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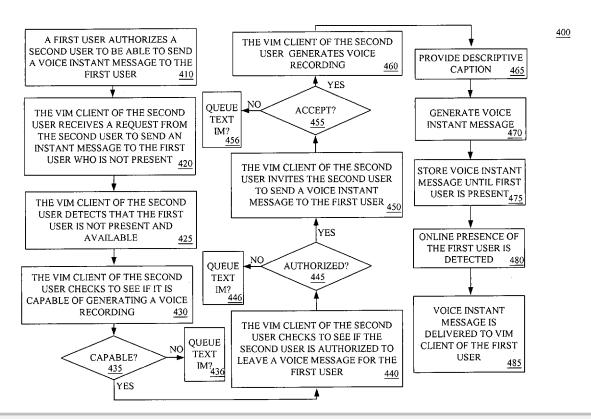
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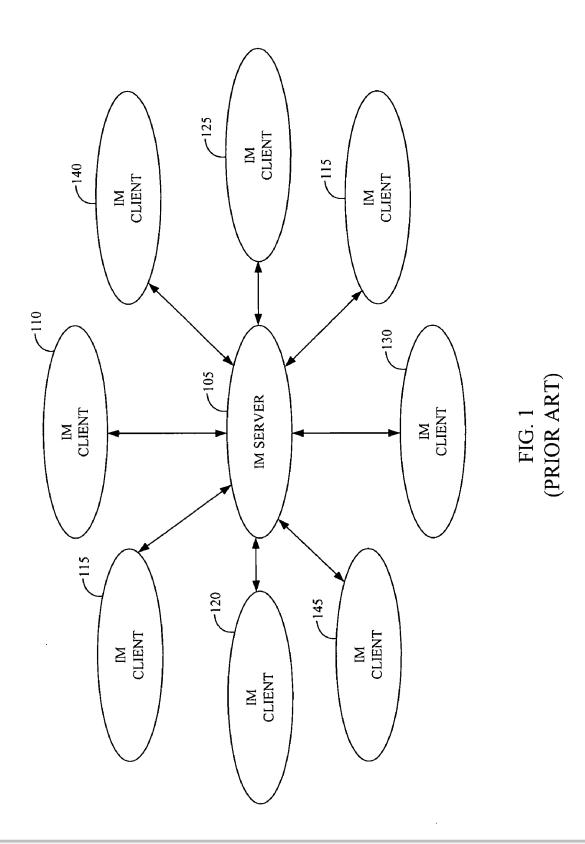
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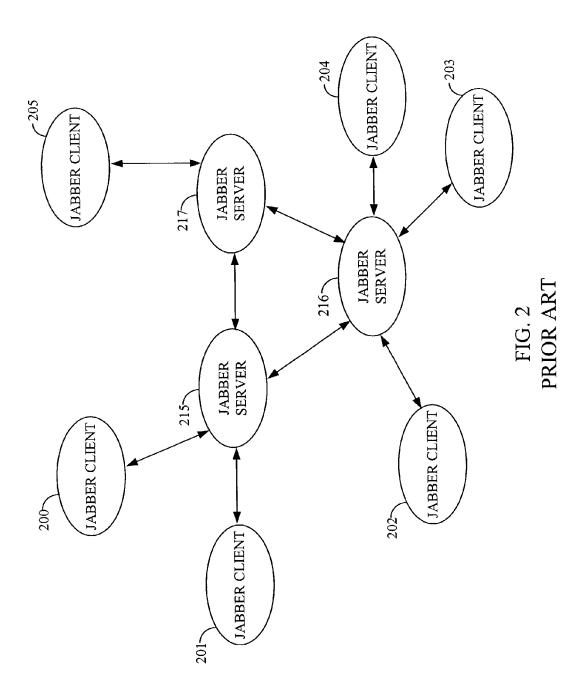
One preferred embodiment of the present invention provides a system and method for sending voice instant messages. Briefly described, in architecture, one embodiment of the system, among others, includes a communications client of a user that is configured to generate a voice instant message and send a voice instant message to another user. Methods and other systems are also provided.

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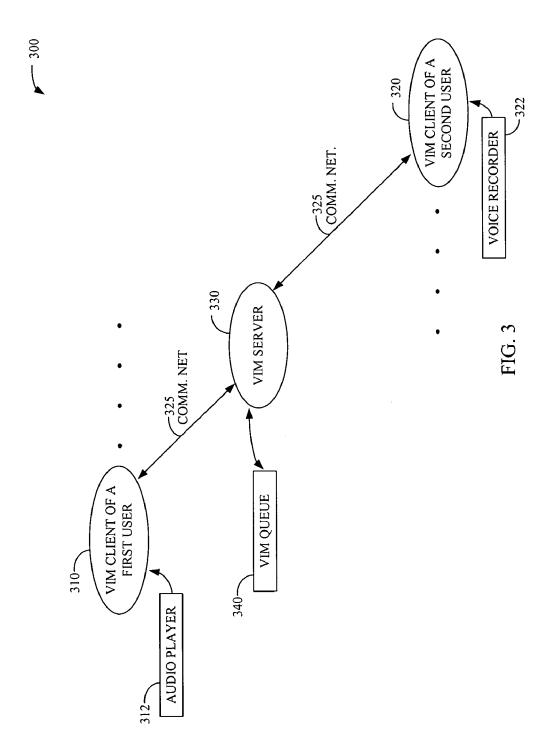






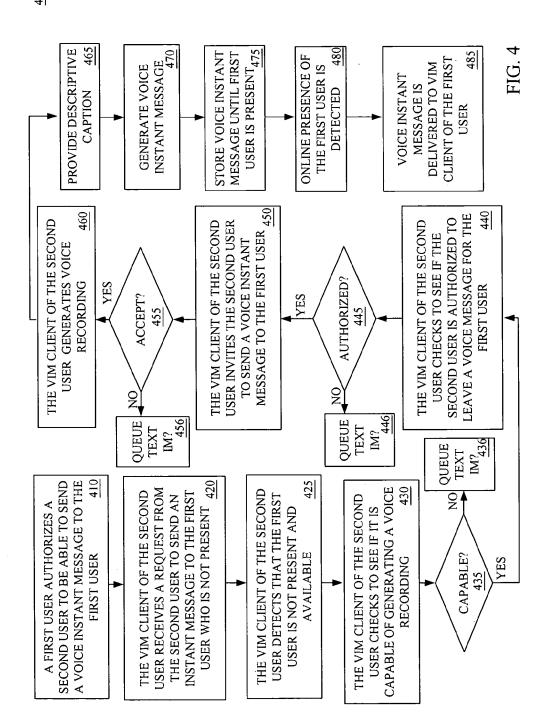








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