

retrieving an electronic mail to send to the person in view of an attribute regarding the message.

46. (Previously presented) 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. (Previously presented) 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. (Previously presented) 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. (Previously presented) 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. (Previously presented) 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. (Previously presented) A server as recited in claim 33, wherein the process includes sending a text message regarding the message to the user.

52. (Previously presented) A server as recited in claim 49, wherein the message is a text message.

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

61. (Previously presented) 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. (Previously presented) 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. (Previously presented) 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. (Previously presented) 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.

65. (New) A non-transitory computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein even if the process includes transmitting the message 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 via the server.

66. (New) A server as recited in claim 21, wherein even if the process includes transmitting the message 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 via the server.

67. (New) A non-transitory computer readable medium as recited in claim 26, wherein even if the process includes transmitting the message to the second device via contact information of the user, the computer program code does not provide the contact information of the person to the second device to inhibit the user from sending messages to the person without via the server.

68. (New) A non-transitory computer-implemented method as recited in claim 36, 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.

## **REMARKS**

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the allowance of the previously-presented claims 1, 3-5, 8, 9, 21, 22, 24-27, and 29-64. By this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 21, 26, 31, 32, 34, 36, 38 and 39 to further clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention; and have added claims 65-68. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-5, 8, 9, 21, 22, 24-27, and 29-68 remain pending.

All the pending claims should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner, upon reconsideration, determines that an action other than an allowance is appropriate, the Examiner is requested and authorized to telephone Applicants' representative below prior to taking such action, if the Examiner feels that such a telephone call will advance the prosecution of the present application.

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