessible device being communicably connected to an instant messaging service, said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said conference call server;

presenting said conference call requester with a display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated, said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;

generating a conference call request by said conference call requester, said Conference call request identifying at least one potential target for joining in a conference call;

transmitting said generated call request from said conference call requester to said conference call server;

receiving said generated call request at said conference call server;

parsing said conference call request to determine parameters associated with a requested conference call; and

initiating a conference call in accordance with parameters associated with the requested conference call.

24. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call connects at least one target via a voice over Internet protocol path.

25. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call connects at least one potential call recipient via a publicly switched telephone network.

26. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call comprises at least one path providing for transmission of visual data.

27. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 26, wherein said visual data comprises video conferencing images.

28. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 26, wherein said visual data comprises image files in a digital format.

29. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a cellular communications path.

30. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.

31. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 30, further comprising the step of displaying for a call requester a conference call status display, said conference call status display listing targets involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

32. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises at least one potential target previously involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

33. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises at least one potential target identified from an e mail application associated with said conference call requester's network access device.

34. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said instant messaging service comprises an internet accessible application, said internet accessible application being communicably connected to said network access device via the Internet.

35. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 34, wherein said internet accessible application comprises a browser viewable web page.

36. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.

37. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 36, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

38. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 37, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

39. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a personal digital assistant, said personal digital assistant comprising an Internet connection.

40. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a cellular telephone, said cellular telephone comprising an Internet connection.

41. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party conference call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

42. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 41, wherein said conference call server further selects said third party conference call service from a plurality of available third party call services dependant upon cost criteria.

43. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server establishes a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

44. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 43, wherein said conference call server further selects at least one connection path for said conference bridge from a plurality of connection paths dependant upon cost criteria.

45. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 44, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a VOID path.

46. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 43, wherein said conference call server further selects at least one connection path for said

conference bridge from a plurality of connection paths dependant upon performance criteria.

47. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential conference call recipients.

48. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 47, wherein at least one address comprises a VOIP address.

49. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.

50. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.

51. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:

providing a conference call server;

providing a call requester with a network accessible device, the network accessible device having instant messaging software thereon, said instant messaging software being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said conference call server;

presenting to said conference call requester a display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated, said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;

generating a conference call request by the call requester;

transmitting said generated call request from said call requester to said conference call server;

receiving said generated call request at said conference call server;

parsing said conference call request to determine parameters associated with a requested conference call; and

initiating a conference call across a conference call connection in accordance with parameters associated with the requested conference call.

52. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.

53. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 52, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

54. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 53, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a conference call to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

55. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, further comprising the step of displaying for a conference call requester a conference call status display, said conference call status display listing targets involved in a conference call initiated by said conference call server.

56. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises identification of at least one potential target previously involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

57. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises identification of at least one potential target identified from an e mail application associated with said conference call requester's network access device.

58. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party conference call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one call recipient.

59. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 58, wherein said third party conference call service selects between alternate communications paths for the conference bridge dependant upon cost criteria.

60. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 59, wherein at least one alternate communications path is a VOIP path.

61. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 58, wherein said third party conference call service selects between alternate communications paths for the conference bridge dependant upon performance criteria.

62. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 61, wherein at least one alternate communications path is a VOIP path.

63. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential conference call targets.

64. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 63, wherein at least one address comprises a VOIP address.

65. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.

66. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.

67. (Previously Amended) A system for initiating conference calls, comprising:

a conference call server, said conference call server having a network connection communicable with network access devices, said conference call server further comprising a database for storing prospective target information;

at least one network access device, said at least one network access device being communicably connected to an instant messaging service, an instant messaging client being adapted to communicate a conference call request to said conference call server;

a conference call bridge, said conference call bridge having a plurality of communications paths and hardware or software for bridging at least two of said paths for enabling a conference call.

68. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said network access device further comprises application sharing capabilities.

69. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 68, wherein said application sharing capabilities comprising an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

70. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 69, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging

service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

71. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.

72. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said instant messaging service comprises an internet accessible application, said internet accessible application being communicably connected to said network access device via the Internet.

73. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 72, wherein said internet accessible application comprises a browser viewable web page.

74. (Previously Amended) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein at least one of said plurality of communications paths comprises a VOID channel.

75. (Previously Amended) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein at least one of said plurality of communications paths comprises a publicly switched telephone network channel.

76. (Previously Amended) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein at least one of said plurality of communications paths comprises a channel capable of transmitting visual images.

77. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said conference call server further comprises a database containing information derived from previous conference calls initiated by the conference call server.

78. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 77, wherein said conference call server database information comprises addresses derived from previous conference calls initiated by the conference call server.

79. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, further comprising an interface to an e mail application resident on said conference call requester's network access device, said interface capable of querying said e mail application to identify contact information for potential conference call targets.

80. (Previously Amended) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a personal computer.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-80 are pending in this Application.

Claims 1-80 stand rejected.

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 and 67-79 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Green (United States Patent Pub. No. 2006/0088152). Claims 23-66 and 80 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Green (United States Patent Pub. No. 2006/0088152) as applied above in view of Detampel (United States Patent No. 5,995,608). Reconsideration of the present Application is respectfully requested.

Rejections Based On 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-22 and 67-79 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Green (United States Patent Pub. No. 2006/0088152).

Section 102(e) states:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in - (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for the purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language. . .

Consistently, "a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Schering Corporation v. Geneva Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 339 F.3d 1373 (Fed. Cir. 2003). Identity of invention requires that a prior reference disclose to one of ordinary skill in the art all elements and limitations of the patent claim. *Scripps Clinic v. Genentech*, 927 F.2d 1565, 1576 (Fed. Cir. 1991). Absence from the reference of any claimed element negates anticipation. *Kloster Speedsteel AB v. Crucible, Inc.*, 230 USPQ 81 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

Previously amended Claim 1, in part, recites "said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said a conference call server ...said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service." Applicant respectfully submits that adapting an instant messaging service, as claimed in Claim 1, is absent from the teachings of Green.

In response to this previous assertion by Applicant, the present office action directs to paragraph 13 of Green. *See Office Action @ 2 and 7*. At paragraph 13, Green sets forth "although one way of starting a conference in some embodiments may be for the conference host to place a telephone call to the conference calling service and request the conference, a more typical way will be for the conference host to use an instant-messaging client on his computer or direct his browser to a conference service web site through which the request can be made." Applicant respectfully asserts that this teaching of Green is not a teaching of "said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said a conference call server ...said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service."

Nowhere does Green discuss adapting any instant messaging. Further, in reading the recited portion of Green, it is clear that Green is setting forth that an instant message is sent similar to the telephone call placed before the more typical discussion to the conference calling service and request the conference. Applicant respectfully submits that it is in fact this distinction - that Green's instant messaging is not adapted in any way. Further, the present rejection states that "Green at paragraph 13 plainly teaches this feature in question of an instant messaging service/client being adapted to communicate conference call request information with a conference call server." See *present Office Action @7* To the extent that the present rejection is to be continued, Applicant respectfully requests that it be pointed out, specifically, how the instant message of Green is adapted. Applicant respectfully submits that such an endeavor necessarily will come up empty and evidence the particular point that Applicant is making.

Applicant has reviewed the cited reference, and while Green discusses the use of an instant messaging service to determine whether potential meeting participants are connected, Green lacks any teaching of adapting an instant messaging service. Instead, Green recites the following:

The conferencing system can use such information to facilitate invitee selection. Specifically, the system can automatically retrieve the conference host's list of instant-messaging contacts and have the host select from among some or all of the list's entries. This can be done in a number of ways. The illustrated embodiment, for example, employs an instant-messaging client on the conference host's computer for this purpose. It responds to the conference host's request by sending the conference host's browser a web page. The web page directs the conference host's browser to execute programming that among other things collects a list of instant-messaging contacts from the conference host's computer and displays some or all of those contacts on the web page that the conference host sees.

Green, United States Patent Publication No. 2006/0088152, paragraph 0015.

[Emphasis Added]

This web page is in fact what the present Office Action cites to. *See Office Action @ page 3, point 8.* Applicant respectfully submits that for at least this reason, Claim 1 of the present application is patentable at least over Green. Claims 2-22 are similarly patentable over Green, at least as a result of their ultimate dependence on a patentably distinct base claim, namely Claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that amended Claim 67, in part, recites “an instant messaging client being adapted to communicate a conference call request to said conference call server”. For the same reasons set forth with respect to Claim 1 above, Applicant submits that Claim 67 is also patentable over the teaching of Green. Similarly, Claims 68-792 are patentable over Green, at least as a result of their ultimate dependence on a patentably distinct base claim, namely Claim 67.

Rejections Based On 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 23-66 and 80 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Green (United States Patent Pub. No. 2006/0088152) as applied above in view of Detampel (United States Patent No. 5,995,608). Reconsideration of the present Application is respectfully requested.

Section 103(a) states:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject

matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the references or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art and not based on applicant's disclosure. In re Vaeck, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 23, in part, recites an "instant messaging service being adapted to communicate a conference call request information with said conference call server". For the reasons set forth with respect to Claim 1 above, Applicant submits that Claim 23 is patentable over the teachings, in any combination, of Green and Detampel. Applicant respectfully submits that Detampel neither corrects the deficiency in the application of the teaching of Green, nor does the present Office Action even suggest that it does so. *See Office Action @ page 4, point 11*. Similarly, Claims 24-50 and 80 are similarly patentable over Green and Detampel, at least as a result of their ultimate dependence on a patentably distinct base claim, namely Claim 23.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 51, in part, recites an "instant messaging software being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said conference call server". For the reasons set forth with respect to Claim 1 above, Applicant submits that Claim 51 is patentable over the teachings, in

any combination, of Green and Detampel. Applicant respectfully submits again that Detampel neither corrects the deficiency in the application of the teaching of Green, nor does the present Office Action even suggest that it does so. *See Office Action @ page 4, point 11.* Similarly, Claims 52-66 are similarly patentable over Green and Detampel, at least as a result of their ultimate dependence on a patentably distinct base claim, namely Claim 51.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, Applicant believes all outstanding grounds raised by the Office Action have been addressed, and thus respectfully submits that the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

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Attorney Docket No. 107453.59476

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Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2007 having a three-month shortened statutory period for response expiring December 27, 2007 by three months to and including March 27, 2008.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$525.00 for the fee for a small entity for this extension of time to Deposit Account No. 03-3839.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-22 and 67-79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Green et al. (Green; US 2006/0088152 A1; previously cited and applied).

Green plainly teaches the claimed method and system for initiating a conference call via an instant messaging service. Refer to FIG. 1 of Green where the claimed conference call requester with a network access device reads on the computer 28. The claimed conference call server reads on the conference-calling system 10. The claimed display showing the potential target and indicating whether the target is connected to the IM service is taught plainly at paragraph [0015], lines 10 – 14. The claimed generating a conference call request is taught at paragraph [0013]. The claimed bridge reads on the Bridge 12. The claimed alternative such as VoIP is plainly recited at paragraph [0012]. Green also teaches the Internet 24 and Database 48.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

4. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

5. Claims 23-66 and 80 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Green et al. as applied above in view of Detampel.

The only difference between Green and claims 23-66 is that Green is silent with respect to parsing the conference call request. However, Detampel plainly teaches, by name, initiating a conference call by parsing a formatted text message to extract a conferee list (read as determining parameters); refer to column 11, lines 57 - 60. Thus, it would have been obvious even to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the parsing feature of Detampel into the conference call request of Green in order to easily determine the parameters associated with a conference call as motivated by Detampel.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed on June 27, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's arguments with respect to rejections based on Shalit are persuasive; thus the rejections based on Shalit are withdrawn.

However, applicant's arguments with respect to rejections based on Green are not persuasive. Applicant's entire argument with respect to rejections based on Green is directed to Green lacking the teaching of the instant messaging service/client being adapted to communicate conference call request information with a conference call server. The applicant cites paragraph 15, lines 10-14 of Green to validate this point. Green does discuss the use of an instant messaging service to determine whether potential meeting participants are connected, however, the examiner also cited paragraph 13 in the Official Action, and Green at paragraph 13 plainly teaches this feature in question of an instant messaging service/client being adapted to communicate conference call request information with a conference call server.

The applicant provides no other substantive arguments with respect to rejections based on Green. Thus the rejections based on Green are maintained.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry S. Hong whose telephone number is (571) 272-7485. The examiner is normally off on Wednesdays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad F. Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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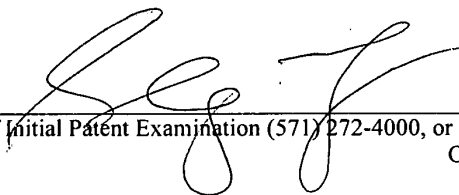


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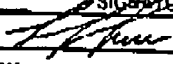
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2006 in the above-identified patent application was assigned a shortened statutory period, set to expire March 27, 2007. Applicant respectfully requests and files herewith a Request for a Three Month Extension of Time extending the time for response to June 27, 2007. Accordingly, Applicant deems this Amendment and Response timely filed.

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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:
 - providing a conference call requester with a network access device, said network access device capable of communicating via an instant messaging service, said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said a conference call server;
 - establishing a communications connection from said network access device to a conference call server;
 - presenting said conference call requester with a display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated, said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;
 - generating a conference call request by said conference call requester, said conference call request identifying at least one potential target for said conference call request;
 - transmitting said conference call request from said network access device to said conference call server;
 - establishing a conference call connection to said conference call requester, said conference call connection initiated by said conference call server, said conference call connection further being connected to at least a one other target.

2. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.

3. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said instant messaging service comprises an internet accessible application, said internet accessible application being communicably connected to said network access device via the Internet.

4. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 3, wherein said internet accessible application comprises a browser viewable web page.

5. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a publicly switched telephone network.

6. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a voice over internet protocol communications path.

7. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection provides for video data transmission.

8. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a cellular communications path.

9. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.

10. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 8, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

11. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 8, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

12. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, further comprising the step of determining whether at least one potential target to a conference call is available for said conference call dependant upon the presence of an IM presence for said at least one potential target.

13. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 12, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party conference call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

14. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 13, wherein said conference bridge selects between alternate communications paths dependant upon cost criteria.

15. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 14, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a VOID path.

16. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 13, wherein said conference bridge selects between alternate communications paths dependant upon performance criteria.

17. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 16, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a VOIP path.

18. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential targets.

19. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 18, wherein at least one address comprises an automatic number identifier.

20. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 19, wherein at least one address comprises a VOIP address.

21. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.

22. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.

23. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:

providing a conference call server;

providing a call requester with a network accessible device, the network accessible device being communicably connected to an instant messaging service, said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said conference call server;

presenting said conference call requester with a display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated, said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;

generating a conference call request by said conference call requester, said Conference call request identifying at least one potential target for joining in a conference call;

transmitting said generated call request from said conference call requester to said conference call server;

receiving said generated call request at said conference call server;

parsing said conference call request to determine parameters associated with a requested conference call; and

initiating a conference call in accordance with parameters associated with the requested conference call.

24. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call connects at least one target via a voice over Internet protocol path.

25. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call connects at least one potential call recipient via a publicly switched telephone network.

26. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call comprises at least one path providing for transmission of visual data.

27. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 26, wherein said visual data comprises video conferencing images.

28. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 26, wherein said visual data comprises image files in a digital format.

29. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a cellular communications path.

30. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.

31. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 30, further comprising the step of displaying for a call requester a conference call status display, said conference call status display listing targets involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

32. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises at least one potential target previously involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

33. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises at least one potential target identified from an e mail application associated with said conference call requester's network access device.

34. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said instant messaging service comprises an internet accessible application, said internet accessible application being communicably connected to said network access device via the Internet.

35. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 34, wherein said internet accessible application comprises a browser viewable web page.

36. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.

37. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 36, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

38. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 37, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

~~8038~~. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a personal computer.

39. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a personal digital assistant, said personal digital assistant comprising an Internet connection.

40. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a cellular telephone, said cellular telephone comprising an Internet connection.

41. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party conference call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

42. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 41, wherein said conference call server further selects said third party conference call service from a plurality of available third party call services dependant upon cost criteria.

43. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server establishes a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

44. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 43, wherein said conference call server further selects at least one connection path for said conference bridge from a plurality of connection paths dependant upon cost criteria.

45. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 44, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a VOID path.

46. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 43, wherein said conference call server further selects at least one connection path for said conference bridge from a plurality of connection paths dependant upon performance criteria.

47. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential conference call recipients.

48. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 47, wherein at least one address comprises a VOIP address.

49. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.

50. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.

51. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:
providing a conference call server;

providing a call requester with a network accessible device, the network accessible device having instant messaging software thereon, said instant messaging software being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said conference call server;

presenting to said conference call requester a display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated, said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;

generating a conference call request by the call requester;

transmitting said generated call request from said call requester to said conference call server;

receiving said generated call request at said conference call server;

parsing said conference call request to determine parameters associated with a requested conference call; and

initiating a conference call across a conference call connection in accordance with parameters associated with the requested conference call.

52. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.

53. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 52, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

54. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 53, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a conference call to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

55. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, further comprising the step of displaying for a conference call requester a conference call status display, said conference call status display listing targets involved in a conference call initiated by said conference call server.

56. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises identification of at least one potential target previously involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

57. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises identification of at least one potential target identified from an e mail application associated with said conference call requester's network access device.

58. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party

conference call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one call recipient.

59. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 58, wherein said third party conference call service selects between alternate communications paths for the conference bridge dependant upon cost criteria.

60. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 59, wherein at least one alternate communications path is a VOIP path.

61. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 58, wherein said third party conference call service selects between alternate communications paths for the conference bridge dependant upon performance criteria.

62. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 61, wherein at least one alternate communications path is a VOIP path.

63. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential conference call targets.

64. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 63, wherein at least one address comprises a VOIP address.

65. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.

66. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.

67. (Currently Amended) A system for initiating conference calls, comprising:

a conference call server, said conference call server having a network connection communicable with network access devices, said conference call server further comprising a database for storing prospective target information;

at least one network access device, said at least one network access device being communicably connected to an instant messaging service, said an instant messaging client being adapted to communicate a conference call request to said conference call server;

a conference call bridge, said conference call bridge having a plurality of communications paths and hardware or software for bridging at least two of said paths for enabling a conference call.

68. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said network access device further comprises application sharing capabilities.

69. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 68, wherein said application sharing capabilities comprising an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

70. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 69, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

71. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.

72. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said instant messaging service comprises an internet accessible application, said internet accessible application being communicably connected to said network access device via the Internet.

73. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 72, wherein said internet accessible application comprises a browser viewable web page.

74. (Currently Amended) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein at least one of said plurality of communications ~~channels~~ paths comprises a VOID channel.

75. (Currently Amended) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein at least one of said plurality of communications ~~channels~~ paths comprises a publicly switched telephone network channel.

76. (Currently Amended) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein at least one of said plurality of communications ~~channels~~ paths comprises a channel capable of transmitting visual images.

77. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said conference call server further comprises a database containing information derived from previous conference calls initiated by the conference call server.

78. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 77, wherein said conference call server database information comprises addresses derived from previous conference calls initiated by the conference call server.

79. (Original) A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, further comprising an interface to an e mail application resident on said conference call requester's network access device, said interface capable of querying said e mail application to identify contact information for potential conference call targets.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-79 are pending in this Application.

Claims 1-79 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 67 and 74-76 have been amended.

Duplicate Claim number 38 has been amended to read as Claim 80.

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 and 67-79 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 11, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-22 and 67-79 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Green (United States Patent Pub. No. 2006/0088152). Claims 67-79 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Shalit (United States Patent Pub. No. 2002/0122391). Claims 23-66 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Green (United States Patent Pub. No. 2006/0088152) as applied above in view of Detampel (United States Patent No. 5,995,608). Reconsideration of the present Application is respectfully requested.

Multiple Claims 38 Filed

Applicant respectfully points out that the original application was inadvertently filed with two claims numbered 38 - a total of 80 claims.

38. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 37, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

38. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a personal computer.

Applicant has amended the second listed Claim 38 by renumbering it as claim 80.

~~38~~80. (Original) A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a personal computer.

Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment corrects this numbering error without disrupting the proper numbering of subsequent independent and dependent claims.

Rejections Based On 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-22 and 67-79 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to correct the insufficient antecedent basis for the term "said conference call server". Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment overcomes the rejection of Claim 1 and those of Claims 2-22 also.

Applicant has further amended Claim 67 to correct the insufficient antecedent basis problem for the term "said instant messaging client". Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment overcomes the rejection of claim 67 and those claims that depend from claim 67 that are presently rejected, namely claims 68-79.

Applicant has further amended Claims 74-76 to correct the insufficient antecedent basis issue with the term "said plurality of communications channels". Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment overcomes the rejection of Claims 74-76.

Rejections Based On 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-22 and 67-79 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Green (United States Patent Pub. No. 2006/0088152). Claims 67-79 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Shalit (United States Patent Pub. No. 2002/0122391).

Section 102(e) states:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in - (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for the purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language. . .

Consistently, "a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Schering Corporation v. Geneva Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 339 F.3d 1373 (Fed. Cir. 2003). Identity of invention requires that a prior reference disclose to one of ordinary skill in the art all elements and limitations of the patent claim. *Scripps Clinic v. Genentech*, 927 F.2d 1565, 1576 (Fed. Cir. 1991). Absence from the reference of any claimed element negates anticipation. *Kloster Speedsteel AB v. Crucible, Inc.*, 230 USPQ 81 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

Rejections based on Green

Amended Claim 1, in part, recites “said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said a conference call server”. Applicant respectfully submits that adapting an instant messaging service, as claimed in Claim 1, is absent from the teachings of Green. In particular, there is no portion of Green cited for this proposition. *See, Office Action @ page 3, point 8.* Applicant has reviewed the cited reference, and while Green discusses the use of an instant messaging service to determine whether potential meeting participants are connected, Green lacks any teaching of adapting an instant messaging service. Instead, Green recites the following:

The conferencing system can use such information to facilitate invitee selection. Specifically, the system can automatically retrieve the conference host's list of instant-messaging contacts and have the host select from among some or all of the list's entries. This can be done in a number of ways. The illustrated embodiment, for example, employs an instant-messaging client on the conference host's computer for this purpose. It responds to the conference host's request by sending the conference host's browser a web page. The web page directs the conference host's browser to execute programming that among other things collects a list of instant-messaging contacts from the conference host's computer and displays some or all of those contacts on the web page that the conference host sees.

Green, United States Patent Publication No. 2006/0088152, paragraph 0015.

[Emphasis Added]

This web page is in fact what the present Office Action cites to. *See Office Action @ page 3, point 8.* Applicant respectfully submits that for at least this reason, Claim 1 of the present application is patentable at least over Green. Claims 2-22 are similarly patentable over Green, at least as a result of their ultimate dependence on a patentably distinct base claim, namely Claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that amended Claim 67, in part, recites “an instant messaging client being adapted to communicate a conference call request to said conference call server”. For the same reasons set forth with respect to Claim 1 above, Applicant submits that Claim 67 is also patentable over the teaching of Green. Similarly, Claims 68-792 are patentable over Green, at least as a result of their ultimate dependence on a patentably distinct base claim, namely Claim 67.

Rejections based on Shalit

Amended Claim 67, in part, recites “said conference call server further comprising a database for storing prospective target information.” This portion of Claim 67 is not identified in the present Office Action as being rejected. *See Office Action @ page 3, point 7.* In fact, Shalit only has a single database identified as a SQL database 13, which is a database for logging information in the form of “Call Detail Reporting” log. *See Shalit, United States Patent Publication No. 2002/0122391, paragraph 0056.* Applicant respectfully submits that Shalit not only fails to teach any database for storing prospective target information, but the present Office Action does not even suggest that Shalit teaches this element. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that for at least these reasons, Claim 67 of the present application is patentable at least over Shalit. Claims 68-79 are similarly patentable over Green, at least as a result of their ultimate dependence on a patentably distinct base claim, namely Claim 67.

Rejections Based On 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 23-66 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Green (United States Patent Pub. No. 2006/0088152) as applied

above, in view of Detampel (United States Patent No. 5,995,608). Reconsideration of the present Application is respectfully requested.

Section 103(a) states:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the references or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art and not based on applicant's disclosure. In re Vaeck, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 23, in part, recites an "instant messaging service being adapted to communicate a conference call request information with said conference call server". For the reasons set forth with respect to Claim 1 above, Applicant submits that Claim 23 is patentable over the teachings, in any combination, of Green and Detampel. Applicant respectfully submits that Detampel neither corrects the deficiency in the application of the teaching of Green, nor does the present Office Action even suggest that it does so. *See Office Action @*

page 4, point 11. Similarly, Claims 24-50 and 80 are similarly patentable over Green and Detampel, at least as a result of their ultimate dependence on a patentably distinct base claim, namely Claim 23.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 51, in part, recites an “instant messaging software being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said conference call server”. For the reasons set forth with respect to Claim 1 above, Applicant submits that Claim 51 is patentable over the teachings, in any combination, of Green and Detampel. Applicant respectfully submits again that Detampel neither corrects the deficiency in the application of the teaching of Green, nor does the present Office Action even suggest that it does so. See *Office Action @ page 4, point 11*. Similarly, Claims 52-66 are similarly patentable over Green and Detampel, at least as a result of their ultimate dependence on a patentably distinct base claim, namely Claim 51.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, Applicant believes all outstanding grounds raised by the Office Action have been addressed, and thus respectfully submits that the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

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 Serial No.: 11/019,655 : Group Art Unit: 2614
 Filed: December, 22, 2004 : Examiner: Hong, Harry S.
 For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INITIATING A CONFERENCE CALL

PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2006 having a three-month shortened statutory period for response expiring March 27, 2007 by three months to and including June 27, 2007.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$510.00 for the fee for a small entity for this extension of time to Deposit Account No. 03-3839.

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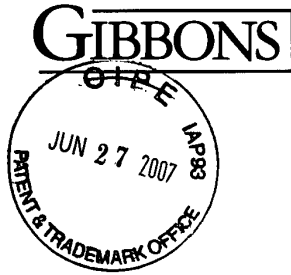
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-22 and 67-79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

3. Claim 1 recites the limitation "said conference call server" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. (The applicant is kindly asked to be aware when cutting and pasting languages between claims).

Claims 2-22 depend on claim 1.

4. Claim 67 recites the limitation "said instant messaging client" in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

5. Claims 74-76 recite the limitation "said plurality of communications channels" in line 2 of respective claims. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

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only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 67-79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Shalit (US 2002/0122391 A1; cited and applied for the first time).

Refer to paragraph [0028] where the claimed conference call server reads on the conferencing platform and the claimed bridge is plainly recited. The claimed network access devices read on the COMPUTERS in FIGs. 1 and 2. The claimed application sharing capabilities have to be inherent to the COMPUTERS of Shalit. Shalit teaches by name VoIP.

8. Claims 1-22 and 67-79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Green et al. (Green; US 2006/0088152 A1; cited and applied for the first time).

Green plainly teaches the claimed method and system for initiating a conference call via an instant messaging service. Refer to FIG. 1 of Green where the claimed conference call requester with a network access device reads on the computer 28. The claimed conference call server reads on the conference-calling system 10. The claimed display showing the potential target and indicating whether the target is connected to the IM service is taught plainly at paragraph [0015], lines 10 – 14. The claimed generating a conference call request is taught at paragraph [0013]. The claimed bridge reads on the Bridge 12. The claimed alternative such as VoIP is plainly recited at paragraph [0012]. Green also teaches the Internet 24 and Database 48.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

11. Claims 23-66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Green et al. as applied above in view of Detampel.

The only difference between Green and claims 23-66 is that Green is silent with respect to parsing the conference call request. However, Detampel plainly teaches, by name, initiating a conference call by parsing a formatted text message to extract a conferee list (read as determining parameters); refer to column 11, lines 57 - 60. Thus, it would have been obvious even to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the parsing feature of Detampel into the conference call request of Green in order to easily determine the parameters associated with a conference call as motivated by Detampel.

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Fostick (US 6,856,809 B2) teaches initiating an SMS conference via instant messaging services (see column 3, lines 17 – 33).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry S. Hong whose telephone number is (571) 272-7485. The examiner is normally off on Wednesdays.

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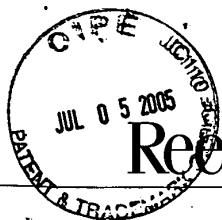
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/019,655
Filed: December 22, 2004
For: "System and Method for Initiating a Conference Call"
Attorney Docket No. 03-40224-US (883808.20001)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following for filing in connection with the above-referenced application:

1. Petition for Three Month Extension of Time;
2. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application;
3. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from inventor (total 3 pages);
4. Copy of the Notice dated February 2, 2005;
5. Credit Card form PTO 2038 for \$2,650.00 for small entity (\$2,140.00 for the extra claims fees, filing fee and surcharge for the late declaration/\$510.00 for third request for extension of time);
6. A self-addressed stamped postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account No. 18-0586.

Respectfully submitted

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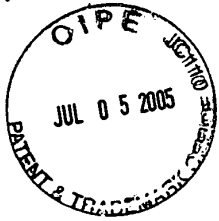
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Serial No.: 11/019,655 : Examiner: TBD
Filed: December 22, 2004 : Group Art Unit: 2642
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INITIATING A CONFERENCE CALL

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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This is in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts mailed by the U.S. Patent Office on February 2, 2005, the response to which is due today, July 5, 2005.

As required by the Notice, Applicant submits herewith an Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR §1.63. Applicant also submits credit card payment in the amount of \$2,140.00 for the extra claims fees, filing fee and surcharge for the late declaration. In addition, Applicant submits herewith a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

Please charge any other fee required and/or credit any over charge with respect to this response to Deposit Account No. 18-0586.

Respectfully submitted,

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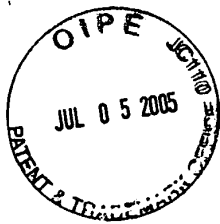
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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INITIATING A CONFERENCE CALL

the specification of which was filed on December 22, 2004 having Serial No. 11/019,655.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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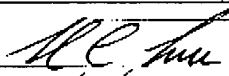
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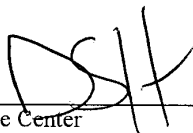
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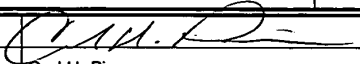
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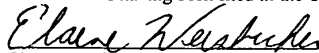
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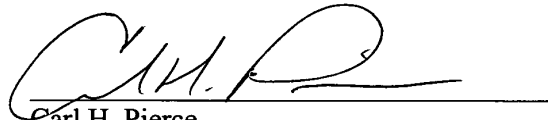
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**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
INITIATING A CONFERENCE CALL**

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Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to a method for initiating a conference call between two or more users, and more particularly to initiating a voice conference call between two or more users using a central server to communicate parameters for
10 the call and for initiating the call itself.

Background

Business meetings where the differing perspectives of the participants provide the value of the meeting have been conducted for a long time. As the costs associated with travel have increased, companies have turned from face to face meetings to
5 meetings allowing participants to be separately located, including telephone conferences, video conferences, and more recently through on-line meetings.

As traffic congestion grows in every part of the country, and software tools improve, companies worldwide are recognizing that it is possible to have effective meetings on-line. There are various forms of real-time, or on-line, collaboration. The
10 simplest form is instant messaging. The ability of messaging software to tell another user who is available at a given moment is called "presence". Presence awareness has been proven to eliminate up to 35% of voicemail, and as much as 30% of email, particularly long threaded discussions. Because of this, instant messaging has become the fastest growing form of communication in history. Gartner predicts over
15 200 million business users will be using some form of enterprise instant messaging by the end of 2005, an increase of over 100 million users from 2003.

Instant messaging has its roots in the consumer industry, but is virally working its way into corporations. Consumer messaging systems typically offer no security, no IT control over usage, and no reporting capabilities. Nor do consumer
20 systems offer tracking history of conversations, a requirement of a number of federal statutes, from the SEC to Sarbanes-Oxley to the new medical HIPPA requirements. There are no clear leaders in the corporate instant messaging market, although the opportunity has been recently showcased by the entrance of Microsoft and IBM.

Oftentimes, messaging leads to the requirement for one or more meetings with the participants. Historically this required travel, which lengthened the business processes and significantly increased costs. With the advent of various forms of desktop application sharing, it is now possible for multiple users to “see” the same desktop at the same time. This “real-time” collaboration market is just emerging, and is estimated by Collaborative Strategies to be about a \$6 billion market, with an average annual growth rate of 64% through 2005, and is expected to add 20 million users to its ranks in the next several years.

In a recent Deloitte Consulting survey of 300 of the Fortune 1000, collaboration was top priority with 75% of respondents. While less than 30% were using some form of collaborative tools today, 80% of respondents said they would implement some collaboration capability by 2005. According to a recent Yankee Group survey, companies will save \$223B over next 5 years by collaborating over the Internet.

Because of the size of this emerging opportunity, Microsoft recently acquired a company called Placeware, for \$180 million, to provide software for on-line meetings. Placeware has been renamed and is now being offered by Microsoft, coupled with Windows 2003 server, as Microsoft Live Meeting. Microsoft internally calculates that they will save over \$43 million this year alone in time and travel costs if just 1 in 5 meetings are conducted on-line. Microsoft will spend over \$300 million this year promoting Live Meeting, and joins IBM with its Lotus Sametime product, WebEx, and another 3 dozen smaller competitors.

The commonality of all of the collaboration products is that once the users begin their on-line meeting, they use a number of tools. Many of them require some form of application sharing, and all of them require some form of accompanying communication, from instant messaging to conference calls. Although instant
5 messaging is sometimes used for extended conversations, most of the time the discussions are brief. ‘Conversations’ between a number of participants that become more involved are dependent upon the typing skills of each participant, which leads to the need for everyone to join in a conference call.

Similarly, real-time collaboration products imply the need for a conference
10 call. MS Live Meeting, IBM Lotus Sametime, WebEx, and a host of other software products all make an assumption that once you are sharing a document or spreadsheet, the users are on a conference call so they can discuss it. This brings real value to the meeting, yet the integration of the call into the collaboration process has not yet been addressed.

15 In the past, the problem with integrating telephony products into software has centered on integration with the PBX. In large part this is because the call initiator’s computer needed to pass the various telephony commands to the PBX, and no two PBX’s are alike. This requires system integrators, and up until now has reduced the scalability of the opportunity.

20 Furthermore, most PBX systems can only join a few users in a conference call. They cannot join many parties, leaving the originators the option of creating either a “meet me” or an operator assisted conference call. Because the users must typically dial a central number, such as a toll free number, and enter a passcode, it is

difficult to make the calls spontaneous. Yet, the needs of both instant messaging and on-line meetings demand it.

A further concern arises regarding the security of a conference call using the call in model. Any caller knowing the call in number and passcode may enter into the conference call, without the knowledge of the other members of the call. Although it is possible for the call service to monitor the number of connections, the call service may be unable to ascertain the identity of callers, such as where the calling number is blocked. Furthermore, even if the identity of participants were disclosed to a call originator during a conference call, such information could be a distraction during the conference call.

Conference calls today fall into 2 categories:

1. "Meet Me" calls – These conference calls involve all users of the call dialing, via a publicly switched telephone network (hereafter "PSTN"), cellular telephone, or via a voice over internet protocol network, a central phone number or ANI to a conference bridge and entering a personal identification number (hereafter "PIN") or pass code to join the call. These calls may be may be set up by an originating user by going to a web site to set up the call, through calling an operator and setting the call up, or setting up a static DNIS to which all users may dial on occasion.
2. Host-initiated Calls – These calls involve the host originating calls to all of the participants. In order to accomplish this, the host must initiate the call one of two ways:

a) either the host enters an ANI on his telephone and through pressing a combination of buttons has that party joined to the call, and repeats this process for each conference call participant, or;

5 b) the host types in the phone numbers of all the expected participants, either to a web site after which the web site will initiate a conference bridge and dial all the participants, or manually provides them to an operator who initiates the calls to the participants.

These methods are inefficient, in that they require a conference call requester or party to the conference call to manually inform either the parties to the conference
10 call, or the conference bridge itself, of parameters, passwords, and phone numbers for the call.

Instant messaging (hereafter "IM") systems employ a client-server model on Internet protocol (hereafter "IP") networks to deliver text chat and other information to distributed users in real-time. Instant Messaging client software may be loaded
15 onto a user's workstation or may be used in a web browser, and may allow a user to log into a remote Instant Messaging server. Once a user has logged in, business rules may be used to determine which other users are available to communicate with the first user in the instant messaging system. Many IM systems allow users to create lists of other users that they commonly communicate with. When a user in such a list
20 logs into the IM system, the server informs the list owner that a user in their list has logged on and is available to chat. In addition, Instant Messaging systems provide directory services that permit the users to search for another user. Once a user has the address of a second user, the first user can request a collaborative chat session with

the second user. The second user can choose to either accept or reject the chat session. After the session has been accepted, the users may be able to communicate in a private or public chat session by typing text messages to one another. The message can be either transmitted through a central server, or directly between users (peer to peer) once the first user has determined the availability of the second user from the IM system. These chat sessions may take place over an unsecured IP network. Further extensions of IM allow multiple participants to be involved in a chat session.

Summary of the Invention

10 The present invention may use a communications channel established through an instant messaging service to transmit a request to initiate a conference call from a network access device associated with a conference call requester to a conference call server. The conference call server, upon receiving the request, may initiate the formation of a conference bridge a conference call between the conference call requester and one or more call participants.

15 In a first embodiment, the present invention may be embodied in a method for initiating a conference call, including the steps of providing a conference call server; providing a conference call requester with a network accessible device communicable with an instant messaging service; generating a conference call request
20 by the conference call requester; transmitting the call request from the call requester to the conference call server; receiving the call request at the conference call server; parsing the conference call request to determine parameters associated with a requested conference call; and initiating a conference call in accordance with

parameters associated with the requested conference call. The instant messaging service may be adapted to communicate conference call request information with the conference call server.

The present invention may further use the presence component of an instant
5 messaging system to determine whether prospective attendees are available for a
conference call through this presence with the instant messaging service, then using
stored information that includes an address for a party, either through an IM channel
or at a specific phone number or VOIP address, create the ability for instant
messaging users to immediately create any combination of PSTN, Cellular, and VOIP
10 conference calls between users some of whom may be in instant messaging sessions,
and without the necessity of each user to dial a telephone number or having the host
look up the phone number of each participant in order to place an outbound telephone
call. The invention may collect, through a variety of means, the information needed
to join those users into a telephone conference call, pass the dialing information and
15 other parameters to a central server, and send an invitation to each participant in
advance of placing the call. The central server may directly or indirectly establish a
conference bridge, initiate a series of outbound calls to each of the selected users
from the instant messaging session, and seamlessly join those users in a conference
call using a conference bridge. Via the instant messaging service, the conference call
20 initiator may be able to see, via presence awareness, whether one or more additional
users with whom he wishes to conference are available, and may invite these users to
the call either through similar means, or by passing information to those users about
how to connect to a call. Optionally, and at the users discretion, the central server can

also add a “silent” user which is a recording device, to the conference bridge, record the call, and at the conclusion of the call pass the recorded voice transcript back to the Instant Messaging Server for archiving purposes. Additionally, using the instant messaging interface and based upon the conference server capabilities, the call initiator may apply certain business rules to various participants in the call, such as muting or dropping that participant from the call, archiving the participants telephone numbers, call duration, and call set-up parameters.

Figures

Figure 1 shows a flowchart of the initiation of a conference call according to the present invention.

- 5 Figure 2 shows a more comprehensive illustrative flowchart of the initiation of a conference call according to the present invention.

Figure 3 shows a notional flowchart of the initiation of a conference call according to the present invention, in an environment in which each prospective caller has access to a network access device.

- 10 Figure 4 illustrates a block diagram of a system for accomplishing the initiation of conference calls according to the present invention.

Figure 5 illustrates a notional network access device display through which a conference call may be initiated.

- 15 Figure 6 shows a notional network access device display through which conference call targets may be selected.

Figure 7 shows a notional network access device display identifying parameters associated with a potential target for a conference call initiated according to the present invention.

- 20 Figure 8 shows a notional network access device display identifying targets previously involved in conference calls who are potentially available for a conference call, including identification of an availability status for each target where such potential target has an ongoing presence with the instant messaging service.

- 25 Figure 9 shows a notional network access device display identifying targets previously involved in conference calls who are potentially available for a conference call, filtered to display potential targets having access to application sharing capabilities.

Figure 10 shows a notional network access device display identifying targets previously involved in conference calls who are potentially available for a conference call, filtered to display only potential targets for which an e-mail client contact information is available.

5 Figure 11 shows a notional network access device display allowing retrieval of parameters associated with a previous conference call.

Figure 12 shows an alternate system and process process for initiating conference calls according to the present invention.

10 Figure 13 shows a notional network access device display for displaying conference call management parameters to a conference call requester.

Figure 14 shows a notional network access device display for displaying conference call management parameters associated with a particular conference call.

Figure 15 shows an alternate process for initiating conference calls according to the present invention.

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Detailed Description

The following definitions are provided to more readily describe the present invention, and are not intended to limit the scope of the claims:

Access Authorization is the means by which a connection and/or request for service is authenticated to permit a party to access a service. There are many ways to authenticate a user, including, but not limited to, sign on ID's and passwords, digital signatures, electronic keycards, and biometric devices.

A Network Access Device (hereafter "NAD") is any device capable of communicating over a network to one or more other Network Access Devices using a common protocol. Such NADs can include but are not limited to computers, servers, workstations, Internet appliances, terminals, hosts, personal digital assistants (hereafter "PDAs"), and digital cellular telephones.

Encryption is the transformation of data into a form that cannot be read or understood without the use of a decryption algorithm. The purpose of encryption is to minimize the ability of third parties (who are not desired to participate in a conference call) to understand the contents of a message.

Decryption is the reverse of encryption; it is the transformation of encrypted data back into a readable form.

Address – This is the identifier for where a participant to a conference call may be contacted, and may be, but is not limited to, a PSTN or cellular phone number, such as an ANI, or a unique identifier associated with a voice over Internet protocol communications path.

ANI – Automatic Number Identifier – This is the direct phone number of a call participant, and is typically the number at which a person may be directly dialed.

Conference Bridge- Switching circuitry used to interconnect two or more communications paths connected to participants to allow simultaneous conversations
5 between the participants.

Conference Call – A communication between two or more parties who are disparately located, using a connection allowing the transmission of audible, verbal, or visual data, or a combination thereof, including videoconferencing in which participants are visible to other participants as well as able to verbally communicate
10 with each other.

PSTN – The voice networks are referred to as a publicly switched telephone network (PSTN) and its related services.

VOIP – Voice over Internet Protocol

As shown in Figure 1, the core of the present invention is the use of instant
15 messaging to trigger initiation of a host initiated conference call. The first step is providing 102 a conference call server. The conference call server may be connected to a network, such as an Internet protocol based network. The conference call server may have the ability to receive instant messenger messages requesting initiation of a conference call. The conference call server may have one or more ports for
20 connecting participants, such as by a VOIP path, or through a telephonic network. Connection of two or more paths allows the formation of a conference bridge. Alternately, the conference server may have stored information identifying one or

more conference bridges discrete from the conference server, such as conference bridge capabilities provided by one or more third party vendors.

Next, a first party, hereafter referred to as the conference call requester, may be provided 104 with a network access device (hereafter "NAD"). The NAD may be
5 connected to a network to which a conference call server is connected, as well as to an instant messaging service adapted to communicate a conference call request to the conference call server. In particular, the instant messaging service may be adapted to communicate a request that a conference call be initiated, potentially including parameters associated with the desired call. The instant messaging service may be
10 adapted to receive information in a tagged field format, such as HTML or XML, such that information contained in the message may be correctly parsed to allow the conference call server to properly initiate, or request initiation of, a conference call bridge.

When a conference call requester desires to initiate a conference call, the
15 conference call requester may generate 106 a message (hereafter referred to as the "conference request message") to the conference server identifying parties who are potential participants ("potential targets") to a conference call. The potential call targets may be identified by an alias, such as a user name associated with the conference call targets in the conference call requester's NAD. Alternately, the
20 information may be an alias identifying information associated with the potential targets stored in the conference server. Alternately, the potential targets may be identified by phone numbers or other addresses for the potential targets. Once the

conference request message has been generated, the conference request message may be transmitted 108 from the NAD to the conference call server.

The conference request message may then be received 110 by the conference server. The conference server may parse 112 the received message to determine the address of the selected conference call targets. Parsing may involve stripping explicitly provided target phone numbers or VOIP addresses from the message, or converting aliases identified in a message. The conference call server may then initiate 114 or request initiation of a conference bridge between the conference call requester and the conference call targets.

10 As may be noted in Figure 1, the availability of conference call targets is not pre-determined in the simple process shown. As shown in Figure 2, the instant messaging environment may be used to reduce the number of communications paths opened to unavailable or unwilling parties. In the process shown in Figure 2, each of the conference call targets have an NAD in communication with an instant messaging service. Such a situation could arise where each of the targets are involved in a shared application session, with IM being used to provide a channel for communications outside the shared application session. In such a situation, the conference call server, which could be common with the shared application session server, could have a communications path 202 established with each of the NAD's associated with the conference call targets. When a conference call request is received by the conference server, the conference server may use the target identification portion of the message to determine the appropriate channel to the IM capability of the conference call target's IM software on their NAD, and generate 204

a conference request message to the conference call target or targets. The conference call targets could, upon receipt of the conference request message, decide 206 whether or not they desired to join the proposed conference call, and respond accordingly via their instant messaging software. The conference call server could 5 then generate 208 a list of targets for the conference call, and then initiate 210 the conference call. As noted above, the initiation of the conference call may be accomplished by the forwarding of the list of attendees to conference call creator software, which could then initiate the conference call as discussed further below. Furthermore, conference bridges could be established for potential participants who 10 are not connected through an instant messenger, although the potential then exists for the non-IM invitees to not be available to join a conference call.

As shown in Figure 3, a more robust embodiment of the present invention may be implemented to allow further functionality. For the purposes of illustration, the Figure shows three parties, User A 302, User B 304, and User C 306, involved 15 308 in an IM session, such as a chat session which could occur during a shared application session. User A 302, the conference call requester, could request a conference call through the NAD in use by User A. The IM service in communication with User A's NAD could be implemented to be aware of the on-going IM session, such that the software would determine the list of conference call 20 targets from the list of parties presently in the IM session. Thus, User A could request a conference call with one step, such as through actuation of a "call now" button or icon associated with User A's IM service. Alternately, User A could be provided with a list of participants of the on-going IM session, and be provided 312

with the opportunity to add or remove potential participants from a planned conference call.

The conference call server in communication with User A's NAD may be provided with functionality for assessing charges associated with the conference call.

5 A first step may be to determine 314 whether User A is a subscriber to a service providing the conference call server. If User A is not a subscriber to the service, User A may be informed 316 that he is not allowed to use the service. Although not shown, User A may be provided with the opportunity to subscribe to the service at this point. If User A is determined to be a subscriber, User A may be queried to
10 provide information identifying a method for paying for the proposed conference call, such as through use of a credit card. Alternately, a charge account may be associated with a subscriber, such that once it is determined that User A is a subscriber, User A may be prompted to verify that the call should be charged to the associated account. Once User A has provided 318 charge information, the charge information may be
15 verified 320. If it is determined that the charge information is invalid, User A may be so informed 322.

If it is determined that the charge information is valid, the conference call server may send 324 a conference call invitation to Users B and C. If Users B and C accept 326 the conference call invitation, the conference call server may prompt 328
20 Users B and C, via the IM functionality on their respective NADs, to verify their phone numbers for the conference call, or to provide information regarding calling them if no address information is available. The verification process may incorporate the use of information pre-stored in the conference call server for Users B and C, such

that Users B and C may be prompted 330 with the pre-stored information to determine if it is correct, thus reducing the effort required for Users B and C to provide the necessary information to the conference call server.

The conference call server may then initiate a conference call bridge between
5 the conference requester and the targets. If it is determined that, for each target, that direct dial calls are enabled, the conference bridge provider can dial 334 the direct dial number for the targets, connect to VOIP paths if VOIP connections are to be used, or may implement a combination of direct dialed and VOIP connections. If it determined that a target is not able to be direct dialed, the conference call server may
10 send 336 an IM message to the non-direct dial target, providing a call-in number and passcode for the proposed conference call. Additionally, the conference call server may instruct 338 the NADs of the targets to disable any conference call request functionality while the present conference call is underway.

The conference call server may further utilize third party conference call
15 providers for the actual initiation of a conference call based on parameters generated by the conference call server or the conference call requester. Various conference call providers may provide different functionality and/or rate structures. Functionality may include the ability to record a conference call, the ability to have listeners to the conference call (as opposed to parties with the ability to both listen
20 and speak), the ability or inability to add or drop participants during a conference call, the ability to interactively mute a participant during a conference call, or the ability to provide video conferencing. Parameters associated with such choices may be provided for individual targets through target identity information provided to the

conference call server, such as through the interface screen shown in Figure 7, discussed further below.

Selection of conference call providers may also be determined based on rates associated with long distance charges which would be incurred as a result of the conference call, or based upon a preferred routing where VOIP paths are used. Different users may be in different regions geographically, such that different phone service providers would charge different amounts for the long distance aspect of the conference call. Thus, use of rate information in association with geographic information associated with conference call targets would allow minimization of long distance fees based on the geographic aspect of the conference call targets.

Where the conference call server initiates the conference call itself, the conference call server may use such geographic information to select specific long distance or data carriers for different conference call targets, again allowing minimization of the long distance, cost, or delay aspects. Such selections could include the selection of call repeaters at distant locations, to allow one communications service to forward the call into a geographic region, with a second service provider connecting to the conference call target. Such forwarding may be important where cellular or satellite paths are involved.

Conference call recording may also be implemented within the process, such that the requesting party can indicate a desire to have a conference call recorded. If such a desire is received, the request that the call is to be recorded can be transmitted to Users B and C, such as via the IM channel, and User B and C acceptance of the recording be determined and recorded. Having the acceptance

recorded may provide benefits at a later date, should the recording be challenged by a User claiming not to have known the call was being recorded.

Once the conference call is completed, the conference call server can record 342 the duration of the call, and assess appropriate charges to the designated account. 5 If a conference call functionality was disabled during initiation of the conference call, the functionality that was previously disabled may be re-enabled 344. Furthermore, if the call was recorded, a transcript of the call may be generated 346 and forwarded to a relevant party.

As shown in Figure 4, a system for accomplishing the present invention may 10 be implemented in a conference call server 402 connected to a network 404. The conference call server 402 may have a database 406 associated with the server 402 for storing account information, user information, and call management information, etc. Where one or more third party conference bridge providers may be used, information regarding the rate structures of the third party providers may be stored, to allow 15 optimization of conference bridge provider selection. The conference call server may additionally be connected directly to a telephone network 408 or VOIP connection, or indirectly through a third party conference bridge 410a, 410b,....

A shared application server may also be connected to allow information generated during a shared application session to be accessed by the conference call 20 server as required, such as to determine a list of parties involved in a shared application session. Shared application sessions comprise the ability of multiple viewers to view the interface with a particular software application operating on a particular set of data, and may include the ability of each viewer to simultaneously

operate the shared application. Such shared applications are discussed further in applicant's United States Patent Publication No. 20030018725, a.k.a. United States Patent Application Ser. No. 10/015077, filed October 26, 2001, the contents of which are herein incorporated in their entirety by reference thereto.

5 The users may be connected to the system via a network access device 414, which may be any network communicable device having the appropriate IM software service access. Although shown as a separate element, each user may also have telephonic capabilities 416 associated with the user. As discussed above, the telephonic capability may be implemented into the NAD, such as through a digital
10 cell phone, or VOIP connection through a desktop or laptop computer connected to the network.

 As shown in Figure 5, a display 502 may be generated on the NAD of a conference call requester to allow the conference call requester to invite potential participants to a proposed conference call, where IM is implemented on the potential
15 participants NAD, or may allow a conference call requester to select targets to be called directly to be included in a proposed conference call where the conference call target is not provided with an IM capable NAD. An IM presence of some or all of the prospective target may be monitored by the IM server, such that the presence of prospective targets may be displayed for the conference call requester, such as by
20 showing prospective targets who are not presently connected via IM to the conference server in a grayed display 504 with prospective target list, or by the display of present or not present flags on the display. Providing such information to the conference call requester may have the additional advantage of providing the conference call

requester with information on which to base a decision of whether or not to request a conference call at a given time, based on prospective target availability.

Figure 6 illustrates a notational information screen 602 for selecting prospective targets. The information screen 602 may include check boxes 604 to
5 allow a conference call requester to designate potential targets that the conference call requester would like joined in a conference call, as well as a feature 606 allow the conference call requester to transmit information to the conference call server such that a conference call may be initiated. The information screen may also be provided with a feature 608 such that the conference call requester may be able to signal to the
10 conference call server that an on-going conference call should be terminated.

Figure 7 illustrates a notional information screen 702 for querying and receiving parameters associated with a party. Figure 8 shows a notional conference history display 802 for managing conference calls. Conference history information may be stored on the conference call server, such that the information may be
15 accessible via an NAD.

Figure 8 illustrates a notional information screen 802 for allowing a conference call requester to select targets for a conference call from a list that has been filtered to only identify potential targets that have participated in previous conference calls. Figure 9 illustrates a notional information screen 902 for allowing a
20 conference call requester to select targets for a conference call from a list that has been filtered to only identify potential targets that have an application sharing capability through their network access devices.

Figure 10 illustrates a notional information screen 1002 for allowing a conference call requester to select targets for a conference call from a list that has been filtered to only identify potential targets for which contacts are available in the conference call requester's e-mail application. Alternately, such contacts could be
5 obtained from any application maintaining a contact list.

Figure 11 illustrates a notional information screen 1102 to allow a conference call requester to retrieve parameters from a previous conference call. As a feature of the system, the conference call server may store identifying information regarding a previous conference call, including but not limited to, the addresses of participants,
10 project identifying information 1104, and subject information 1106 for the prior conference call. This information may be displayed for the conference call requester to enable the conference call requester to recall and reuse parameters from the prior conference call.

Figure 12 illustrates an alternate system embodying the present invention. A
15 text messaging server 1202 may be provided for coordinating IM text messaging between a conference call requester and one or more targets, shown as text messaging clients 1204a, 1204b, 1204c, and 1204d. The text messaging server may function concurrently as the conference call server, operating conference setup software 1206. The text messaging server 1202 may be connected through the conference setup
20 software to a conference bridge 1208, either operated in conjunction with the text messaging server 1202, or maintained by a third party conference call service provider. The text messaging server 1202 may additionally be provided with access to a database 1208, either organically or remotely, to allow storage and retrieval

associated with the instant messaging service, as well as the conference call service. The conference bridge may have several communications paths 1210a, 1210b, and 1210c, which allow the conference bridge to interconnect telephone lines to accomplish a conference call. Additionally, the conference bridge may be provided
5 with network paths 1212a, 1212b, and 1212c, communicably connected to electronic devices such as personal computers 1214, to allow VOIP communications paths to be established to targets. The network paths are not restricted to VOIP protocols, but may alternately be used to provide videoconferencing capabilities, or the display of common visual displays for the participants to a conference call.

10 Figure 13 illustrates a notional information screen 1302 displaying management parameters associated with a completed conference call, such as date information 1304, a project identifier 1306, a subject identifier 1308, durational information 1310, attendance information 1312, and costing information 1314. This information may be collected by the conference call server or third party conference
15 call service provider, and stored by the conference call server to enable management of conference calls. Such information may also be retained to function as a record of prior conference call participant information. As noted above, an indicator 1316 may also be provided indicating whether a conference call was recorded for later playback or transcription.

20 Figure 14 shows a notional information screen 1402 showing management details associated with a prior conference call, such as could be drilled down from the display of Figure 13. Individual participants 1404 of a prior conference call could be listed on such a display.

Figure 15 illustrates an alternate process embodying the present invention, in which a conference call requester (“CCR”) accesses 1502 a network access device (“NAD”), such as to be involved in a shared application session, or simply for the purpose of initiating a conference call. The CCR may then cause the NAD to be
5 connected to a conference call server (“CCS”) such as by entering an address into a web browser, or even by first creating a dial up connection to the Internet or CCS directly. Connection of the NAD to the CCS may cause the presentation of information regarding potential conference call targets on the NAD, such as through the displays discussed above. The CCR may select potential targets from the display,
10 or manually add potential targets to a potential target list, to be included in a conference call request to be generated 1510 on and transmitted 1512 by the NAD to the conference call server, which may then initiate the conference call either directly or through a third party conference call service provider. Preferably, the conference call server or third party conference call service provider will identify optimized
15 communications paths for the targets, and make connections from the conference call server or third party conference call service provider to the targets, interconnecting the related communications paths to form the conference call.

Other variations and modifications of the present invention will be apparent to those of skill in the art, and it is the intent of the appended claims that such variations
20 and modifications be covered. The particular values and configurations discussed above can be varied and are cited merely to illustrate a particular embodiment of the present invention and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention. It is

contemplated that the use of the present invention can involve components having different characteristics as long as the principles of the invention are followed.

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:
 - providing a conference call requester with a network access device, said network access device capable of communicating via an instant messaging service, said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said conference call server;
 - establishing a communications connection from said network access device to a conference call server;
 - presenting said conference call requester with a display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated, said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;
 - generating a conference call request by said conference call requester, said conference call request identifying at least one potential target for said conference call request;
 - transmitting said conference call request from said network access device to said conference call server;
 - establishing a conference call connection to said conference call requester, said conference call connection initiated by said conference call server, said conference call connection further being connected to at least a one other target.

2. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.

3. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said instant messaging service comprises an internet accessible application, said internet accessible application being communicably connected to said network access device via the Internet.

4. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 3, wherein said internet accessible application comprises a browser viewable web page.

5. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a publicly switched telephone network.

6. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a voice over internet-protocol communications path.

7. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection provides for video data transmission.

8. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a cellular communications path.

9. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.

10. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 8, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

11. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 8, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

12. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, further comprising the step of determining whether at least one potential target to a conference call is available for said conference call dependant upon the presence of an IM presence for said at least one potential target.

13. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 12, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party conference call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

14. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 13, wherein said conference bridge selects between alternate communications paths dependant upon cost criteria.

15. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 14, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a VOIP path.

16. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 13, wherein said conference bridge selects between alternate communications paths dependant upon performance criteria.

17. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 16, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a VOIP path.

18. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential targets.

19. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 18, wherein at least one address comprises an automatic number identifier.

20. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 19, wherein at least one address comprises a VOIP address.

21. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.

22. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 1, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.

23. A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:

- providing a conference call server;
- providing a call requester with a network accessible device, the network accessible device being communicably connected to an instant messaging service, said instant messaging service being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said conference call server;
- presenting said conference call requester with a display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated, said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;
- generating a conference call request by said conference call requester, said conference call request identifying at least one potential target for joining in a conference call;
- transmitting said generated call request from said conference call requester to said conference call server;
- receiving said generated call request at said conference call server;
- parsing said conference call request to determine parameters associated with a requested conference call; and
- initiating a conference call in accordance with parameters associated with the requested conference call.

24. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call connects at least one target via a voice over Internet protocol path.

25. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call connects at least one potential call recipient via a publicly switched telephone network.

26. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said initiated conference call comprises at least one path providing for transmission of visual data.

27. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 26, wherein said visual data comprises video-conferencing images.

28. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 26, wherein said visual data comprises image files in a digital format.

29. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said conference call connection utilizes a cellular communications path.

30. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.

31. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 30, further comprising the step of displaying for a call requester a conference call status display, said

conference call status display listing targets involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

32. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises at least one potential target previously involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

33. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises at least one potential target identified from an e-mail application associated with said conference call requester's network access device.

34. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said instant messaging service comprises an internet accessible application, said internet accessible application being communicably connected to said network access device via the Internet.

35. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 34, wherein said internet accessible application comprises a browser-viewable web page.

36. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.

37. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 36, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

38. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 37, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

38. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a personal computer.

39. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a personal digital assistant, said personal digital assistant comprising an Internet connection.

40. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a cellular telephone, said cellular telephone comprising an Internet connection.

41. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party conference

call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

42. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 41, wherein said conference call server further selects said third party conference call service from a plurality of available third party call services dependant upon cost criteria.

43. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server establishes a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one target.

44. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 43, wherein said conference call server further selects at least one connection path for said conference bridge from a plurality of connection paths dependant upon cost criteria.

45. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 44, wherein said alternate communications paths comprise a VOIP path.

46. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 43, wherein said conference call server further selects at least one connection path for said conference bridge from a plurality of connection paths dependant upon performance criteria.

47. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential conference call recipients.

48. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 47, wherein at least one address comprises a VOIP address.

49. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.

50. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 23, wherein said network access device comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.

51. A method for initiating a conference call, comprising the steps of:

- providing a conference call server;
- providing a call requester with a network accessible device, the network accessible device having instant messaging software thereon, said instant messaging software being adapted to communicate conference call request information with said conference call server;
- presenting to said conference call requester a display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated, said display further indicating whether said potential target is communicably connected to said instant messaging service;
- generating a conference call request by the call requester;
- transmitting said generated call request from said call requester to said conference call server;
- receiving said generated call request at said conference call server;
- parsing said conference call request to determine parameters associated with a requested conference call; and
- initiating a conference call across a conference call connection in accordance with parameters associated with the requested conference call.

52. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises an application sharing capability.

53. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 52, wherein said application sharing capability comprises an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

54. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 53, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a conference call to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

55. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, further comprising the step of displaying for a conference call requester a conference call status display, said conference call status display listing targets involved in a conference call initiated by said conference call server.

56. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises identification of at least one potential target previously involved in a conference call server initiated conference call.

57. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said display showing at least one potential target with whom a conference call may be initiated comprises identification of at least one potential target identified from an e-mail application associated with said conference call requester's network access device.

58. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein the step of initiating a conference call comprises communicating information from said conference call server to a third party conference call service, said third party conference call service establishing a conference bridge between said call requester and at least one call recipient.

59. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 58, wherein said third party conference call service selects between alternate communications paths for the conference bridge dependant upon cost criteria.

60. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 59, wherein at least one alternate communications path is a VOIP path.

61. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 58, wherein said third party conference call service selects between alternate communications paths for the conference bridge dependant upon performance criteria.

62. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 61, wherein at least one alternate communications path is a VOIP path.

63. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said conference call request comprises addresses for a plurality of potential conference call targets.

64. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 63, wherein at least one address comprises a VOIP address.

65. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises a capability for communicating audio information via an Internet protocol connection.

66. A method for initiating a conference call according to claim 51, wherein said network access device further comprises a capability for communicating audio and visual information via an Internet protocol connection.

67. A system for initiating conference calls, comprising:

a conference call server, said conference call server having a network connection communicable with network access devices, said conference call server further comprising a database for storing prospective target information;

at least one network access device, said at least one network access device being communicably connected to an instant messaging service, said instant messaging client being adapted to communicate a conference call request to said conference call server;

a conference call bridge, said conference call bridge having a plurality of communications paths and hardware or software for bridging at least two of said paths for enabling a conference call.

68. A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said network access device further comprises application sharing capabilities.

69. A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 68, wherein said application sharing capabilities comprising an application sharing client installed on said network access device.

70. A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 69, wherein said application sharing capability is integrated with said instant messaging service, said integration comprising functionality to allow a user to generate a conference call request via said instant messaging service from within said application sharing capability.

71. A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said instant messaging service comprises a software client active on said network access device.

72. A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said instant messaging service comprises an internet accessible application, said internet accessible application being communicably connected to said network access device via the Internet.

73. A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 72, wherein said internet accessible application comprises a browser viewable web page.

74. A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein at least one of said plurality of communications channels comprises a VOIP channel.

75. A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein at least one of said plurality of communications channels comprises a publicly switched telephone network channel.

76. A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein at least one of said plurality of communications channels comprises a channel capable of transmitting visual images.

77. A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, wherein said conference call server further comprises a database containing information derived from previous conference calls initiated by the conference call server.

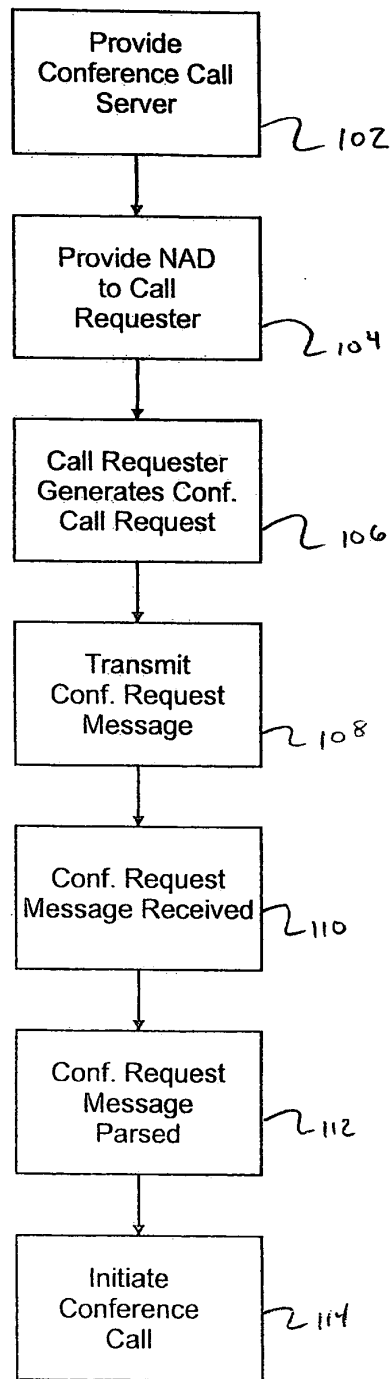
78. A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 77, wherein said conference call server database information comprises addresses derived from previous conference calls initiated by the conference call server.

79. A system for initiating conference calls according to claim 67, further comprising an interface to an e-mail application resident on said conference call requester's network access device, said interface capable of querying said e-mail application to identify contact information for potential conference call targets.

Abstract

The present invention is a system and method for initiating conference calls via an instant messaging system to reduce the effort required to initiate and manage the call. The system uses an IM connection between a requesting party and a conference call server to inform the conference call server of the desire to initiate the conference call. The conference call server may initiate the conference call by having involved parties called by a conference bridge, thus reducing the effort required by the parties to join the call.

Figure 1



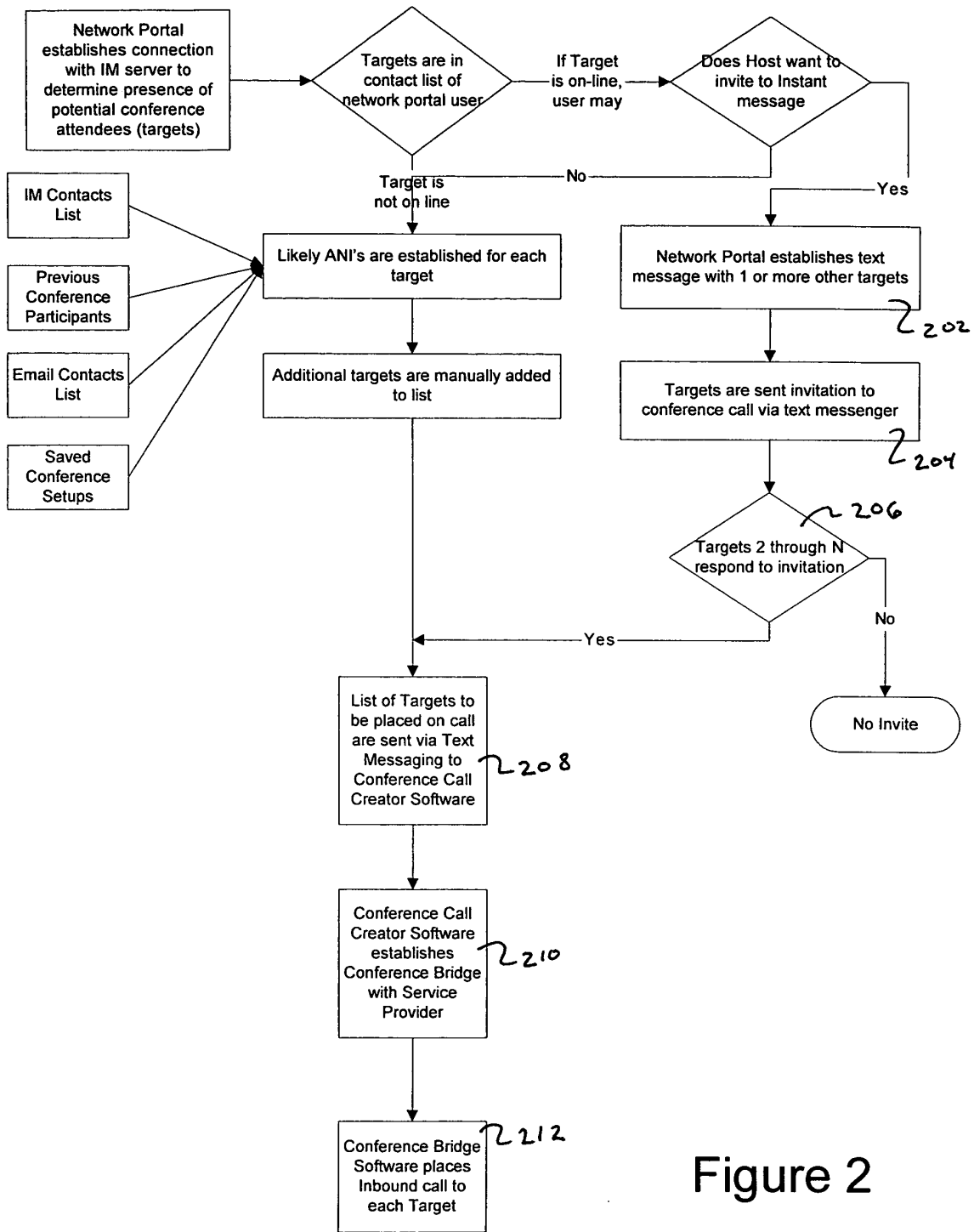


Figure 2

Figure 3

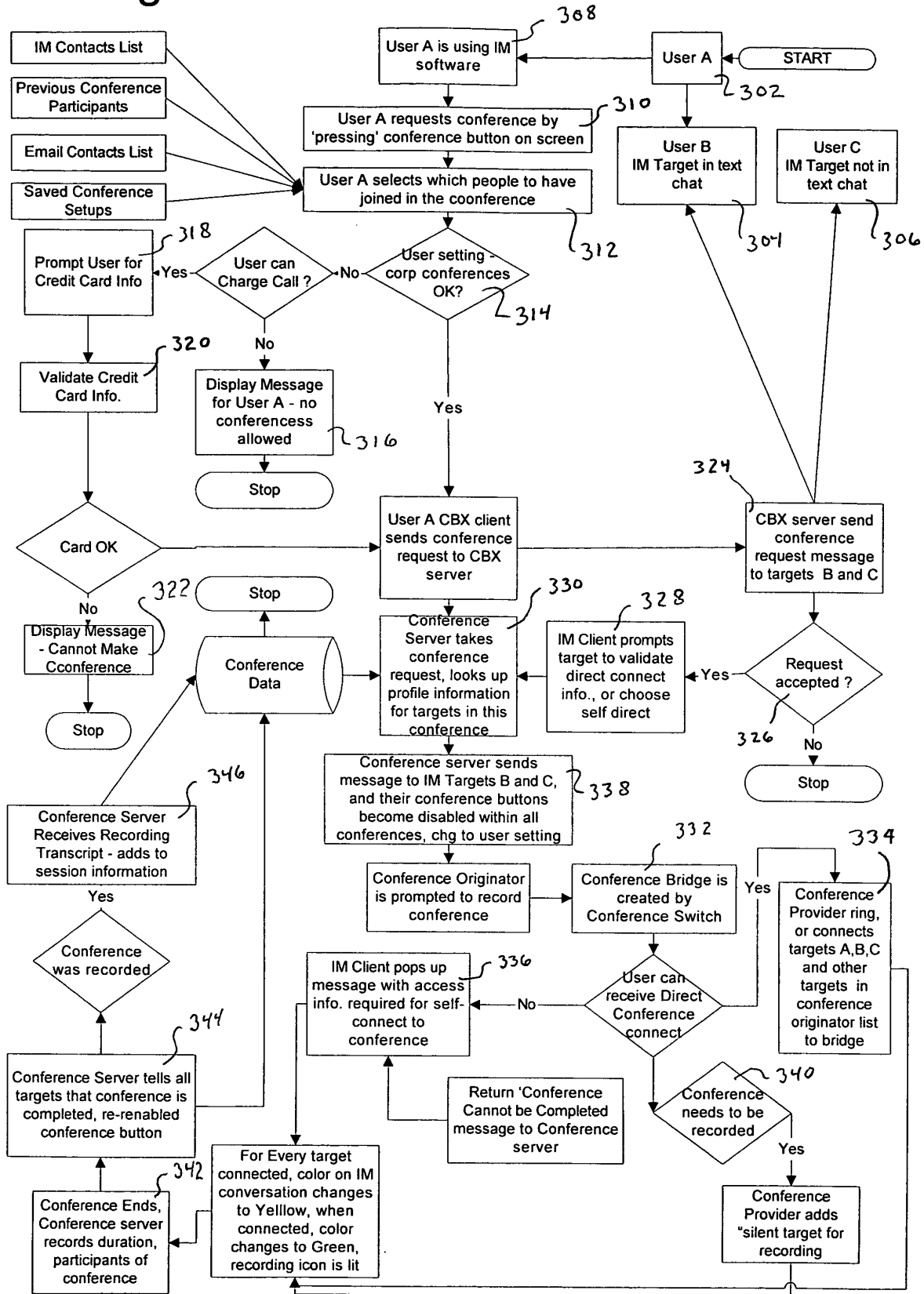


Figure 4

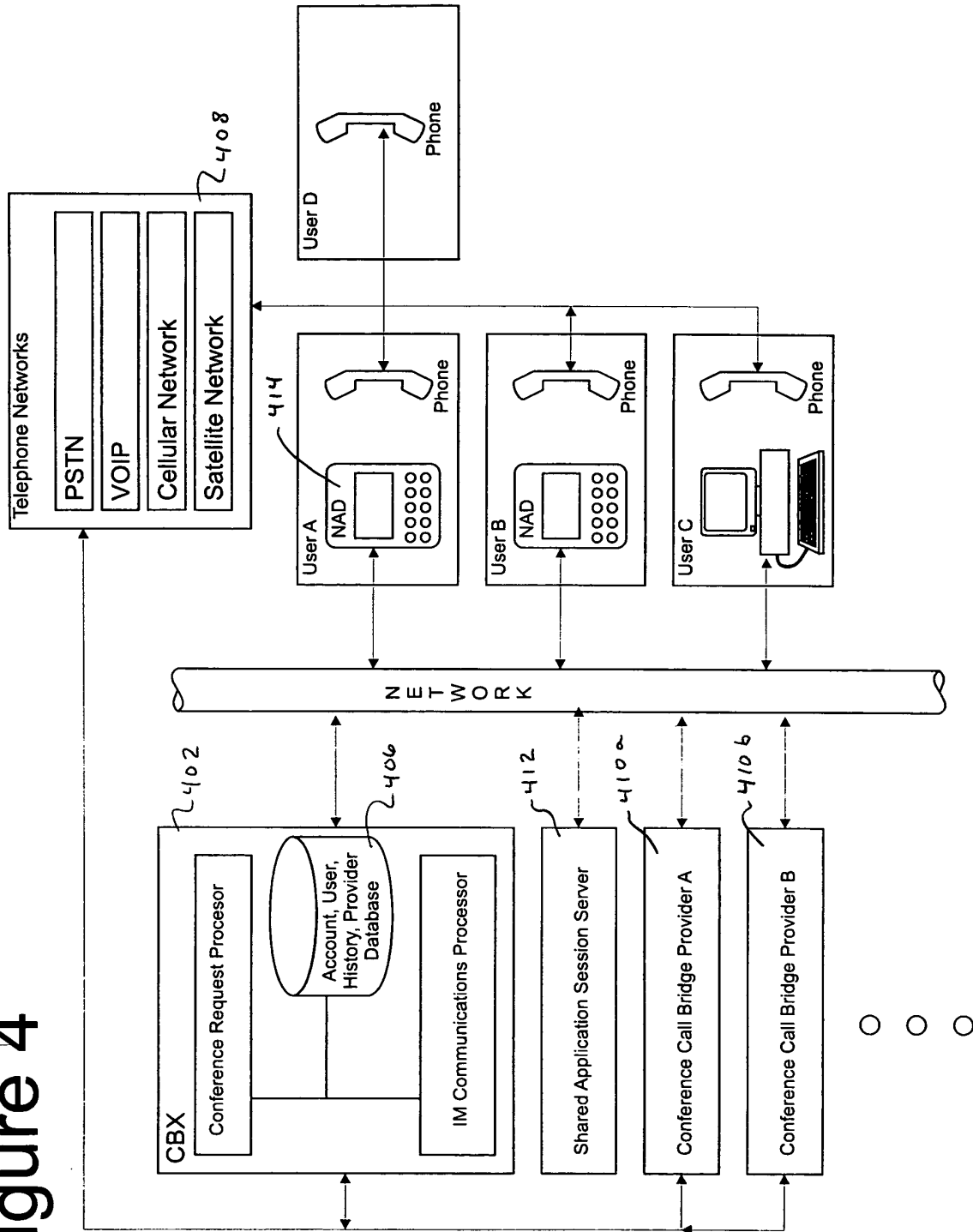


Figure 5

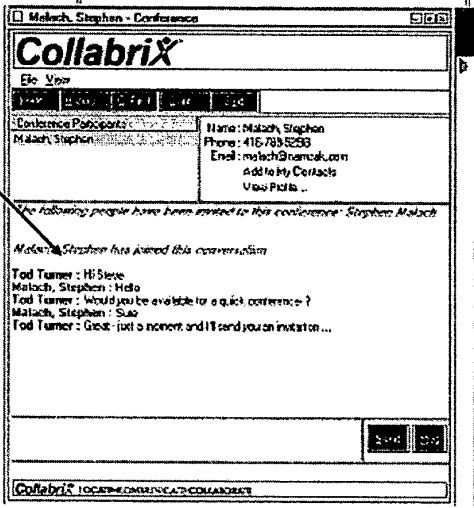
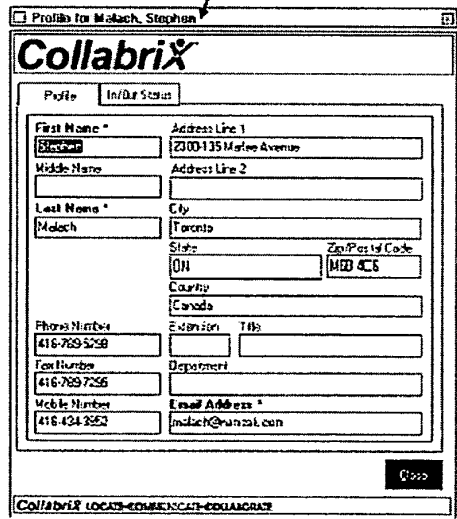
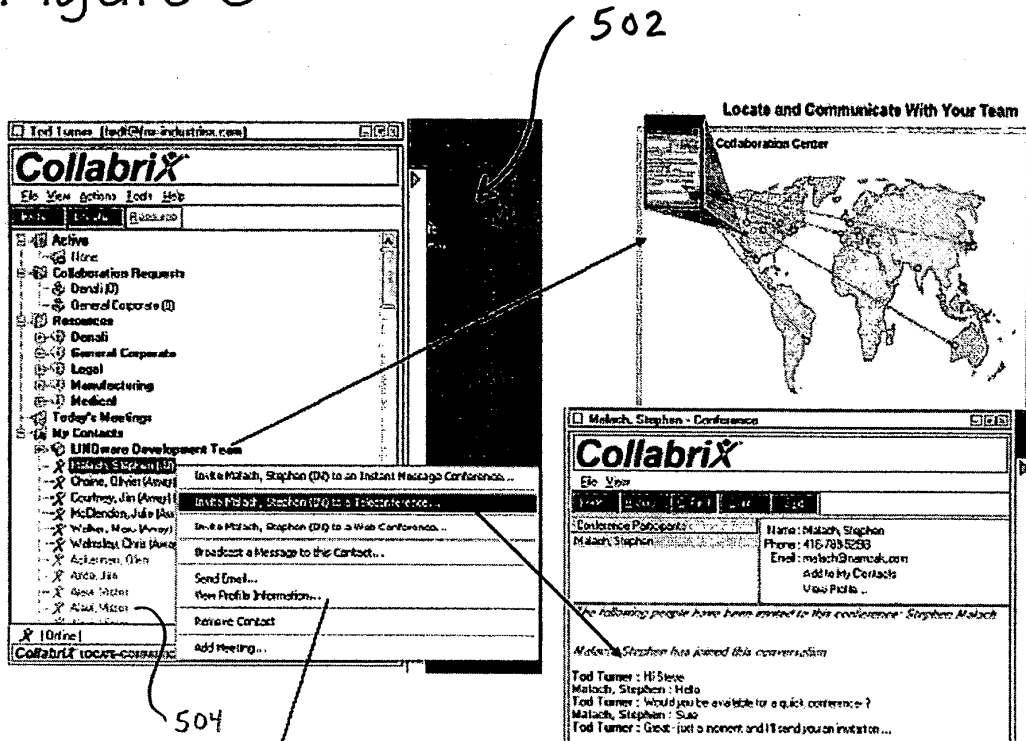


Figure 7

Figure 8

Retrieve Contacts
Collabrix Users | Outlook Contacts

Collabrix

Saved Conference Participants

Saved Participants

Name	E-mail Address	Phone	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Smith	billsm1@msn.com	425-445-1421	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaire, Olivier	dacher@accessline.com	(310) 980-4056	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Archer	herman4@tglobal.net		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Stephen Herman	eportaro@Yellowpages.com		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edan Portaro	edportaro@yellowpages.com	(702) 286-8722	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edan Portaro	fepler@accessline.com	(206) 654-1020	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Eppler	fepler@accessline.com		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Powers	jay@bearcreekvp.com	(425) 765-5333	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Courtney	jim.courtney@techtransform.com	905-812-0202	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Courtney	jim.courtney@techtransform.com	650-353-4610	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Albutnot	albutnot@cogeco.ca		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Louis Heidelberger	lheidelberger@reedsmith.com	(215) 284-8910	

Delete

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Figure 9

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Retrieve Contacts

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Saved Participants | Collabrix Users | Outlook Contacts

Use the fields below to specify what to look for and where to look. Click the "Retrieve" button to view a list of matching Collabrix users.

Find Collabrix Users

Look for: Look in:

Matching Collabrix Users

Name	Email Address	Phone
Stephen Spector	stephen.spector@citrix.com	
Steve Herman	herman4@atglobal.net	
Steve Handley	soh@linqware.com	
Steve Handley	steve.handley@linqware.com	

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Figure 10

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Retrieve Contacts

Collabrix

Saved Participants | Collabrix Users | Outlook Contacts

Use the fields below to specify what to look for and where to look. Click the "Retrieve" button to view a list of matching Outlook contacts.

Find Outlook Contacts

Look for: Look in:

Matching Outlook Contacts

Name	Company	Email Address	Business	Mobile	Home
<input type="checkbox"/> Vohra, Rich	Bach Business Credit		<input type="radio"/> (949) 222-2241		
<input type="checkbox"/> BakerMichael	Baker C Group	BakerCGroup@goamerica.com	<input type="radio"/> (253) 851-0432	<input type="radio"/> (253) 973-9340	
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<input type="checkbox"/> BRADFORD, BOB	BANGOR HYDRO ELECTRIC COMPANY	BBRADFORD@BHE.COM	<input type="radio"/> (207) 973-2838		
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Figure 11

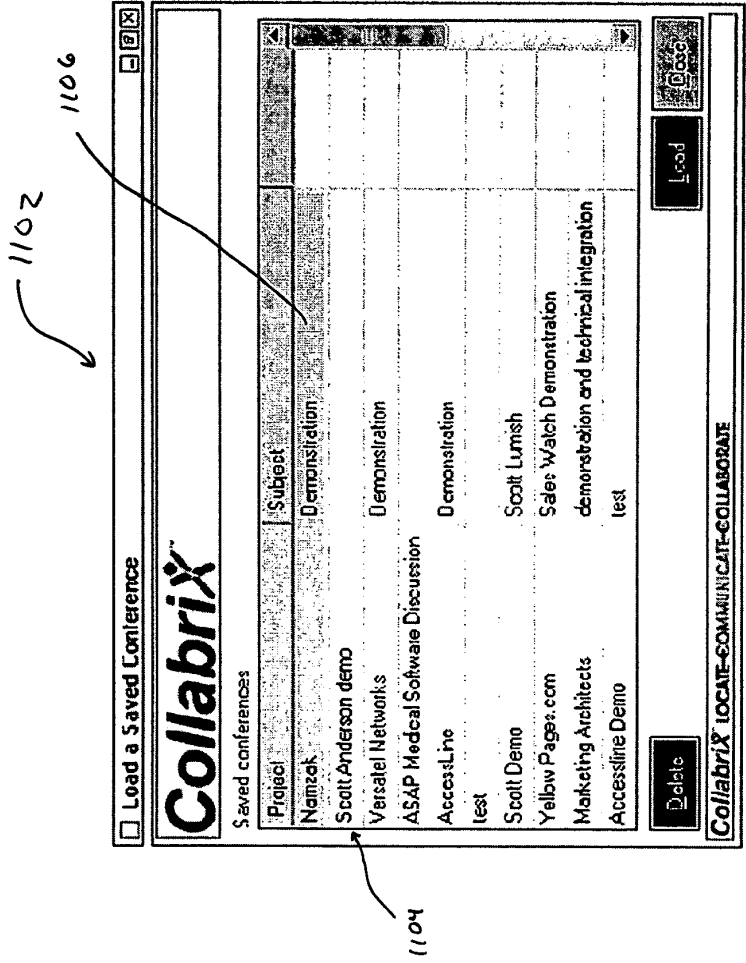


Figure 12

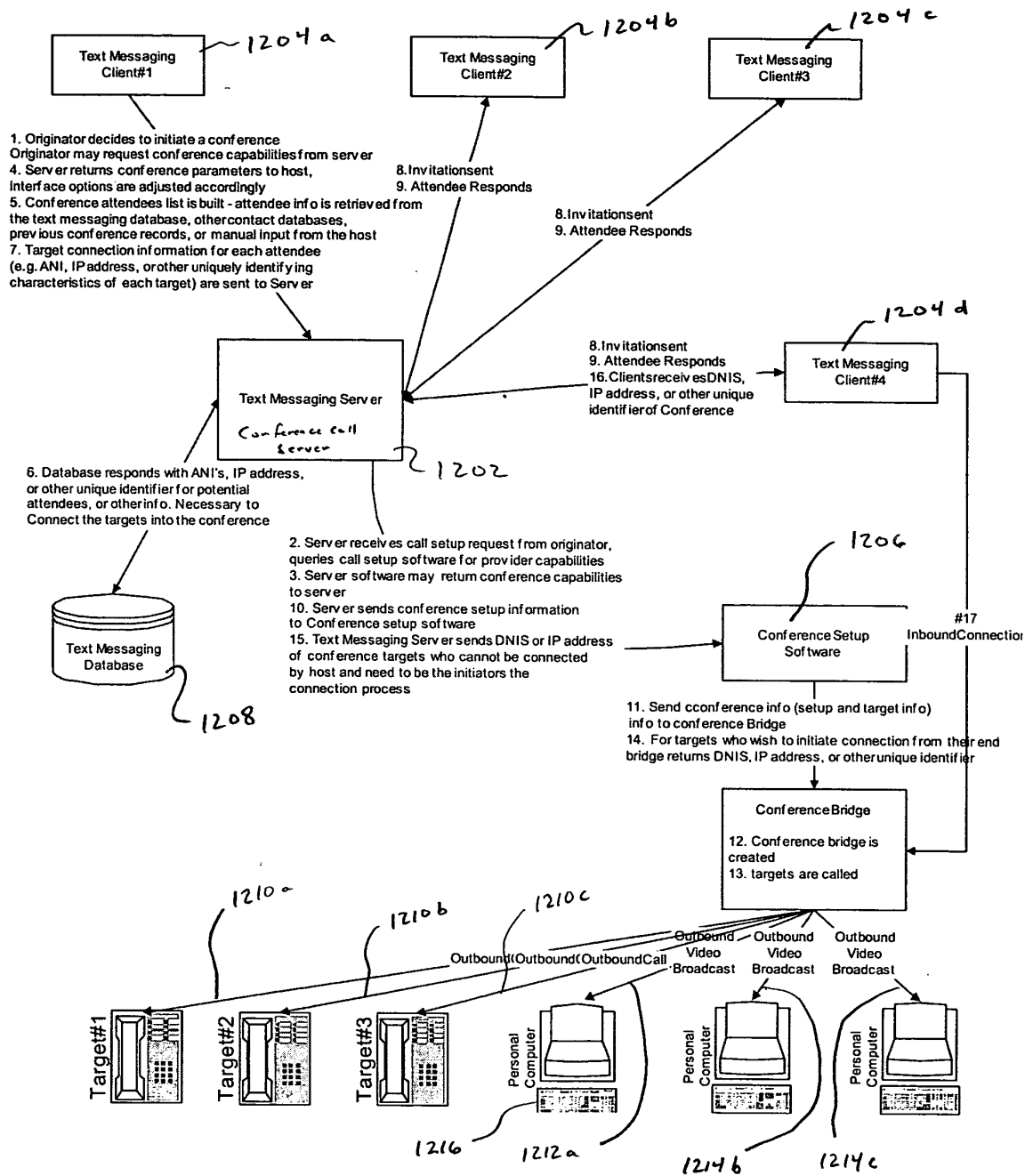


Figure 14

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Teleconference Call Detail

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Call Detail
Project - Telecom Patent
Subject - restating legal to complete
Date - 12/14/2004 Total Amount - \$12.15
Start Time - 7:31:13 AM Recorded - No
Initiator Duration - 00:26:57 File Size - 0
Attendee Count - 3

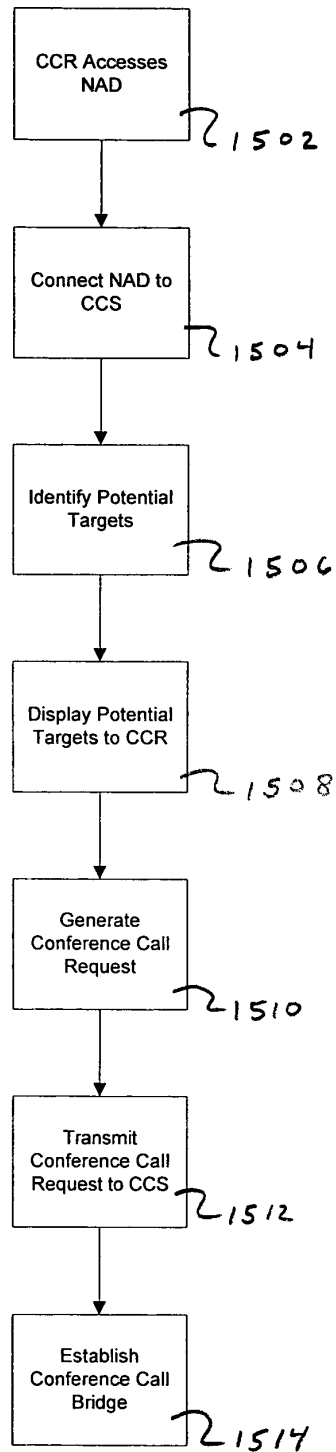
Teleconference Call Detail

Name	Phone	E mail	Start	Duration	Amount
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Jay Powers	4257655333	jay@bearcreekvp.com	7:31:13 AM	00:26:43	\$4.05
Louis Heidelberg	2152848910	lheidelberger@reedamith.com	7:31:13 AM	00:26:45	\$4.05

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Figure 15



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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INITIATING CONFERENCE CALL

the specification of which is being filed herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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SMALL ENTITY TYPE OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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RATE	FEE
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TOTAL	

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