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(54) **SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LOCATION-BASED INSTANT MESSAGING**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A computer-implemented method comprising: transmitting positional data identifying a wireless device's position responsive to a first user transmitting a message from the wireless device to one or more other users; and transmitting the positional data to the one or more other users.

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Jackie's Location-Based Buddy List 1100

Name	Location	Distance	Messages	Alert at	Send Message?
Dave	156 Univ, Palo Alto	.25 mi	Coffee at 10?	.2 mi	<input type="button" value="Send"/>
Joe	New York, NY	3000 mi	No Message	5 mi	<input type="button" value="Send"/>
Andy	No Loc	2 mi	No Message	.2 mi	<input type="button" value="Send"/>
Matt	Offline	Offline	No Message	1 mi	<input type="button" value="Send"/>

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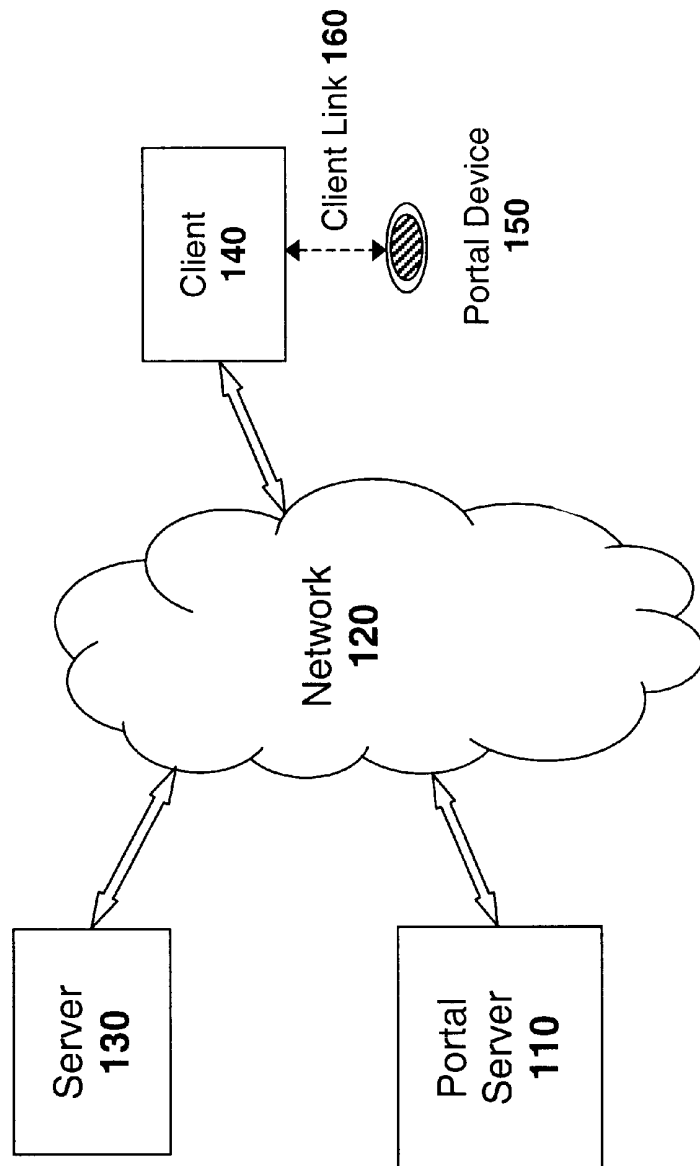
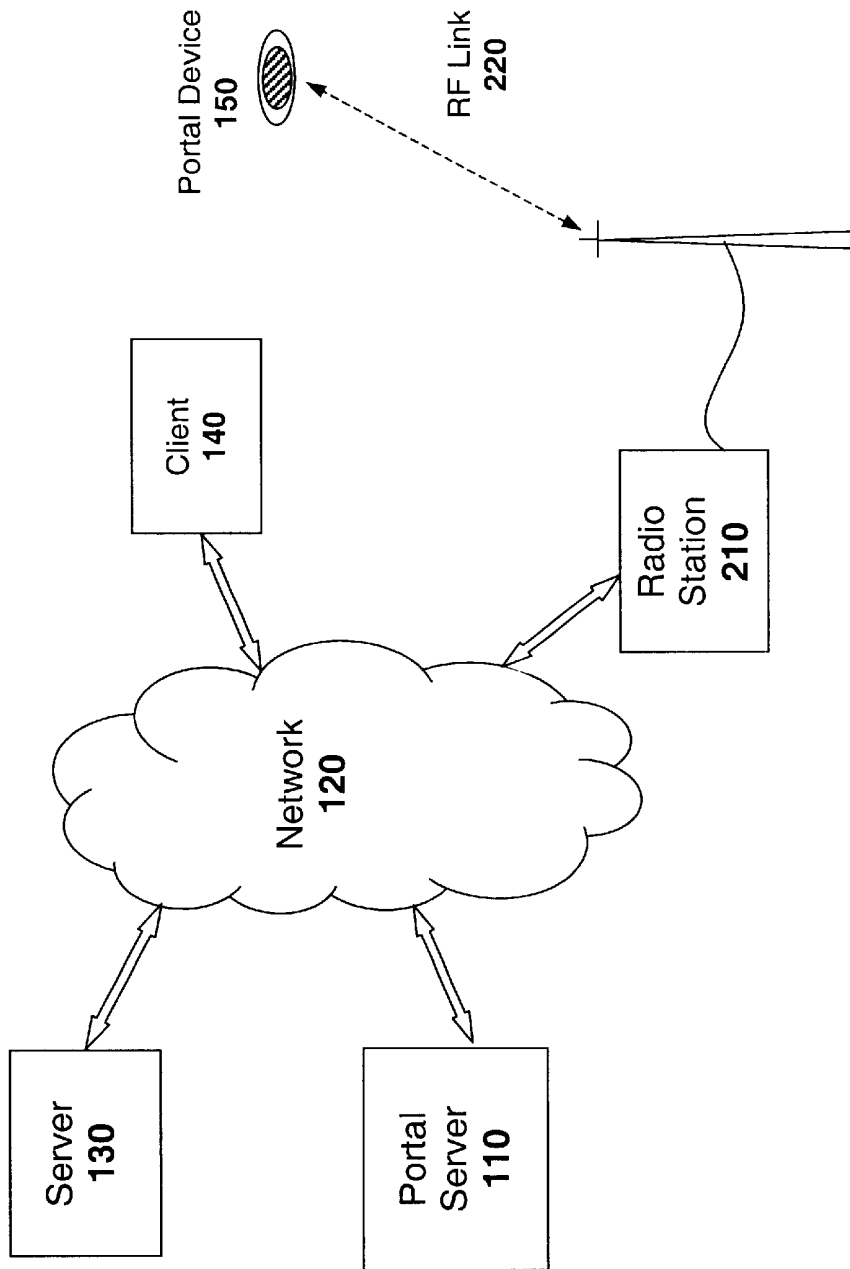


FIG. 1

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FIG. 2

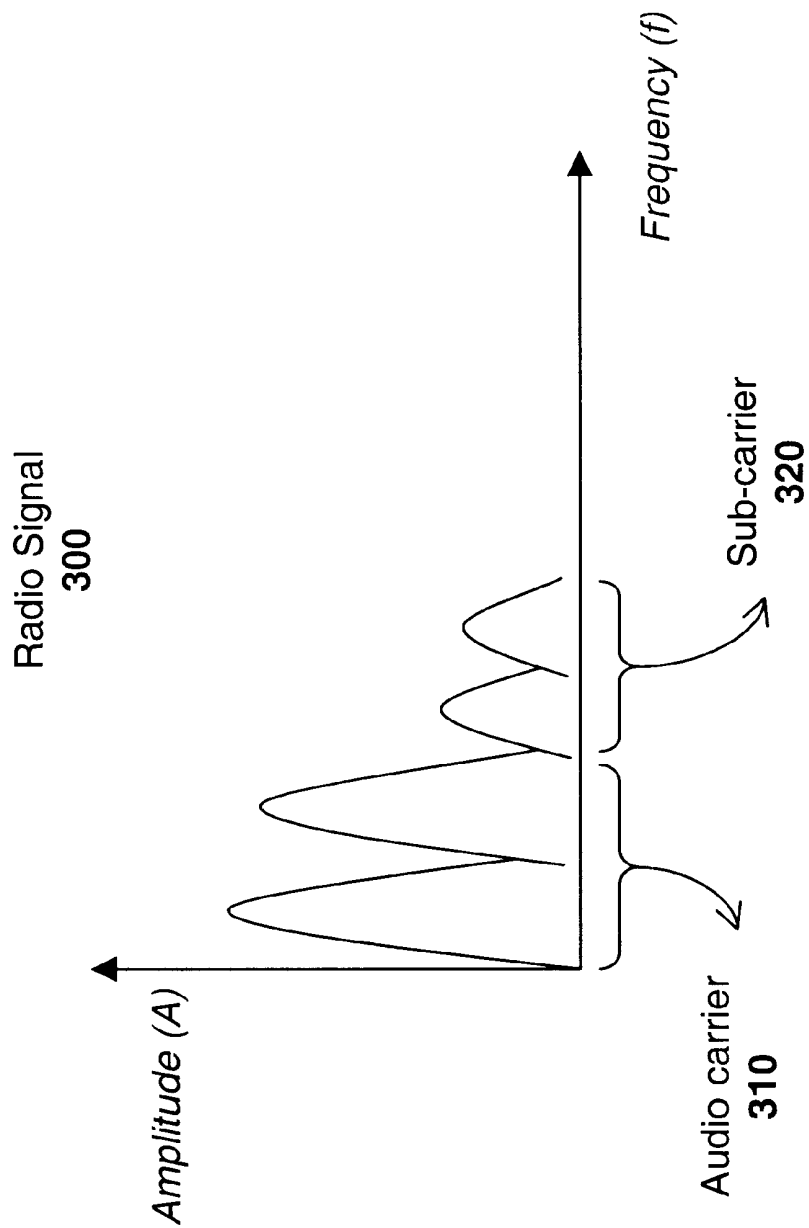


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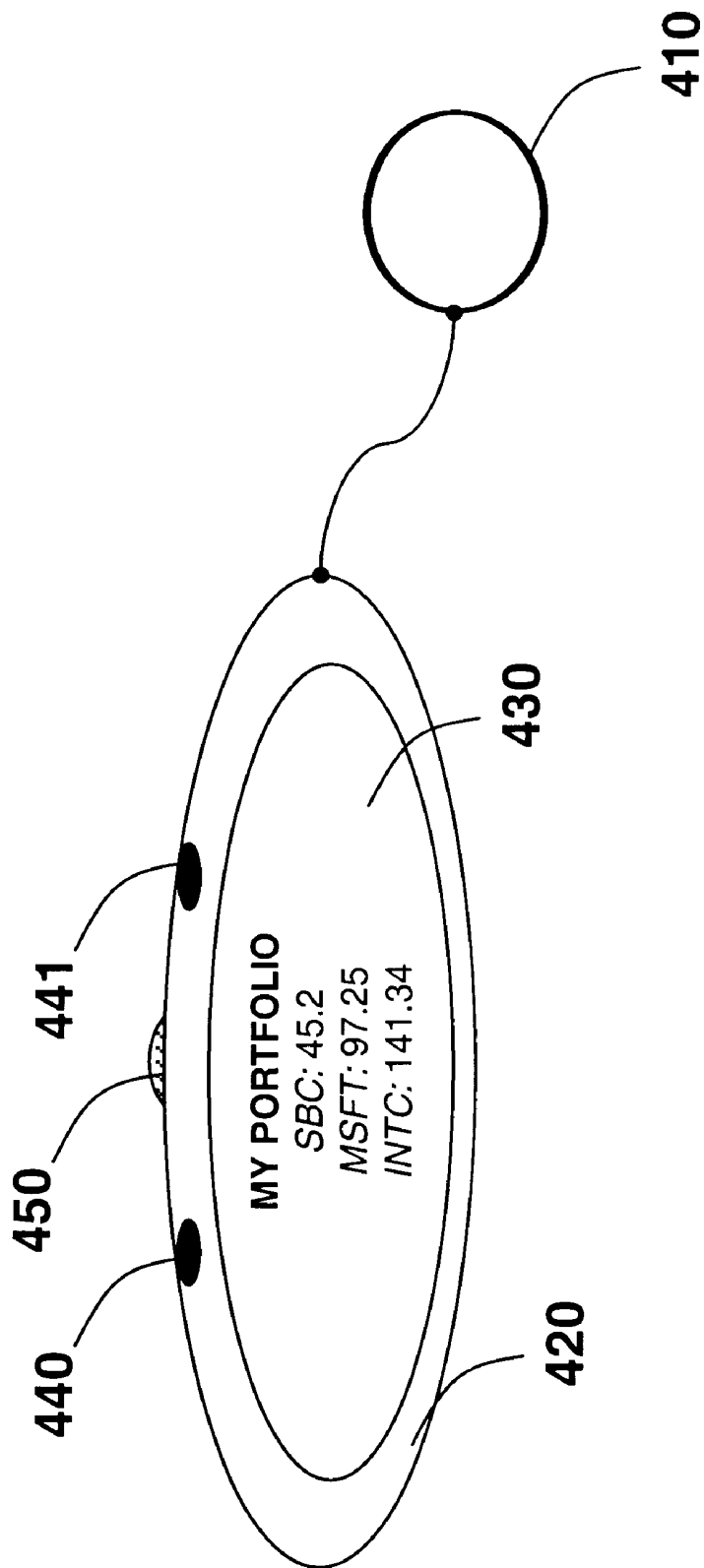


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