DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 01/02/2013 has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 01/02/2013. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Peter P. Tong at 650-283-3535 on 07/10/2013.

The application is amendment as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended). A non-transitory computer-implemented method to manage the communication of a user via a server based on a communication protocol, in view of a person, using a first device, trying to electronically convey a message from the first device to a second device of the user, the method comprising:

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

identifying, by the server, the person attempting to electronically convey the message; and

setting, by the server, a process for the message using one or more rules based on at least a status associated with the user and an access priority associated with the person, the access priority depending on the person,

wherein the server is configured to have access to contact information of the person,

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 first device to inhibit the person from sending messages to the user without via the server, and

wherein the access priority associated with the person is configured to be set by the server depending at least in part on the user reacting by accepting or not accepting a prior message from the person.

Claim 21 (Currently amended). A server based on a communication protocol for managing the communication of a user, in view of 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 server comprising:

at least one computing device; and

at least one storage device,

wherein the at least one computing device is configured to

receive the message from the person using the first device;

identify the person attempting to electronically convey the message; and

set a process for the message using one or more rules based on at least a status associated with the user and an access priority associated with the person, 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 person,

wherein the server is configured to have access to contact information of the person,

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 user to the first device to inhibit the person from sending messages to the user without via the server~~,~~

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

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

Claim 26 (Currently amended). A non-transitory computer readable medium including at least executable computer program code tangibly stored therein for manage the communication of a user via a server based on a communication protocol, in view of 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, said computer readable medium comprising:

computer program code for receiving, by the server, the message from the person using the first device;

computer program code for identifying the person attempting to electronically convey the message; and

computer program code for setting a process for the message using one or more rules based on at least a status associated with the user, and an access priority associated with the person, 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 person,

wherein the server is configured to have access to contact information of the person,

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 user to the first device to inhibit the person from sending messages to the user without via the server,

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

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

Claim 36 (Currently amended). A non-transitory computer-implemented method to manage the communication of a user via a server based on a communication protocol, in view of 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 person using the first device;

identifying the person 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 associated with the user and an access priority associated with the person, 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 person,

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