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(54) SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INSTANT VOIP MESSAGING

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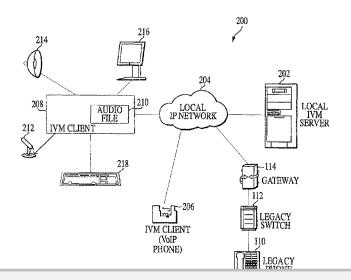
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ABSTRACT (57)

Methods, systems and programs for instant voice messaging over a packet-switched network are provided. A method for instant voice messaging may comprise receiving an instant voice message having one or more recipients, delivering the instant voice message to the one or more recipients over a packet-switched network, temporarily storing the instant voice message if a recipient is unavailable; and delivering the stored instant voice message to the recipient once the recipient becomes available.

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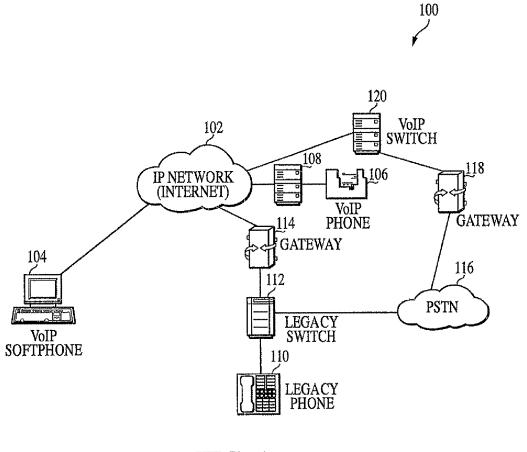


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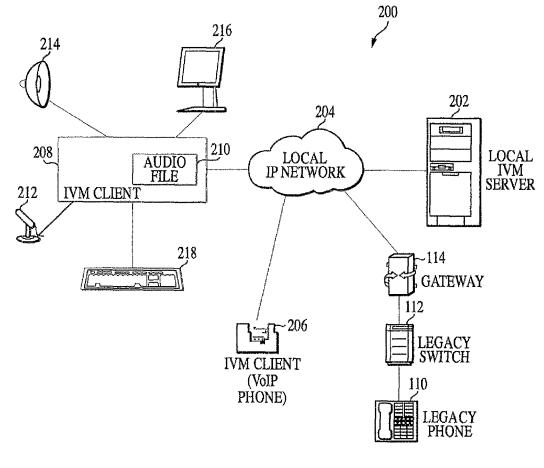


FIG. 2

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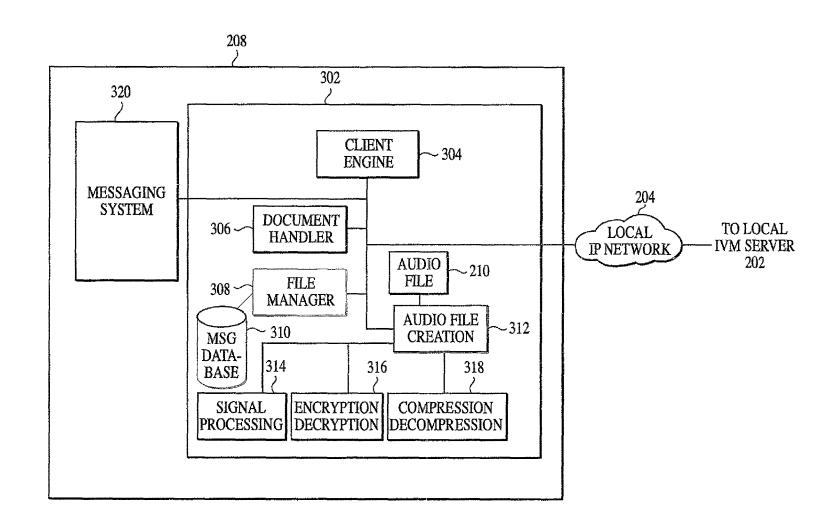


FIG. 3

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