

a person, using a first device, trying to electronically convey a message from the first device to a second device of the user, the second device being a handheld communication device, the method comprising:

receiving, by the server, the message from the first device;

identifying the identity of the person that is attempting to send the message to the user; and

setting a process regarding delivering the message to the user using one or more rules based on at least a status of the user previously captured and stored at the second device, and an access priority of the person also stored at the second device, the status depending at least in part on the current activity or location of the user, or the current time, and the access priority depending on the identity of the person,

wherein the server is aware of contact information of the person,

wherein even if the message is delivered to the second device via contact information of the user, the server does not provide the contact information of the person to the second device to inhibit the user from sending messages to the person without using the server, and the server also does not provide the contact information of the user to the first device to inhibit the person from sending messages to the user without using the server,

wherein the server can be restricted from accessing the status of the user from the second device,

~~wherein the status of the user to help set the process depends at least in part on the current activity or location of the user, or the current time, and~~

wherein the server can be restricted from accessing the access priority of the person from the second device.

37. (New) A non-transitory computer-implemented method as recited in claim 36, wherein the process for the message also depends on an urgency level of the message, which is allowed to be set by the person.

38. (New) A non-transitory computer-implemented method as recited in claim 36, wherein the access priority of the person to help set the process depends at least in part on a user's reaction towards a prior message from the person.

39. (New) A non-transitory computer-implemented method as recited in claim 36, wherein the method further comprises asking the user regarding changing the access priority of the person in view of at least a user's reaction towards a prior message from the person, and to change the access priority of the person if so instructed by the response of the user.

40. (New) A non-transitory computer-implemented method as recited in claim 36, wherein the status of the user is allowed to be selected by the user from a plurality of preset statuses, and wherein the method further comprises providing the identity of the person to the user.

41. (New) A non-transitory computer-implemented method as recited in claim 40, wherein the process includes not delivering the message to the user in view of an attribute regarding the message.

42. (New) A non-transitory computer-implemented method as recited in claim 40, wherein the process includes asking the person to leave a voice mail for the user in view of an attribute regarding the message.

43. (New) A non-transitory computer-implemented method as recited in claim 40, wherein the process includes sending a text message regarding the message to the user.

44. (New) A non-transitory computer-implemented method as recited in claim 40, wherein the message is a text message.

45. (New) A non-transitory computer-implemented method as recited in claim 40, wherein the process includes responding to the message by retrieving an electronic mail to send to the person in view of an attribute regarding the message.

46. (New) A non-transitory computer-implemented method as recited in claim 40, wherein the method further comprises asking the user regarding the access priority of the person, and setting the access priority of the person in view of a response from the user.

47. (New) A non-transitory computer-implemented method as recited in claim 40, wherein the message can be voice or text, and wherein the communication protocol is the Internet protocol.

48. (New) A non-transitory computer-implemented method as recited in claim 36, wherein the process includes setting an appointment between the user and the person in view of a schedule of the user.

49. (New) A server as recited in claim 21, wherein the at least one computing device is further configured to provide the identity of the person to the user, wherein the process includes

- (i) determining whether the message should be delivered to the user based on at least one attribute of the message;
- (ii) delivering the message to the user if it is determined that the message should be delivered; and
- (iii) declining to deliver the message to the user if it is determined that the message should not be delivered.

50. (New) A server as recited in claim 33, wherein the process includes asking the person to leave a voice mail for the user in view of an attribute regarding the message.

51. (New) A server as recited in claim 33, wherein the process includes sending a text message regarding the message to the user.
52. (New) A server as recited in claim 49, wherein the message is a text message.
53. (New) A server as recited in claim 33, wherein the process includes responding to the message by retrieving an electronic mail to send to the person in view of an attribute regarding the message.
54. (New) A server as recited in claim 49, wherein the at least one computing device is further configured to ask the user regarding the access priority of the person, and set the access priority of the person in view of a response from the user.
55. (New) A server as recited in claim 33,  
wherein the message can be voice or text, and  
wherein the communication protocol is the Internet protocol.
56. (New) A server as recited in claim 21, wherein the process includes setting an appointment between the user and the person in view of a schedule of the user.
57. (New) A non-transitory computer readable medium as recited in claim 26,  
wherein the computer readable medium further comprises computer program code to provide the identity of the person to the user,  
wherein the process includes not delivering the message to the user in view of an attribute regarding the message, and  
wherein the status of the user is allowed to be selected by the user from a plurality of preset statuses.
58. (New) A non-transitory computer readable medium as recited in claim 57,  
wherein the process includes asking the person to leave a voice mail for the user in view of an attribute regarding the message.

59. (New) A non-transitory computer readable medium as recited in claim 26, wherein the process includes sending a text message regarding the message to the user.

60. (New) A non-transitory computer readable medium as recited in claim 26, wherein the message is a text message.

61. (New) A non-transitory computer readable medium as recited in claim 26, wherein the process includes responding to the message by retrieving an electronic mail to send to the person in view of an attribute regarding the message.

62. (New) A non-transitory computer readable medium as recited in claim 57, wherein the computer readable medium further comprises computer program code to ask the user regarding the access priority of the person, and set the access priority of the person in view of a response from the user.

63. (New) A non-transitory computer readable medium as recited in claim 57, wherein the message can be voice or text, and wherein the communication protocol is the Internet protocol.

64. (New) A non-transitory computer readable medium as recited in claim 26, wherein the process includes setting an appointment between the user and the person in view of a schedule of the user.

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