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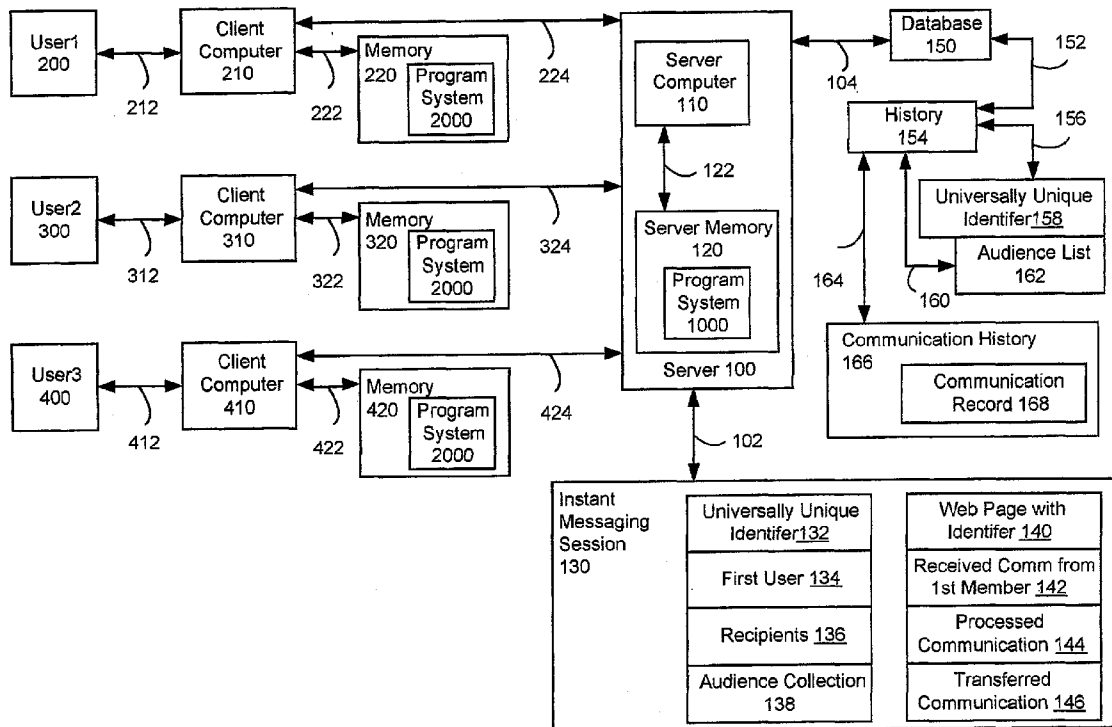
(57) **ABSTRACT**

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A system and method supporting instant messaging which removes many of the problems and barriers to the use of instant messaging through the use of universally unique identifiers to web pages for instant messaging sessions, with recipients invited to the instant messaging session via email.

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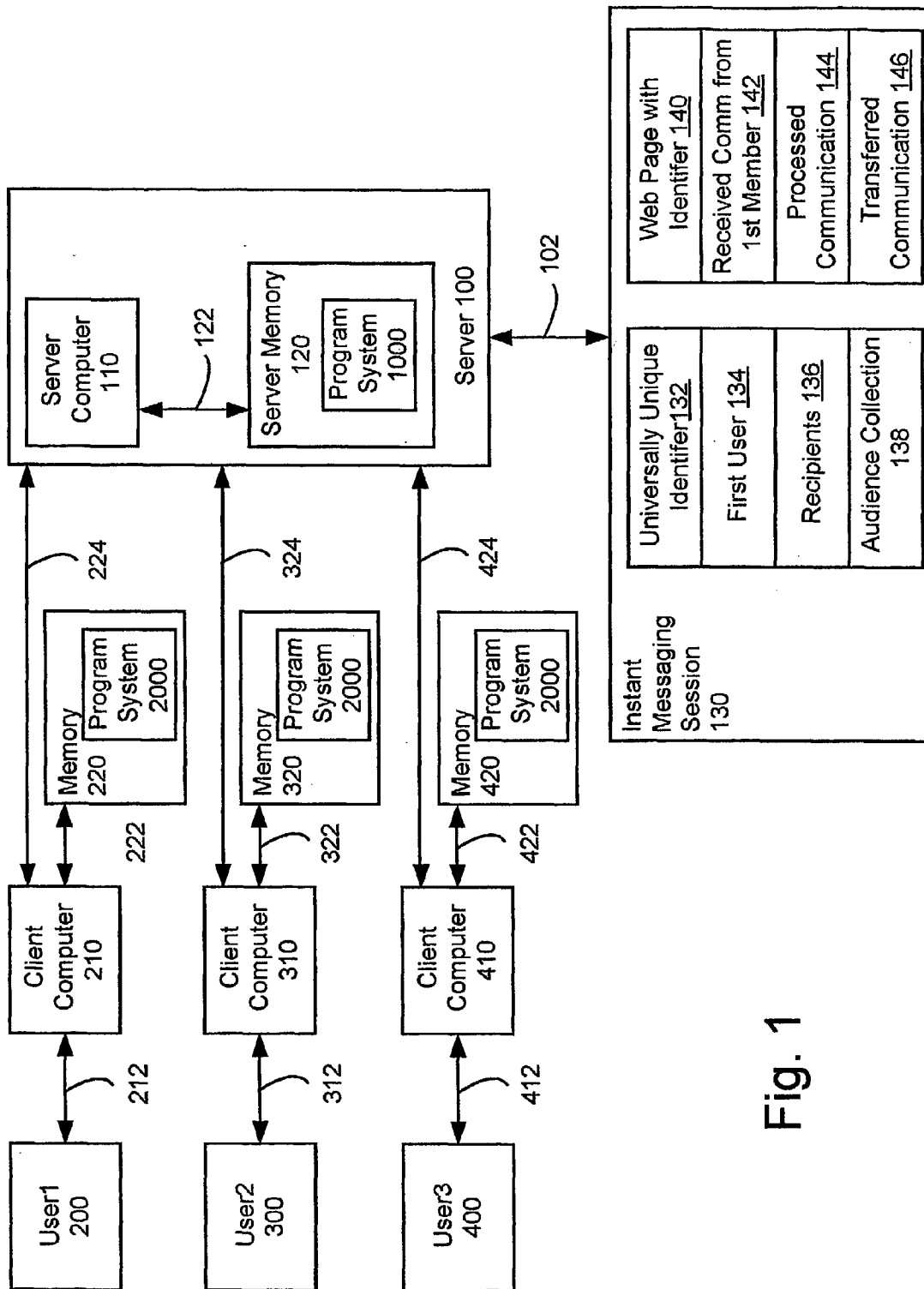


Fig. 1

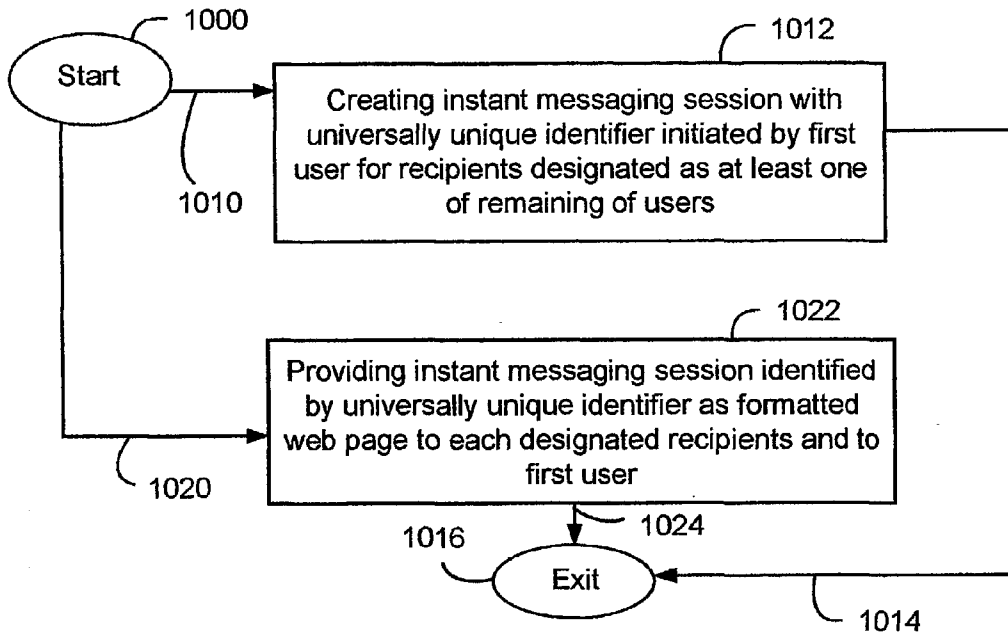


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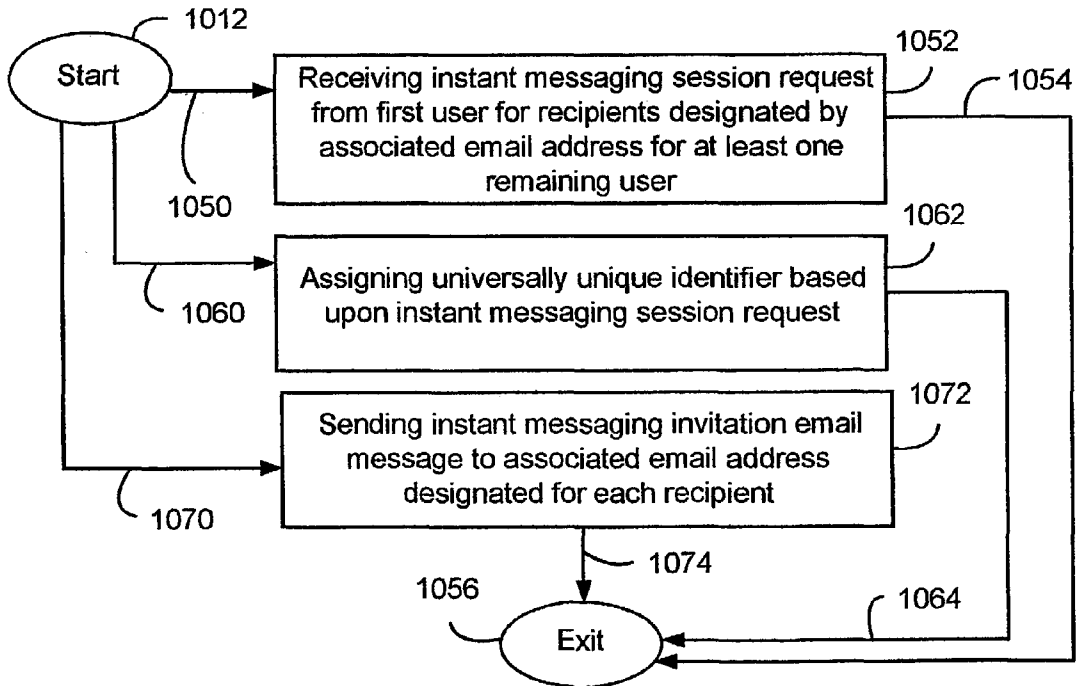


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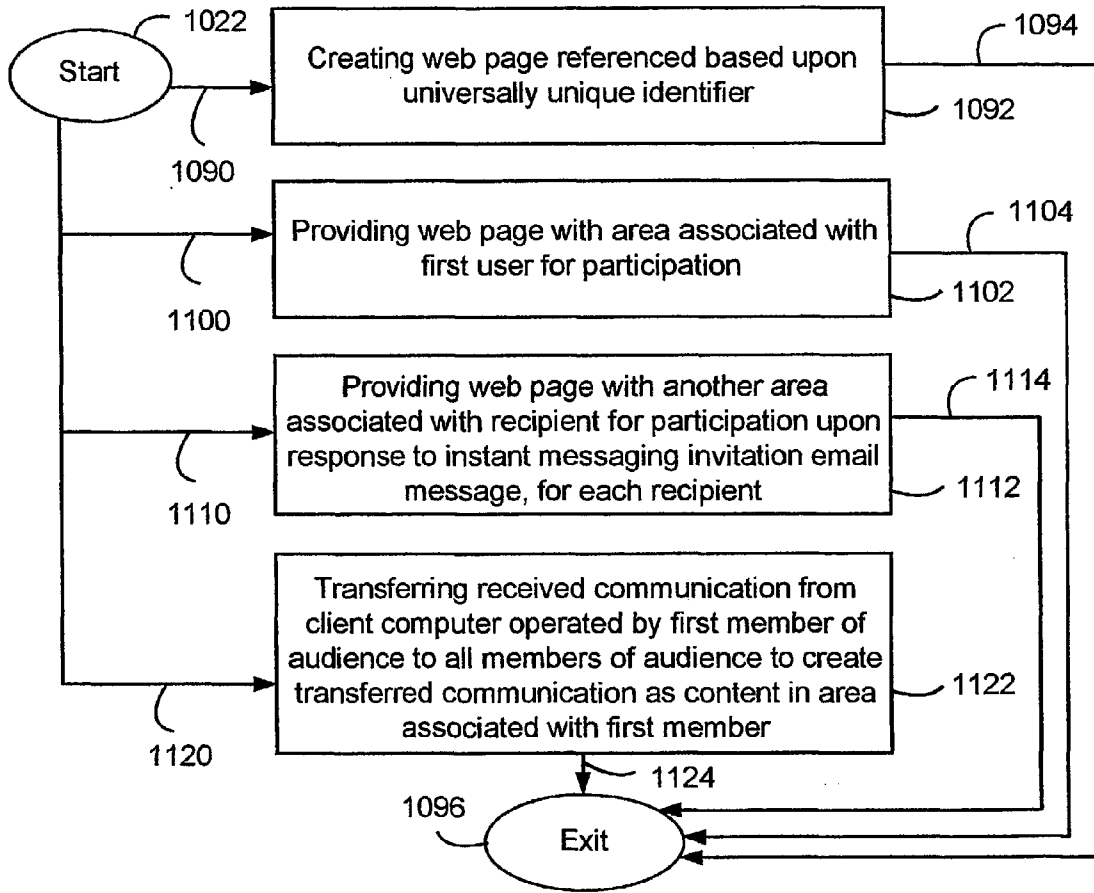


Fig. 3

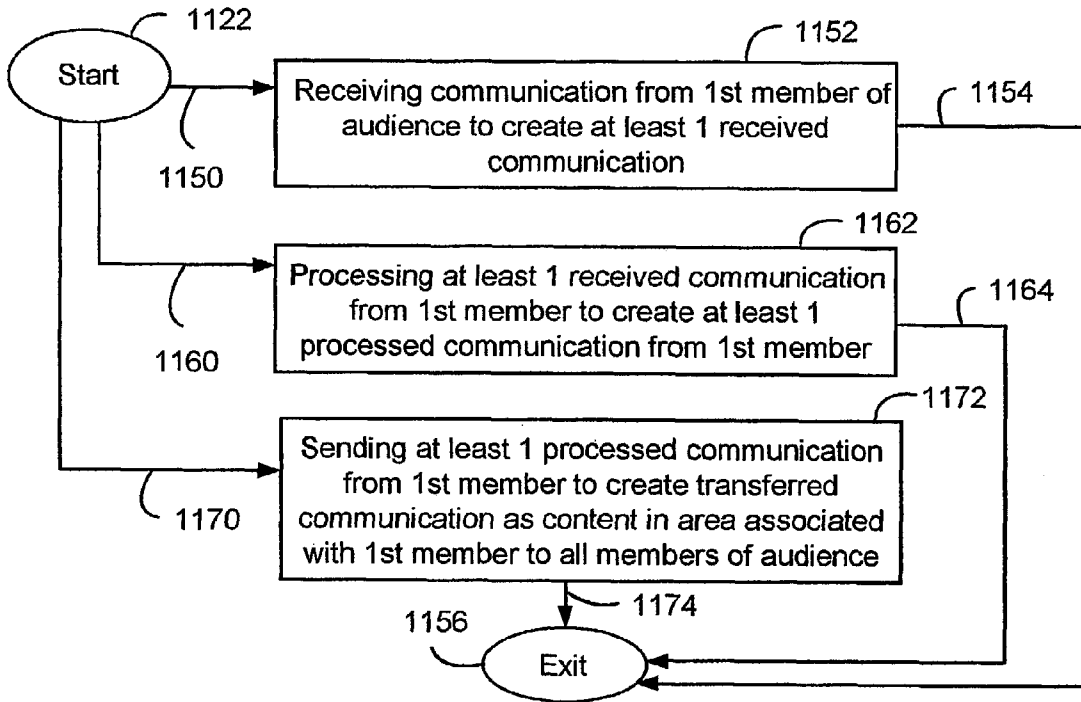


Fig. 4A

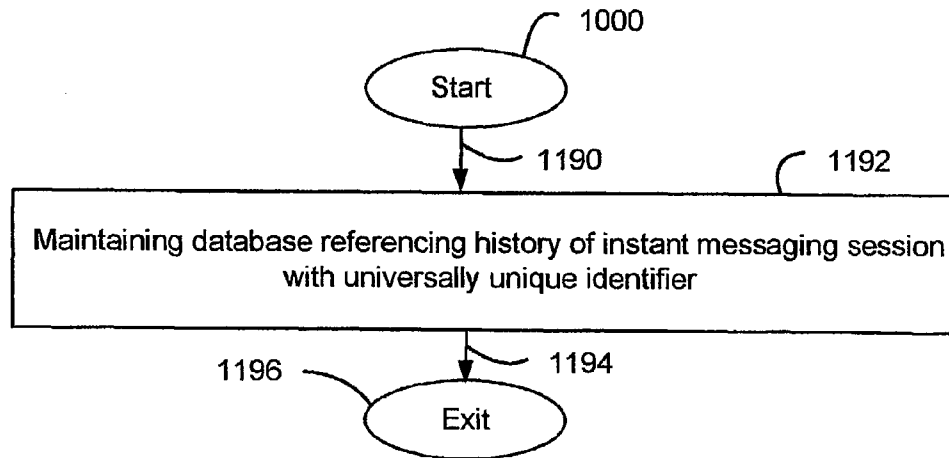


Fig. 4B

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