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EFFICIENT AND SECURE COMMUNICATION USING WIRELESS SERVICE IDENTIFIERS

BACKGROUND

[0001] This patent application relates to wireless communication, and more particularly to efficient and secure communication using wireless service identifiers, such as Bluetooth or WiFi beacon service identifiers.

[0002] Most mobile phones on the market today support at least two wireless standards; one for the cellular wireless wide area network connection (WWAN) and one for a wireless personal or local area network (WPAN, WLAN). The cellular connection or WWAN is utilized for voice and data and can adhere to many different standards such as CDMA (IS-2000), GSM, W-CDMA, 1xEV-DO, HSDPA, EDGE, GPRS, WiMax, etc. The WPAN or WLAN connection is typically for short range communications and is often used for wireless hands free devices, such as headsets, peripherals, or higher speed internet connections. The typical standards used for the sort range wireless communications include Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, and in some cases Ultra-Wide-Band (UWB).

[0003] In another approach to mobile networking some services have attempted to utilize short range wireless capabilities often available on phones such as IEEE802.11 (Wi-Fi) or Bluetooth to facilitate peer to peer communications. These are also referred to a MANETs or Mobile Ad-hoc Networks. These services typically consist of a software application operating on a mobile phone using peer to peer networks to facilitate communication between wireless devices. Examples of such existing applications include Mobile-Cheddar, Peer-2-Me, and Flobbi. Published US Patent application US 2008/0182591 A1 filed December 13, 2007 describes one such peer to peer approach.

[0004] One issue with these approaches is that all information to be exchanged must be stored locally on each of the peer devices as the communication occurs directly between the two devices and any policy for the delivery of locally stored content is difficult to enforce without the potential for fraud such as spoofing identities between the peers. Such fraud may lead to concerns of personal safety or privacy allowing the identity of an individual to be determined when it is not desired.

SUMMARY

[0005] Preferred embodiments are generally concerned with facilitating the exchange of information between two entities associated with two wireless devices. In one embodiment, this can be accomplished by a first device using a first short range wireless capability to detect an identifier transmitted from a second device, ideally using existing short range radio communication standard capabilities such as Bluetooth (IEEE802.15.1-2002) or Wi-Fi (IEEE802.11). The detected identifier, being associated with the device, is also associated with an entity. Rather than directly exchanging application data flow between the two devices using the short range wireless capability, a second wireless capability then allows for one or more of the devices to communicate with a central server via the internet, and perform an exchange of application data flow. By using a central server to draw on stored information and content associated with the entity or entities, the server can manage the subsequent exchange of information between the entities and the devices. In a preferred embodiment, this exchange may be comprised of information stored on the server associated with a detected entity, and it may be comprised of information received from the detected device via the second wireless capability and facilitated by the server.

[0006] In addition, the server can also allow for a brokering service, ideally independent of the entities, to enable the application of policy based on the identity of the two entities for the disclosure of stored information associated with the entities, the flow in information between the devices and the entities, and the enablement of procedures such as security verification between the entities.

[0007] In one embodiment, a method is provided for reducing communications between one or more servers and a wireless device, as well as providing enhanced security and privacy to wireless beacon services.

[0008] The method involves transmitting, by at least one beacon transmitter using a short range wireless radio, a first beacon transmission in a first time period. The beacon, which may be a short range wireless protocol such a Bluetooth or WiFi service beacon, comprises a first MAC address, a first unique identifier, and a beacon service identifier.

[0009] Using a second radio, the one or more servers also transmit stored information relating to an entity or object associated with the first unique identifier.

[0010] A first plurality of beacon transmissions are received by the wireless device during the first time period.

[0011] The wireless device then selects one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering (that is, selecting) only those beacon transmissions which include the beacon service identifier.

[0012] The wireless device then takes further action, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers, using the stored information, which includes at least the identity of the entity or object associated with the first unique identifier.

[0013] Other embodiments may transmit, by the same beacon transmitter using the short range wireless radio, a second beacon transmission in a second time period. The second beacon transmission also includes a second MAC Address, a second unique identifier, and the same beacon service identifier. In this embodiment, the wireless device also receives, using the short range wireless radio, a second plurality of beacon transmissions during the second time period, as well as second stored information relating to the entity or object associated with the second unique identifier, from the one or more servers using a second radio.

[0014] In those embodiments, a second set of one or more unique identifiers are selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the second plurality of beacon transmissions which include the same beacon service identifier. Further action taken is taken related to the second stored information, if the second unique identifier is present among the selected second set of one or more unique identifiers.

[0015] In some embodiments, the further action may include preventing the sending of the first or second unique identifier by the first wireless device to the one or more servers.

[0016] In some embodiments, the MAC address is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR.

[0017] In some embodiments, the further action may include determining that at least one beacon transmitter is a broadcast device having a predetermined location.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0018] The foregoing will be apparent from the following more particular description of example embodiments, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters refer to the same parts throughout the different views. The drawings are not necessarily to scale, emphasis instead being placed upon illustrating the embodiments.

[0019] Figure 1 is a block diagram of two mobile devices utilizing a preferred embodiment.

[0020] Figure 2 is a block diagram of a fixed broadcast device and a mobile device.

[0021] Figure 3 is a flow diagram of the operation of an application on the mobile devices.

[0022] Figure 4 is a message sequence chart showing the Bluetooth discovery process using in one embodiment.

[0023] Figure 5 is a message sequence chart showing the Bluetooth Remote Name Request Process.

[0024] Figure 6 is a message sequence chart showing the IBSS beacon process.

[0025] Figure 7 is a message sequence chart showing the interaction between the server and two devices performing a detection and entering a chat application.

[0026] Figure 8A is a message sequence chart showing an E-commerce example.

[0027] Figure 8B is a continued example message sequence chart showing an E-commerce example.

[0028] Figure 9 is a message sequence chart showing an example of a mobile device and a fixed broadcast device interaction.

[0029] Figure 10 is a flow diagram for the server processing associated with the detection process.

[0030] Figure 11 is an example individual account record stored in the server associated with an Entity.

[0031] Figure 12 illustrates a timing reference for intermittent active and dormant times.

[0032] Figure 13 shows a diagram of functional blocks associated with management of dynamically assigned device identifiers.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0033] A description of example embodiments follows.

[0034] The teachings of all patents, published applications and references cited herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

[0035] Figure 1 is a block diagram of two mobile devices utilizing a preferred embodiment.

[0036] Referring to Figure 1, a central server 100 is connected to devices 106 and 108 by an internet protocol (IP) based network, carried over a series of connections, at least one of which is a wireless connection. For example, the server 100 has a connection allowing IP based communications to a cellular network 102 using connection 101. The cellular network is connected to devices 106 and 108 by wide area wireless links 104 and 103 respectively, allowing for IP based communications between the devices (106 and 108) and the server 100.

[0037] Devices 106, 108 can be considered "client(s)" of the server 100. The clients 106, 108 and server 100 provide processing, storage, and input/output devices for executing wireless system protocols, interfaces, and application level programs according to several embodiments. Client devices 106, 108 can also be linked through various communications networks to other computing devices, including other client devices/processes and other server computer(s). Communications network(s) providing the connection 101 can typically be part of a remote access network, a global network (e.g., the Internet), a worldwide collection of computers, Local area or Wide area networks, and gateways that currently use respective protocols (TCP/IP, 3G Wireless, Bluetooth, etc.). Other electronic device/computer network architectures are suitable.

[0038] The internal structure of devices 106, 108 or server 100 includes one or more data processors (not shown in detail) that are well known in the art to include a system bus for data transfer among the other internal components of a computer system (e.g., processor, disk storage, memory, input/output ports, network ports, etc.). Attached to the bus are other input/output devices (e.g., keyboard, mouse, displays, printers, speakers, network interfaces, etc.). Network

interfaces allow the computer to connect to various other devices attached to a network. Memory provides volatile storage for computer software instructions and data used to implement an embodiment (e.g., applications programs and the like). Disk storage can provide non-volatile storage for computer software instructions and data used to implement the embodiments.

[0039] One embodiment may include a computer program product including a computer readable medium (e.g., a removable storage medium such as one or more DVD-ROM's, CD-ROM's, diskettes, tapes, etc.) that provides at least a portion of the software instructions for the system. Computer program product can be installed by any suitable software installation procedure, as is well known in the art. In another embodiment, at least a portion of the software instructions may also be downloaded over a cable, communication and/or wireless connection. In other embodiments, the programs are a computer program propagated signal product 107 embodied on a propagated signal on a propagation medium (e.g., a radio wave, an infrared wave, a laser wave, a sound wave, or an electrical wave propagated over a global network such as the Internet, or other network(s)). Such carrier medium or signals provide at least a portion of the software instructions.

[0040] More particularly, a given device 106, 108 uses a short range wireless link 107 such as a Bluetooth (IEEE802.15.1) or Wi-Fi (IEEE802.11) link to detect the presence of other devices such as device 108, and uses the wide area wireless network connections 103, 104 such as IS-2000, WCDMA, GPRS, EDGE, LTE, Wi-Max (IEEE802.16), or the like to perform communications to central server 100, and to perform the actual substantive communications between the wireless devices 106 and 108. Device 108 typically uses the short range wireless link 107 and wide area wireless link 103 in a similar manner to locate and initiate communicate with device 106. One distinction relative to prior art is that the short range wireless 107 is only used for the detection process, or to advertise a device's presence. In this embodiment, specific information called "wireless identifier" or simply "identify" (described in more detail below) is passed between devices 106 and 108 over the short range link 107. By transmitting a wireless identifier using the short range Wi-Fi, Bluetooth or other short range wireless link 107 and receiving wireless identifiers from other devices, this short range wireless link 107 will allow for a proximity detection process.

[0041] The support for IP based networking is standard for WWAN or 3G connections such as 1xEV-DO or HSPA, and as a result, communication between one device to another using the WWAN is currently supported in many devices with no modification. The use of simple detection of one or more identifiers requires significantly less resources in a phone than performing a complete peer to peer based communication network protocol, which accommodates dynamic configuration of nodes being added and dropped continuously. It is noted that the IP address on the WWAN interface is not location dependent in the present embodiment, but is addressing approaches are location dependent when true Peer to Peer topologies are used. The present embodiment has the advantage that communication between two devices may continue after the devices have left proximity of each other, but in the same manner as they had been communicating previously. As a result, a user who detects a short range transmission of an identifier, then begins a conversation or some other interaction with that device via the wireless wide area network may continue that conversation even in the case where the two devices move out of the proximity of the each other, and are no longer within the reception range of the short range wireless communication protocol. Further, since it is contemplated that the wireless identifiers transmitted on the short range wireless link from the devices would occasionally change, for security reasons, the present embodiment has the advantage that ongoing communications between mobile devices will not be interrupted despite a change in one of the device's identifier. In the case where the identifier is a MAC address of the short range wireless network adapter for one of the devices, it is not otherwise possible to change this address and easily maintain on going communications in a true peer to peer topology.

[0042] Referring to Figure 2, central server 100 is connected to the cellular network 101, and is able to communicate information to and from wireless device 202 using a wide area wireless link such as IS-2000, WCDMA, GPRS, EDGE, LTE, Wi-Max (IEEE802.16), or the like within structure 205. Device 204 does not have a wide area wireless or cellular link, but transmits identifying information using short range wireless link 203. Device 202 is capable of receiving the indentifying information and requesting information related to that device from server 100.

[0043] An example of an application using this infrastructure follows. The device 204 will simply broadcast an identifier, with no WWAN connection but may facilitate advertising or local information. For instance, an account associated with one or more identifiers may belong to a

museum. As a museum patron walks to an exhibit, the patron's device 202 will receive an identifier sent from museum broadcast device 204 operated by the museum. The patron device 202 passes the identifier or museum device 204 to the central server 100, which in-turn recognizes it as being associated with that exhibit within that museum and passes relevant information back to the user's device 202. A distinguishing feature of this approach relative to prior art is that the patron device 202 in this example may move out of proximity of broadcast device 204, yet continue to view the content being provided by the server 100 related to the detected broadcast device 204. Content may include text, pictures, web pages, application software such as games, informative display applications, or other content such as audio or video to be offered to the user's device as well. Other examples might include electronic coupons (such as in a grocery store), menus or special offers in a restaurant.

[0044] Figure 3 is a block diagram with further detail of this operation. A device 106, 108, or 202 after performing a search (Fig 3, step 301) for identifiers on the WPAN or WLAN, will subsequently use the WWAN link to communicate with the central server 100. If the device does not find identifiers 302 it will either continue to search, or search at a later time 301. If identifiers are found in 302, the device may employ an action function 303, which would act as a filter that determines which of the detected identifiers should be passed to the server. This function may instead be omitted and all identifiers passed to the server 100. The idealized effect of the action function would be to reduce the number of requests to the server by not re-requesting recently requested identifiers which have already been passed to the server, for some period of time. In step 304, if no identifiers require server information, searching is continued in step 301.

[0045] Assuming there are identifiers which are new to the device, the device will pass along a list of currently detected identifiers and request 305 that the server return information related to any other local device. The server will return the information related to any identifier that meets certain policy requirements. For instance, information is returned which is 1) relevant to that device, and 2) that the device is authorized to receive.

[0046] As an example of the overall process, a detected identifier may be relevant to the receiving device if the user associated with the detected identifier is listed in a "friends list" for the owner of the receiving device. If the identifiers for the individuals within the friends list have

been passed to the device, the action function 303 may make this determination. In the preferred embodiment, the server would determine the identity and the relevance of the detected identifiers, and the action function 303 would work to reduce frequency of re-requests to the server. Figure 7 describes an example of how to use this for messaging associated with the device and server interaction during the detection and identifier inquiry process, with a more detailed explanation to follow.

[0047] To enable server 100 to associate an identifier with an entity, each device or entity (such as the museum) associated with an identifier has an account on server 100 or a related server as is common in information technology. The account is associated with the entity and the device and the current identifier.

[0048] As used herein, an "entity" may be a legal entity, such as an individual person or a business.

[0049] An "object" is intended to include a physical thing, such as a product that is being offered for sale, and may include a tangible article or intangible such as an electronic music or video file or photograph.

[0050] There is various information associated with each account. An example data record for an account is shown in Figure 11. When the account is associated with an individual or (other entity), there may be personal information such as the individual's name, contact information, information regarding allowed communication, such as chat or IM, links to their other social networking services, and the like. When the account is associated with a broadcast device 204 the account may contain content to be displayed to the detecting device 202. By utilizing the central server 100, broadcast devices may be tied to a location or product thereby providing relevant information about the location such as in the museum tour example previously discussed. In this situation, the content delivered to device 202 may be informative information about an exhibit including pictures, text, audio, or video and the like. In the case of a broadcast device being in a supermarket and near a specific product, advertisement or discounts with electronic coupons my be stored in the account and provided to device 202.

[0051] There can also be policy based permissions associated with each account and applied to any information associated with that account. The stored policy permissions can be used to

determine what information and under which situations information may be disclosed to another device or user associated with another account. For example, the entity (person in this case) associated with device 202 may have set a policy in their account to not receive any unsolicited information from a broadcast device so as to not be disturbed. However, the person associated with 202 may see the broadcast device and a sign stating a discount is available, and provide input to their device to request any broadcast information on a one time exception basis. The messaging associated with an example mobile and broadcast device process will be described in more detail to follow associated with Figure 9.

[0052] As already mentioned above, in step 301 of Figure 3, each device performs a search function looking for identifiers sent from other devices utilizing a short range wireless capability. The following describes the process of devices detecting identifiers from other devices in more detail.

[0053] The identifiers themselves may be a hardware address such as the MAC address of the wireless device, or they may be another label such as the SSID for a IEEE802.11 device, or the device name for a Bluetooth device. Referring to Figure 4, in the case where a Bluetooth wireless personal area network device is utilized, a first device 401 transmits an inquiry (ID_Packet) message 404, and any proximal Bluetooth devices 402, 403 respond with messages identifying the MAC address, called BD_ADDR in IEEE802.15.1 of each device using a message referred to as an "Inquiry Response" FHS message 405 containing the BD_ADDR or Bluetooth device address of the detected device. In the Bluetooth standard all devices 402, 403 are required to respond in this manner assuming they are enabled to be discoverable. To enable this, an application on the mobile device ensures the Bluetooth device is set to discoverable mode. Device 1 (401) will attempt to locate Devices on different channels by scanning the channels and transmitting multiple Inquiry (ID_Packet) messages. Such an example is shown with inquiry exchange 406 and 407 to discover Device N (403).

[0054] In one embodiment the BD_ADDR or MAC address of the Bluetooth device can be used as the Identifier and no further Bluetooth interaction is required until the next scan process is performed.

[0055] In another embodiment, the Bluetooth "Device Name" is used as the identifier. Figure 5 shows the process of a first device "Device 1" (501) determining another Bluetooth enabled device's (502) Bluetooth Device Name. Following the device discovery process completion from Figure 4, Device 1 501 sends a Page message 503 to another device (Device L 502). Message 504 is sent in response to create a temporary Asynchronous Connectionless Link (ACL) to be established between Device 1 501 and Device L 502, without an explicit connection request. Not having an explicit connection request indications the Entity associated with Device L would not have to provide explicit approval for a connection from their user input on the device, as would be the case if other services were requested from the device such as might be the case with a wireless headset or remotely connected GPS receiver to a phone. An ACL connection allows link management packets to be exchanged, and following interchanges of messages 505 and 506 to determine features of the devices, a temporary connection is established between the two devices. A name request message (507) is then sent by Device 1 to Device L, and Device L responds with at least one LMS_name_res message 508 containing the Bluetooth device name of Device L 502. If the name is longer than that allowed within the LMS_name_res message, additional messages follow to allow for the entire name to be delivered. Finally the connection is ended with message 509, LMP_detach.

[0056] The transmitted identifiers associated with any given device are only known to the central server and the device transmitting the identifiers. These identifiers may change from time to time, making a user's or a device's identity anonymous over time. The central server and any particular device must be coordinated such that the identifier and any device transmitting it, remains identifiable by the central server. This process is coordinated between the wireless device, and the central server utilizing the WWAN or cellular data link, carrying messaging between them and using an identifier manager 1303 to maintain a list of device identifiers 1302 in a central but secure location. This is shown in more detail in Figure 13.

[0057] Referring to Figure 6, an example of using on IEEE802.11 link as the short range wireless capability is discussed. Generally, Wi-Fi devices operation in a so-called infrastructure mode which utilizes a BSS or basic service set. One component of a infrastructure network based wireless LAN is the use of a central access point or AP. In a mobile network the use of a central AP is not practical, as only the AP transmits an identifier, which does not meet the requirements

of the preferred embodiment. The second topology for Wi-Fi networks is the so-called Ad-Hoc mode of operations, referred to as an independent basic service set or IBSS. In an IBSS all devices participating or advertising their interest in participating in an ad-hoc network transmit identifiers called beacons. These beacons contain the MAC address of the transmitting network adapter, the basic service set identifier (BSSID), and ad-hoc network name or service set identity (SSID). The BSSID in a typical ad-hoc network is generated by the first station to enter the BSSID and is locally administered, typically a randomly generated 48 bit number matching the format of a MAC address. In an ad-hoc network, each device 601, 602, 603 participating or desiring to participate transmits a beacon. There are several embodiments related using the IBSS beacons and the identifiers. First the identifier may be used as the MAC address of the station device or network adapter, and one or both the BSSID and the SSID may be used to indicate these particular beacons are associated with a service. In other embodiments, one or more of the BSSID and the SSID may be used as the identifier. In any of the embodiments for delivery of the identifier in an IBSS beacon, it is possible to coordinate the change of those identifiers with the server 100. As the MAC address is always broadcast in any operation of a Bluetooth or Wi-FI link, the use of a MAC address as an identifier provides for an additional level of security for the device 601, 602, 603, when identifier is changed from time to time as devices may be detected and identities tracked using a constant MAC address. In the preferred embodiment, where the MAC address is used for the identifier, all the devices participating would likely have the same network name and SSID to aid in the identification of the device as being enabled, although not necessarily required. Examples using an 802.11 network in ad-hoc mode transmitting beacons are showed as messages 604, 605, and 606.

[0058] Chat Example between two mobile devices

[0059] Figure 7 shows an example of a message flow diagram for an embodiment where an individual is in a library for example, and a friend arrives. The individual is notified by their device receiving an identifier that their friend is present and they enter a chat session. Each person has a device (Figure 1, 106 and 108 respectively) that implements the preferred embodiments described above. The first individual associated with Device 1 (702) referred to as Entity 1 (EI1) performs a detection process as described in Figure 4, 5, and 6 previously (step 704) . The device identifier associated with Device 2 (703), DI2 is thereby detected. Device 1 (702) then transmits an inquiry

message 705 using the WWAN (cellular data link such as GPRS, EDGE, 1xEV-DO, IS-2000, Wi-Max, LTE, or the like) to the server 701 inquiring if information related to the account and entity associated with DI2 is relevant, and available to the entity EI1 associated with Device 1 (702). The server 701 retrieves the account information related to EI1 and determines that EI2 is listed in a friends list in the account associated with EI1 and that EI1 should be notified when EI2 is detected. Next the server retrieves the account information associated with EI2 and determines that EI1 is on a list of entities which are allowed to be notified of EI2 being present and personal information such a the name of the individual, their phone number and the like. The server having determined that EI1 wants to be notified and is allowed to be notified responds in Step 706 to Device 1 (702) with a message indicating the DI2 is relevant to EI1 and including information such as Entity Identifier EI2 and associated details. A user application on Device 1 (702) notifies the user that the entity associated with Device 2 is in proximity in step 707. The user of Device 1 provides input to the device directing it to request a chat session with the entity associated with Device 2 (703), and a message 708 is sent the server 701 commanding "send 'Hello' to EI2". The server acknowledges reception of the message with a "ACK" message 709, in return. Next server 701 sends "Request Chat: 'Hello' from EI1" to Device 2 703. The user of Device 2 accepts the chat and returns a message "I'm by the front door" with message 711, sending it to the server to be relayed to device 1 (702).

[0060] E-commerce between two mobile devices

[0061] Figures 8A and 8B show a message flow diagram for an embodiment where two individuals are performing a financial transaction on the street (for example, a customer and a street vendor). Each has a device (Figure 1, 106 and 108 respectively) enabled with the preferred embodiments described above. In this example, an individual's device would see a vendor and the vendor's device (enabled with various embodiments) would notify them that the vendor was also enabled with a device supporting the identifier search and other protocols described above, as well as being capable of electronic payments. These steps are performed in the following way. In step 804 the customer's device 802 (Device 1) performs an identifier search process as previously described, and detects a device identifier 2 (DI2) sent from Device 2 (803) belonging to the merchant. Device 1 will send a message to the server 801 (also represented by 100 in Figure 1) using the WWAN (cellular data link such as GPRS, EDGE, 1xEV-DO, IS-2000, Wi-Max, LTE,

or the like) 104 requesting information related to DI2 and its relevance to the entity related to device 1 802. The server 801 then determines the relevance of DI2 based on the account properties stored in the account associated with the consumer Device 1. In this case, the account settings only allow messages from or notifications of entities on a friends list stored in the account record (represented in Figure 10) associated with the consumer. Server 801 responds to device 802 with "no" indicating that DI2 is not relevant to the Consumer.

[0062] The customer, having an account enabled with electronic payments, and wanting an item the vendor has, would press a button or make other input to his phone (or other device) which would indicate they would like to make a purchase and pay using their device (808). In this case the input selection would be "search for merchants." The customer's device would then send a message (809) to the central server directing the server to perform a one time search for merchants, despite the current account settings. In one embodiment, the server would then direct the consumer's device 802 to initiate another search (809). Other embodiments may not include the server commanding Device 1 (802) to perform the search, but rather the search may be performed automatically, or use results from a recent search. In Step 811, Device 1 (802) performs another search and detects the identifier from Device 2 (803), DI2. Device 1 then sends a message 812 to the server again requesting information for all relevant devices detected, which will include at least DI2. In Step 813 the server, having received the request and list including DI2, looks up account information associated with DI2 and determines that the associated entity is a merchant. As the settings of the account associated Device 1 now allow for the notification of the user when a merchant is detected in proximity, DI2 is determined to be relevant to Device 1 and the Entity 1 (EI1) should be notified. The server then sends a message 814 to Device 1 (802) stating merchant services are available in proximity with a list of available merchant's information including information related to the entity (EI2). The user of device 1, Entity 1 (EI1) then provides input in step 815, (pressing a soft key on a touch screen for instance), selecting the specific merchant EI2 to engage with in a transaction. Device 1 (802) will then send a message (816) to the server requesting a transaction with EI2 associated with Device 2 (803). The server (801) will then respond in this embodiment with a message 817 to Device 1 confirming receipt of the requested transaction and providing information to allow the EI1 associated with Device 1 to independently confirm the identity of EI2 associated with Device 2 (803). In this embodiment the identifying

information can include the name of the merchant, the merchant's logo, a picture of the vendor, or their mobile shopping cart. In other embodiments, the picture may be of a specific unattended vending machine in the location it is currently operating. It may also include other information such as the address of the merchant in cases where a fixed store location is provided. As this particular merchant in this example is a street vendor, an address may not be used. GPS information stored in the account associated with Device 2 may be used as further confirmation in some instances. However, in this example, GPS coordinates are not be available on Device 2 due to lack of capability, or Device 2 being indoors and without sufficient signal to determine a location. Further GPS information from Device 1 (802) may be used to provide further confirmation information. In this embodiment the photograph sent in message 817 shows a picture of the particular merchant and also his city issued business license in text and as a picture of where it is displayed on the cart. The consumer entity EI1 provides input to Device 1 in step 818 confirming the identity of EI2, the merchant entity associated with Device 2 (803). Device 1 then sends a message 819 to the server 801 confirming the identity of the merchant.

[0063] Server 801 then sends a message 820 to the merchant's device 803 notifying them of the request for a transaction with EI1. Device 2 (803) then indicates to the merchant that a customer with the capability and desire to pay electronically is in proximity. In step 821 the customer associated with Device 1 (802) places an order with the merchant associated with Device 2 (803) and a list of products to be purchased is generated and the merchant provides input to Device 2 (803) to proceed with a electronic transaction. In step 822 Device 2 performs a scan of identifiers and DI1 associated with device 1 (802) and the Consumer is detected. A request is sent to the server 801 with a list of identifiers which were detected to determine if any of them are relevant to the merchant. Note that while the merchant device 803, (and the merchant) have now been notified of the desire for EI1 to enter a transaction, they do not necessarily know the identifier for EI1 yet. In other embodiments, the identifier associated with EI1 and Device 1 (802) may be sent in message 819, and a confirmation that this identifier is detected during the scan process 821 may be performed at the device. In the preferred embodiment, further security may be provided by the having the server perform this function independently. The server performs this confirmation in step 824 may matching the device 1 identifier DI1 with the information stored in the account associated with Entity 1 (EI1) also referred to as the Consumer.

[0064] The server than generates a message 825 to Device 2 (803) indicating that EI1 is relevant, and the transaction participant is present. The message in the preferred embodiment can also include a picture of the Consumer. Additionally, the message could also include other pictures of other individuals allowed to use this device for purchases. If more than one identifier was detected in step 822 and matched in step 824 to entities having requested transactions previously which are pending for that merchant, a list of information for each entity involved with a pending transaction request can be provided in message 825. The merchant then selects the correct consumer using the picture of that consumer, confirming the identity of the part to the transaction in step 826. The consumer information provided in message 825 in another embodiment may simply be the name of the customer and the merchant may either ask their name, or request identification such as a driver's license. In the preferred embodiment, where a picture is passed in message 825, it is not necessary that the individual's name be passed to the merchant for the merchant to be able to provide confirmation of the identity of the Consumer thus providing a level of anonymity to the transaction such as may be present when cash is used.

[0065] Following the confirmation by the merchant of the identity of the Consumer participating in the current transaction in step 826, Device 2 sends a message 827 to the server confirming the identity of the Consumer as Entity 1 (E1), and with information required for the transaction including the list of products to be purchased, their prices, the total price, and a request to charge E1 this total amount. Server 801 then confirms receipt of this message in step 828. The server then sends a message 829 to Device 1 requesting the Consumer to confirm the list of goods to be purchased and the total price to be paid. In step 830, the Consumer (Entity 1) reviews the list and amount to be paid and provides input to device 1 confirming the accuracy of the information and they the authorizing the server to pay. In step 832 the server charges E1 utilizing stored preferred charge card information, stored credit, or other payment methiod such as a PalPalTM user name (PayPal is a trademark of Ebay, Inc.) and password stored in the account associated with E1, and charges the consumer. In the case where a stored credit is used, the Consumer's account can be debited, and the credits not applied to the merchants account until a later step. In the case of a credit card, or PalPalTM transaction, the server provides payment to E2 (the merchant) utilizing information stored in the account associated with Device 2. The server then indicates payment is made to the merchant, and instructing the merchant to deliver the goods

with message 833. E2 (the Merchant) then provides the goods and provides input to Device 2 that the goods have been delivered in step 834. Message 835 is generated by Device 2 (803) to the server confirming product delivery, and acknowledging the receipt of the payment confirmation message 833. The server can then send message 836 requesting the Consumer to confirm they received the goods. If a confirmation is not received in response to this request, this information may later be used to settle any dispute that might arise. In step 837 the consumer confirms receipt of the products, and message 838 is generated to the server confirming the receipt of goods by the consumer. In Step 839 the server concludes the transaction by completing any steps required to credit the Merchant with the payment amount from the Consumer, if required. The server then sends a message 840 to the Merchant indication the transaction is complete, which is acknowledges in message 841. The Consumer is notified of the completed transaction with message 842, which is acknowledged with message 843.

[0066] Finally, the transaction details may be stored by the server, or sent to a thirdly party server for tracking spending habits of that account holder, or customers of that merchant allowing the merchant to track that specific customer's behavior and cater to them in the future with various specials delivered via email, or during their next visit via their device in the form of an electronic coupon. This process can be performed with a goal to help the merchant expose the customer to other products or services the merchant believes the customer might find desirable.

[0067] The apparatus, systems and methods can be extended to facilitate other types of transactions as well. In one specific application, consider use of the invention to facilitate a transaction such as the rental of an automobile. A well known business called ZipCar TM, presently operating in several major urban areas in the United States, makes available a fleet of vehicles for shared use by their club members who pay a monthly fee plus a per use charge. Using the embodiments herein, the club member would have a wireless device that serves as the "Consumer device" (Device 1) and the ZipCar vehicle would be equipped with a wireless device serving as the "Merchant" device (Device 2). The consumer would walk up to an available ZipCar vehicle and, using their wireless device, start an initial exchange of identifiers with the desired Merchant device, for example, using the short range local wireless network. The Consumer device and/or Merchant device would send a message to an application running on the Server requesting that a person associated with an account for the Consumer be granted access to a specific vehicle

(e.g., an "object") that is in the vicinity of and associated with the Merchant device. A set of confirmatory messages (such as to exchange access codes, to confirm the location of the vehicle, the per-use fee due, and payment for the same, etc.), are then typically also exchanged between the Consumer and the Merchant device with the assistance of the Server and the long range wireless network. Upon confirmation of the necessary transaction information, the Server sends a message to the Merchant device to unlock the vehicle requested (which may be sent over the second long range wireless network or a yet another network, such as a satellite network).

[0068] Example of a Mobile Device and a Broadcast Device.

[0069] Figure 9 shows a message flow diagram for an embodiment where an individual is in the presence of a broadcast device, such as for the museum example of Figure 2. As with Figure 2, the individual device 202 and the broadcast device 204 are present and enabled. In this example, an individual 902 is in a grocery store and their device 902 (Device 1) performs a scan for identifiers in step 904, as described previously. DI2 is detected having been transmitted from device 2 (903). Device 1 (902) sends a message to server 901 inquiring if DI2 is relevant to the entity associated with Device 1 and if the information associated with that device identifier (DI2) is available to be returned. In step 906, the server retrieves the accounts associated with both DI2 and Device 1 (EI1). The server detects that the entity associated with DI2 is an advertisement company, and that this device is a broadcast device only, and that there is an electronic coupon available for download to Device 1, and multimedia content available to be played if desired. Additionally, the account settings associated with EI1 allow for the notification of broadcast devices in proximity.

[0070] Server 901 then transmits a Response message 907 indicated the presence of the detected device and the content available. The device 902 requests input from the entity associated with the device 901 for permission to download the coupon, and the availability to play content such as video about how to prepare a recipe using the vendors product. In this case the individual associated with Device 1 accepts the content, and a message 909 is sent to the server accepting the content. Response message 910 begins the delivery of the content.

[0071] As previously mentioned, several key distinctions of this embodiment include that the user of device 902 may walk away out of range form the broadcast device 903 and continue to

receive the content using their cellular link, or may choose to play the content at a later time having stored the detected like in a favorites list. Additionally, the content stored in the account associated with the broadcast device 2 (903) is relevant to the placement of the device and the products near it. Further, as the content is stored in the server 901 rather than in the broadcast device 903, the content may be updated, modified, or deleted at anytime. For example the server 901 knowing that the consumer has never been detected previously, may customize the electronic coupon to provide a deeper discount than a regularly detected consumer. In the case where the devices are used for electronic commerce as in Figure 8, knowledge of the user's past purchases may be used to induce the consumer to try a new product. Alternatively if the consumer is a regular purchaser a loyalty program may provide a coupon upon a particular number of repeated purchases.

[0072] Figure 10 is a processing flow chart performed by the server receiving a request from a device inquiring about the relevant and availability of information associated with detected device identifiers. In step 1001 the server is waiting for a request from a device. When a request is received in decision 1002, step 1003 is performed. In this step the account information associated with the requesting device is retrieved. In step 1004 the information associated with the accounts for each of the detected device identifiers is retrieved. In step 1005 the server performs a matching process between the policies of the requesting account and each of the policies for each account associated with each detected device identifier. In step 1006 the information related to the matched policies for the associated entities will be sent to the requesting mobile device.

[0073] Just as in the previous example of an identifier being deemed relevant to a user based on a friends list, permission for disclosing a device's presence may require being on a friends list as well. For example, when a server receives an inquiry from a device with a list of identifiers, it may only respond with information for users associated with the identifiers that are on that device's friends list, and on each of the individual's friend lists as well. These friends' lists and policies can be stored within a user account which allows for disclosure of a user's presence only to individuals on this list, such as described in Figure 11 (to be described below.)

[0074] It is contemplated that the permissions not be an "all or nothing" decision, but that different classes of information may be assigned different permissions and mechanisms. An

example of this might be a user's presence, identity, and cart services being made available to only one set of other accounts (or users), while the presence of an anonymous individual being made available to anyone, but with other classes services available such as multi-player games being treated differently. Additionally multiple contacts may be included in the account, each given customized permissions. An example can be that any user may be notified of an anonymous user or other information based on additional policies.

[0075] As only the server contains personal information, and performs the association of an account with a particular identifier, it can inherently enforce the security of the policies as a distinct advantage relative to true peer to peer services. In this way, the central server controls the process of passing information related to an account to a particular requesting device.

[0076] Figure 11 shows an example account record to be associated with an entity and at least one device. The columns of the account record can consist of a Record Index which will be used to described the account, a Field which is a descriptive name for the contents stored in the record, and a Field Information Group Disclosure Policy Assignment List (PAL). The PAL provides rules for the disclosure of the information in the associated row in the Field column. The following list are possible PAL entries:

[0077] ALL: may be disclosed to any requesting entity

[0078] EXPLICIT APPROVAL: the Entity associated with the account must provide input approving the disclosure of the information

[0079] NONE: Do not disclose this information to any other entity

[0080] M: where M is a integer from 1 to N indicating a Information Group Disclosure Policy which may consist of a list of contacts, friends, groups, characteristics, and the like.

[0081] Most of the fields in Figure 11 are self explanatory and typical in the industry such as the account number, however a few fields are worth a clarifying discussion. The Device identifier is in record index 2, with a Identifier type in record 4. The identifier type can define what type of identifier the device associated with this account would use. Record index 10 is the Entity Type Field. This describes is the entity is a Merchant, Individual, or if the device associated with this account is a broadcast only device.

[0082] Referring now to Figure 12 a timing map reference for scanning times and dormant times for devices is shown. In one embodiment, it is desired that the power consumption and scan timing for the devices in a cellular network be reduced. Since the server and the WWAN is involved with all mobile devices, coordination of the broadcasting periods and the searching periods for the short range radios is possible. This can be based on a common reference time such as that provided by most cellular systems, any the time of day clocks inherently within mobile devices. This allows for reduced power consumption and other resource consumption in the devices. If no coordination is achieved, then the short range receivers in each device must be scanning for transmitted identifiers much more often and for longer durations. Utilizing a common timing base, and the central server to notify the devices of a coordination approach for "active times" and "non-active times" and will allow for the devices to minimize the power consumption in the transmission of and scanning for identifiers. This approach also allows for synchronizing the update of each device's identifier (as described previously) to enhance anonymity and security, coordinated with the central server. The "non-active times" may be used as "boundaries" over which the changing identifiers may be updated. This update may be based on either direct communication with the server, or rule and algorithm based updates previously coordinated with the central server so as to minimize server messaging, but allowing the updates to remain synchronized to the server such that the device and the server are always associating the same identifier between them.

[0083] As will be recognized by an individual skilled in the area of information technology, the concept of a central server may well be implemented as a collection of servers to allow for load balancing, redundancy, and the like in a manor common to the information technology industry.

[0084] Figure 13 shows a diagram of functional blocks associated with the management of dynamically assigned device identifiers. The Server 1301 has an application agent called an Identifier Manager (1303) which has access to a pool of device identifiers (1302). The Identifier Manager monitors timing information and determines when it is time to update a particular device's identifier. This time may be a regular interval, or a random generated time period by an algorithm such as a pseudo-random sequence generator, or a combination of both. When it is time to update a device identifier, Manager 1303 retrieves a new identifier form the pool 1302. The pool of identifiers may be a list or range of identifiers, or generated algorithmically. The new

identifier is stored in the account associated with the entity determined to require updating and a message sent to the device 1305 associated with that account commanding it to update its device identifier with the new one. This messge is sent over the WWAN Data network 1304 such as IS-2000, HSPA, GPRS, IS-95, Edge, Wi-Max, and the like. All devices 1305 to 1307 will eventually all be updated in a similar manner. This update process does not disrupt ongoing communication and interaction between devices despite the update as the communications are preformed based on the identity of the entities following the detection of the device identifiers which are no longer utilized. This unique capability allows for the updating process to be implemented and not impact the applications being utilized concurrently.

[0085] Other example applications utilizing still other embodiments follow below.

[0086] Requiring the brokering of the communication via a central server can also allow a mobile device to receive information associated with a "broadcast only" device, such as in the museum example discussed previously. This is important, as such broadcast devices can enable a vast set of new applications built upon the infrastructure developed in this application, beyond the museum application. Some of these applications may involve an electronic commerce aspect, for example.

[0087] Electronic Commerce Applications

[0088] Ecommerce between a fixed broadcast device and a mobile device

[0089] Football stadium example

[0090] An embodiment of a transaction model, enabled by the infrastructure described above can be an event such as a concert, or sporting event (particularly when it is an indoor venue where no GPS is available). A number of the broadcast only devices are placed through out the seating areas. The devices are very short range, and only transmit intermittently and as a result may be battery powered and to remain active over a very long time period. Each device can be placed in a known location, in a predicable manner.

[0091] An attendee at the event has his or her device enabled with the identifier protocol and other embodiments described above. The device detects a broadcast device, and interacts over the internet with the server via the WWAN connection (as already described above). The server

receives an indication of the broadcast device's identifier and the identifier of the account associated with the device which detected the broadcast device. The server retrieves content associated with the service provider's account and provide that content to the application on the requesting mobile device. The content may indicate that the venue has a product delivery service. The user may then press an indication on their device that they would like to see a menu or list of items for sale from the merchant(s) in the venue. The application on the user's device would then allow them to see a menu, for instance, and select items to purchase. The user then would be asked to confirm the purchase. The server would then indicate to the merchant that a user located near a specific broadcast device has ordered something. In this case, it is expected that a delivery fee could also be charged for the enhanced service. The server would facilitate the purchasing of the goods or services from the merchant and payment from customer's account, and provide confirmation to each. Such confirmation can include an electronic receipt provided to the customer, for user upon arrival of the delivery person of the good or service. The customer can then select an indication on their device confirming receipt of the good or service via the mobile device, thereby completing the transfer of funds and the transition. Optionally, the delivery person of the good or service may have an enabled mobile device as well. In this case the identifiers may be detected by the customer's device and reported to the server to confirm that the provider's delivery person was present. Further, the delivery person's device can be able to detect the broadcast device's identifier and reported to the server confirming the delivery person was in the correct area independently. Even further proximity confirmation may be achieved by the customer's device's transmitted identifier being detected by the delivery person's device and reported to the central server further confirming the physical proximity of the parties involved in the transaction. Upon arrival of the delivery person, the customer may be notified that the delivery person is looking for them, and has arrived. These cross confirmations can allow for the central server evidence to justify payments both in completed transactions and in disputed or failed transactions. Further, the delivery person may receive a picture of the requesting customer assisting to identify the customer to whom the food is to be delivered. Once the customer is found, the delivery person can confirm the delivery of the good or service to the customer via the user input on their mobile device, and that confirmation being reported to the central server. The

customer can have the option to report confirmation or denial of the reception of the product or service as well, as in the last example.

[0092] In another embodiment, the merchant device may be fixed, but have an internet connection (wireless or otherwise). Further, in some embodiments, the merchant may be an automated device such as a vending machine. In such a model, a customer may use their enabled cell phone to purchase an item such as a beverage from the machine without the need to insert currency into the machine. This can be accomplished by the customer's cell phone detecting the vending machine transmission of the identifier or visa-versa. Following the detection of either the customer's identifier by the vending machine, or the customer detecting the vending machine identifier, the respective device notifies the server, which in turn provides notification (assuming the account settings allow for notification) to the potential customer via their device. Assuming the customer selects to purchase an item from the vending machine using their account associated with their device, the customer may be presented a menu as in the example above. The customer may further be presented information to ensure the identity of the vending machine, such as a description of the machine, a machine identification number, or a (most likely) a picture of the machine where it is located. The customer can then confirm this is the machine they are interfacing with, and select to pay via their account. The customer may in one model select the item to dispense by input to their phone, or they may simply select to provide payment to the machine allowing them to make the selection manually as is the typical mode of operation today. The vending machine can then interact with the server via its own internet connection, and participate in the transaction in a manner similar to the mode described above allowing for step by step confirmation as previously described.

[0093] Electronic opinion polling, tied to a known location.

[0094] In a much simpler example, such a capability might be used to tie a survey to a known location in such a way as to provide an e-coupon to the survey taker on their device in return for completion of the survey. Alternatively, this type of interaction can enable a very large crowd to interact with a Jumbo-Tron like display to provide input to polls or to participate in group activities. Users at different locations in a audience may form teams and interact with other teams for group activities.

[0095] Other Preferred Embodiments

[0096] Applications running on a device may also interact with the server to perform various functions, for example retrieving information associated with an entity or device, by utilizing a detected identifier. Such information may include stored content associated with the entity's account record such as music, pictures, links to social networking sites, instant messaging addresses, advertising content, and even executable scripts or application such as in AJAX. An example of such an application may include the detection of a device's identifier in a fixed location allowing for tour guide like information to be provided for that location.

[0097] As the server may be running applications which perform more function than just the retrieval of content, a pre-defined interaction process may also be applied by the server to the devices such as allowing the approval to share private content with the entity associated with the detected device. This process may eventually allow or disallow the sharing of information and to facilitate the interacting with another entity.

[0098] As a more complex example, in other embodiments, the devices may utilize the server as a third party to provide for new capabilities such as a secure three way e-commerce transaction between two entities. In this more complex process, the server may require confirmation of each party's identity with visual cross verification of the parties using pictures or other unique identifiers. The server may use this visual cross verification in conjunction with detecting that the individuals are in proximity with each other. The server may verify the proximity using GPS or using the peer to peer detection process in another embodiment. Further, the server may facilitate a process requiring each party to perform a step by step confirmation during the transaction including the stages of: the request for purchase, the payment, the receipt of goods and services, and the providing of payment receipt.

[0099] This differs from the approaches employed by prior art location aware mobile social networking techniques in that no GPS is needed to determine when one device is in proximity to another. Many wireless devices in use are not GPS-capable, and even when they are, GPS will often not operate indoors or where the GPS signal is weak. Using a peer to peer detection process to locate nearby devices allows for the operation of proximity detection indoors.

[0100] Preferred embodiments can also differ from known peer to peer based social networking in that the information flow between the devices running the applications are over the wide area network via a central server, rather than carried over the peer to peer network itself. An example of this is a service called Flobbi, as discussed previously, where community members can identify each other via Bluetooth transmissions, then interact with chat. The messaging in this case is carried over Bluetooth itself. A distinction from such peer to peer approaches is the use of a central server to "broker" the transactions between peers, enhancing the ability to manage security and information disclosure. Such use allows for the opportunity to customize delivered content to include elements such as advertising or other content customized to the recipient based on additional information such as known personal purchasing history, or interests.

[0101] A further distinction of the preferred embodiment is the use of a central server to determine identities of detected peer devices, which additionally allows for secure and fraud resistant application of policies for the disclosure of information and content. An issue with the existing pure peer to peer approaches is that they are not capable of enforcing policy associated with the disclosure of information to unknown entities in a secure and fraud resistant manor. One reason for this is that information related to a user's device must be disclosed in the process of detection in the form of a static identifier. By the nature of the identifier, it must be static or peers would not be able to directly determine the identity of a friend over time with the information stored on their device. By using a central server, the system may coordinate the change of the identifiers from time to time such that the disclosure of an identifier by one device to another does not compromise the identity of the device. In this case the identifier may be assigned from a central server and such server coordinate the identifier's change from time to time.

[0102] Reliance on a central server also allows the secure and fraud resistant application of disclosure policy. Such policy might include the verification of the identity of the party to which information (identity and presence for instance) or content (pictures of the account owner) is to be provided. Such verification is performed in an anonymous way such that in the process of verifying information associated with each party, no personal information is disclosed between the parties prior to satisfaction of some pre-set policy such as inclusion on a friend list or belonging to a specific group or organization. Another important policy required for such services would be the determination of any past negative feed back ratings by other past peers for behavior for the

particular user to which the information is to be provided. An individual with significant poor ratings having detected a peer, may be denied access to personal information or even notification of arrival of the detected peer based on the server policy setting by the detected peer or the server in general.

[0103] A further distinction is to enable electronic payments for individuals who are in close proximity to each other. The central server can act as a third trusted party to help facilitate the electronic transaction between the individuals. Secondly, the server allows for a convenient, electronically secure, personally secure and anonymous method for each of the individuals to specify the party with which they wish to engage in a transaction. Thirdly, participants in a transaction can cross validate the identities of the individuals engaged in the transaction. Finally, because this method is proximity based it will also work indoors or in other situations where GPS location information is not available.

[0104] Feature Summary of Preferred Embodiments

[0105] 1. In a first embodiment:

[0106] One device is transmitting a wireless identifier using a wireless protocol capable of peer to peer communication;

[0107] The wireless identifier being associated with a specific account on a server connected to the internet;

[0108] A second device receiving the wireless identifier

[0109] The second device capable of communicating with the server over an internet connection;

[0110] The second device requesting information from the service associated with the first identifier

[0111] The second device having a second identifier associated with a second account on the server; and/or

[0112] The server providing different amounts of information related to the first account based on the parameters associated with one or both of the first and second accounts

[0113] The identifiers associated with the accounts being updated such that the identifiers would no longer be recognized as being associated with specific accounts without past or current interaction with the server;

[0114] Using one or more of Cellular network timing information, and information form the central server to coordinate the broadcast and search times amongst the devices. (to reduce power and resource consumption); and/or

[0115] Data necessary to engage in an E-commerce transaction may be exchanged as well such as the identity verification such as via a picture and/or mutual identifier detection.

[0116] 2. In a second embodiment,

[0117] A device is capable of operating two wireless protocols simultaneously, utilizing a first wireless protocol in the device to detect the proximity of another wireless device and using the second wireless protocol to communicate with a remote server, where:

[0118] One or more of the devices are mobile devices;

[0119] Where the first wireless protocol is a local, or personal area network wireless protocol such as 802.11, Bluetooth, UWB or other local connectivity protocol;

[0120] Where the first wireless capability used for detecting the presence of another device, or advertising the presence or a device;

[0121] Utilizing a wireless wide area data link from one or more of the wireless devices to, optionally:

[0122] Connect to a central server;

[0123] Perform user authorization functions;

[0124] Perform download of information associated with account identifiers utilizing the short range wireless capability;

[0125] Request forwarding of messages / packets to the other active account;

[0126] Utilizing the messaging with a mobile proximity based social networking capability; and optionally,

[0127] The messaging being performed via the WWAN; and/or

[0128] The server providing a centrally assigned user identity, with relationship brokering or identification capability.

[0129] 3. In another embodiment,

[0130] A central serving capability is provided to mobile devices utilizing a wireless WAN connection to provide and exchange information between one or more application on one or more wireless devices and the central server where

[0131] the information passed to the central server is collected by one wireless device from another wireless device via a separate local wireless reception from the other wireless device;

[0132] the separate local wireless reception from the second wireless device contains information directly assigned by, derived from, or known to the central server associated with the identity of the second wireless device;

[0133] this identity is related to certain information and preferences of an account holder associated with an application operating on the second wireless device;

[0134] the application is operating on both wireless devices;

[0135] the application operating on the first device also provides its own identifying information to the central server as well as detected identifiers from devices with applications on them;

[0136] The central server contains account information registered to the applications running on each wireless device;

[0137] The preferences associated with the account information also contain policies related to the disclosure of one account's stored information to other accounts and hence to their application on their devices;

[0138] These policies including a classification of other accounts each classification having different policies some of these policies being one of:

[0139] no not allow notification of my presence

[0140] allow notification of my presence

[0141] disclose my name/ do not disclose my name

[0142] disclose age / do not disclose age

[0143] disclose personal details;

[0144] Where an application running on each device can optionally perform point of sale transitions coordinated via the central server, over the WWAN, utilizing user input on each device as confirmation of successive steps in the transition;

[0145] Further, where at least one of the confirmation steps additionally involves displaying an identifying picture related to one of the devices, on the other device;

[0146] Additionally the server performing an authorization for the transition to a third party;

[0147] Or, optionally, a device is interacting with a point of sale device to associate an itemized list of items with a detected second device;

[0148] The service performing a confirmation with the application on the second device requiring user input that the bill of goods list is correct; and/or

[0149] The server storing the information related to the second devices detected account identity and inventory in a database for later use

[0150] 4. In still other embodiments, a device has a wireless capability with no WWAN capability, but only with the ability to broadcast a unique identifier, and

[0151] A central server stores having the broadcast device's details;

[0152] And when the first device provides these detail to the server, authorized and current information about the broadcast device are provided to the first wireless device;

[0153] Where this information optionally includes advertising information or information related to "e-coupons" for special offers for products or services; and/or

[0154] Where the content of the e-coupons might be customized based on the identity of the requesting device or account holder;

[0155] Where the content is further customized based on other information known by the server related to the user's account ; or

[0156] Where the other information is related to the user's past purchasing practices or previous requests; and/or

[0157] A mobile device, upon detecting a broadcast device and if enabled to do so, will report that broadcast Id to the server over a WWAN, and retrieve the current content from the server associated with that device and:

[0158] Display it to the user on their device; or

[0159] Execute instructions associated with the information retrieved from the server.

[0160] 5. In still further embodiments, a good or service delivery model utilizing the above described broadcast device, is placed in a known location, and further

[0161] A mobile device is for detecting the fixed device's identifier via the WPAM/WLAN;

[0162] The mobile device reporting this identifier and passing an identifier associated with itself, or the account associated with the user utilizing the device;

[0163] The server determining that the detected broadcast device is associated with the broadcast device with a known location;

[0164] The server further determining that the identifier is associated with a service, and further associated with an account or that service;

[0165] The server retrieving content associated with the service provider's account and providing that content to the application on the requesting mobile device;

[0166] Where that content may be a list of items for sale, services for sale, a opinion pole, food menu, or other menu style content which allows for user selection of items, which can be implemented in java code, xml, simple text, or other for example optionally including active code elements;

[0167] The application on the mobile device displaying the content to the user display with the itemized list of goods, services, or other selection items;

[0168] A user providing selection of one or more of the items, and confirming they wish to purchase said items, and take delivery at or near the location of the fixed broadcast device;

[0169] The server facilitating the purchasing of the goods or services from the merchant's account and the customer's account, and providing confirmation to each. Such confirmation including an electronic receipt provided to the customer, for user upon arrival of the deliverer of the good to or service;

[0170] The customer confirming receipt of the good or service via the mobile device, thereby completing the transfer of funds and the transition; and/or

[0171] The deliverer of the good or service optionally having a mobile device and optionally:

[0172] such that identifiers from that device may be detected by the customers device and reported to the server to confirm that the provider's delivery person was present;

[0173] such that the broadcast devices identifier is detected by the delivery person's mobile device and reported to the server confirming the deliver person was in the correct area

[0174] such that the customer's device's transmitted identifier is detected by the delivery persons device and reported to the central server further confirming the physical proximity of the parties involved in the transaction; and/or

[0175] The delivery person confirming the delivery of the good or service to the customer via the user input on their mobile device, and that confirmation being reported to the central server.

[0176] 6. In another embodiment, a software program is arranged to operate at the application layer on a mobile device, which interfaces to a device driver interface:

[0177] Using wi-fi 802.11 to perform a WLAN local connection protocol; or

[0178] Using Bluetooth to perform the WLAN local connection;

[0179] Where the device driver interface is an NDIS driver or the like;

[0180] Using 1xEVDO, HSDPA, GPRS, EDGE or the like for a wide area WWAN interface;

[0181] The application then providing the reported identifiers to a server, which will make decisions regarding a users interest in these detected identifiers, and policy regard privacy other identifiers;

[0182] The decision process optionally based on priority of the identifier, the class an identifier belongs to, a list the identifier is, or is not included on;

[0183] Based on the result of the action function,

[0184] Sending at least one detected identifier to the network, potentially with additional information from the action function, and retrieving information back from the server related to that identifiers' account information stored on that server;

[0185] The server then receiving a request from a device's application, with a detected identifier

[0186] The server examining both the requesting and the requested identifier's identity and making a policy decision regarding the release of the requested identifiers information related to their account;

[0187] The server in some cases providing a continuously or periodically changing account or device identifier to a specific application on a device to enhance the privacy of the identity of that device;

[0188] The changing of the identifier may be effected by a rule based generation local to the application, or may be downloaded from the server directly; and/or

[0189] The update of the identifier being synchronized to such that it is coordinated with predetermined scanning and broadcasting periods allowing for a known update boundary;

[0190] 7. In still another embodiment, a method uses the mobile device's time of day derived from the network or other reference for

[0191] synchronizing a PAN/WLAN discovery and advertisement times to save battery life;

[0192] doing the same in a synchronized way among multiple devices;

[0193] while coordinating the timing information utilizing the WWAN and a central server available commonly to the devices, such as by

[0194] Synchronizing identifier transmission timing to save power from WWAN network parameters obtained for the server;

[0195] Coordinating any identifier updates to this same timing source; and/or

[0196] Using a pool of identifiers available to the central server to assign identifiers to devices changing the identifiers at some time interval derived for the common time reference

[0197] 8. In another embodiment,

[0198] A central server uses an identity manager to assign identifiers to devices using a WWAN cellular data link, and wherein

[0199] identifiers are occasionally changed

[0200] identifiers are assigned from a pool of identifiers available to the servers;

[0201] identifiers are used as 48 bit media access control (MAC) addresses of the short range wireless network adapter

[0202] identifiers are optionally used as

[0203] an SSID in a IBSS in IEEE-802.11 network beacons

[0204] a BSSID of the IEEE802.11 network adapter;

[0205] in a IEEE802.15.1 Inquiry Response Message as the BD_ADDR

[0206] a device name in a Bluetooth name response packet ; or

[0207] listed in a services list as provided in a LMP_features_req message or LMP_features_req_ext message for a Bluetooth device

[0208] While this invention has been particularly shown and described with references to example embodiments thereof, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes in form and details may be made therein without departing from the scope of the invention encompassed by the appended claims.

CLAIMS

1. A method comprising:

causing processing, at a wireless device, of a first plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via a short range wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

causing a transfer of the stored information between the wireless device and one or more servers via a second wireless protocol, wherein at least a portion of the stored information relates to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the processing of the first plurality of beacon transmissions occurs in a first time period, and

wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period:

causing processing, at the wireless device, of a second plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via the short range wireless protocol, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier; and

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier, and wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

6. The method of claim 2 wherein the first or the second further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifier, or information derived from the first or second unique identifier.

7. The method of claim 2 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

8. The method of claim 2, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

9. The method of claim 2 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to the particular entity or object.

10. The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to at least one of the one or more servers.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

13. The method of claim 1 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

14. The method of claim 2 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing one or more of the first and the second further action.

15. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

16. The method of claim 2 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

17. The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

18. The method of claim 2 wherein the steps performed at the wireless device are performed as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device.

19. The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

20. The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

21. The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second

unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

22. The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

23. The method of claim 3 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

24. The method of claim 2 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

25. The method of claim 1 wherein the MAC address is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR.

26. The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first unique identifier, or information derived from the first unique identifier.

27. The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

28. The method of claim 1 wherein following the taking of the first further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user as a result of the first further action.

29. The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action comprises: determining that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

30. The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

31. The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

32. The method of claim 3 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

33. The method of claim 2 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

34. A mobile wireless device comprising:

one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol;

one or more processors; and

one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including:

receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

transferring, between the wireless device and one or more servers via the second wireless protocol, stored information related to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier;

selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier;

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers;

receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) the beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored

information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service;

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device; and

wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier.

35. A computer program product for installation in a non-volatile memory in a wireless device, the computer program product comprising computer program instructions that, when read from the non-volatile memory, and then executed by one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

process a first plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via a Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

transfer stored information between one or more servers to the wireless device via a second wireless protocol, wherein the stored information relates to an entity or object associated

with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the Bluetooth wireless protocol;

select one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and

perform a first further action, the first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

36. The computer program product of claim 35 wherein the computer program instructions, when executed by the one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

during a first time period:

process the first plurality of beacon transmissions in the first time period, and

during a second time period:

process a second plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via the Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

select one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier; and

perform a second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon

transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device.

ABSTRACT

[0209] Systems and methods are provided for reducing communications between servers and a mobile device and providing enhanced security and privacy to wireless beacon services. This can involve a broadcast device transmitting a beacon transmission using a short range wireless radio, such a Bluetooth or WiFi, and including a MAC address, a first unique identifier, and a beacon service identifier. The mobile device then selects one or more unique identifiers from received beacon transmissions, by filtering (that is, selecting) those beacon transmissions which include the beacon service identifier. The wireless device then takes further action, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers, using stored information from the server. The stored information may be delivered to the wireless device in response to the wireless device sending the first unique identifier to a server, or the stored information may have been previously downloaded.

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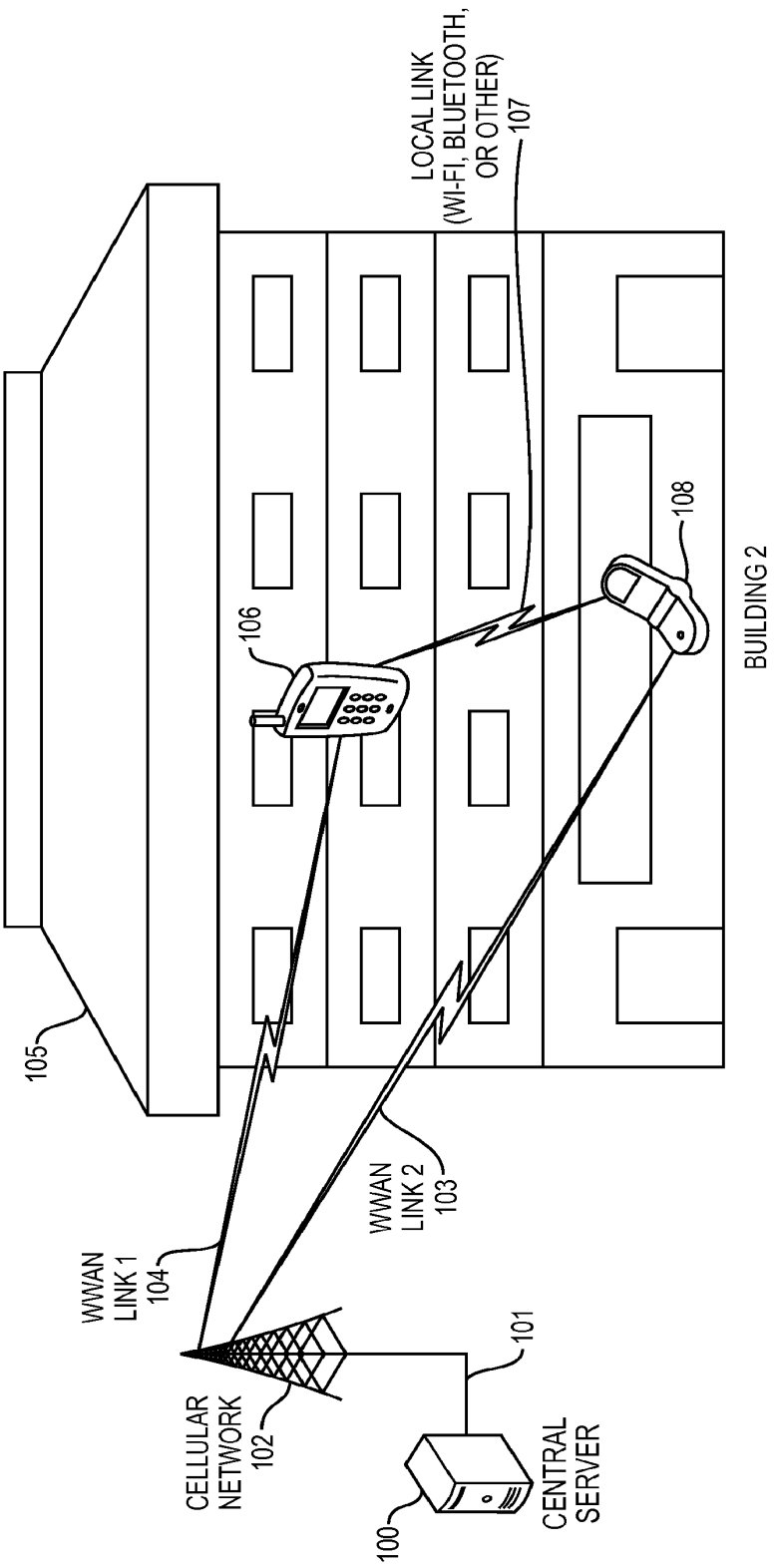

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Figure 1

Figure 2

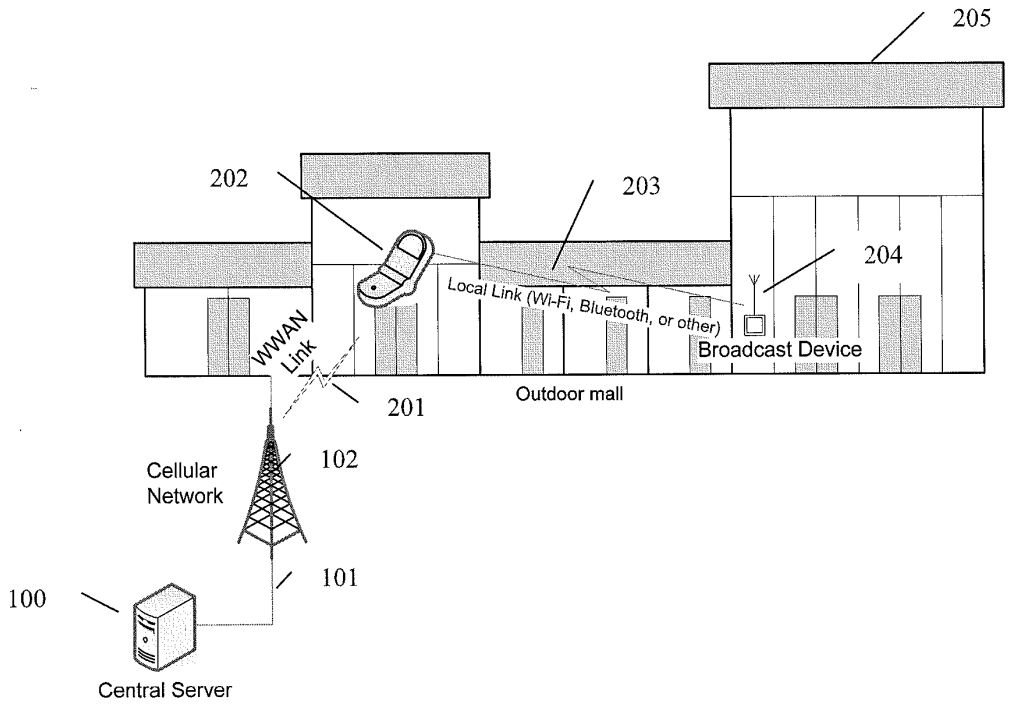
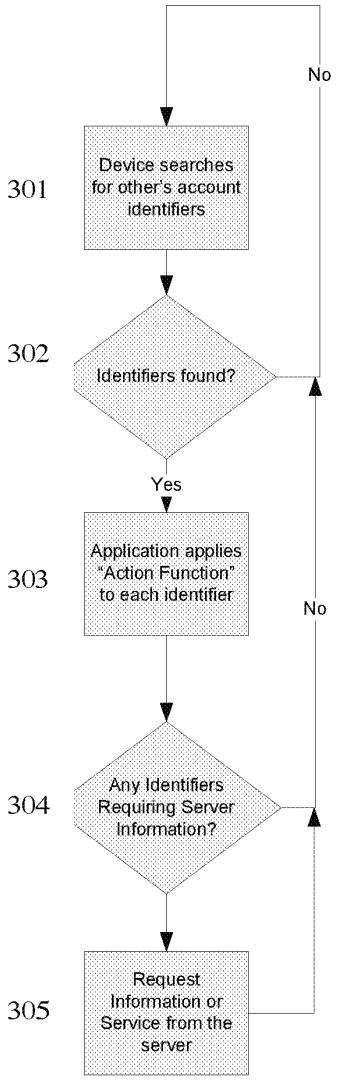

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202
203
204
Local Link (Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, or other)
WWAN Link
Broadcast Device
Outdoor mall
201
Cellular Network
102
101
100
Central Server

Figure 3


No
301
Device searches for other's account identifiers
302
Identifiers found?
Yes
303
Application applies "Action Function" to each identifier
No
304
Any Identifiers Requiring Server Information?
305
Request Information or Service from the server

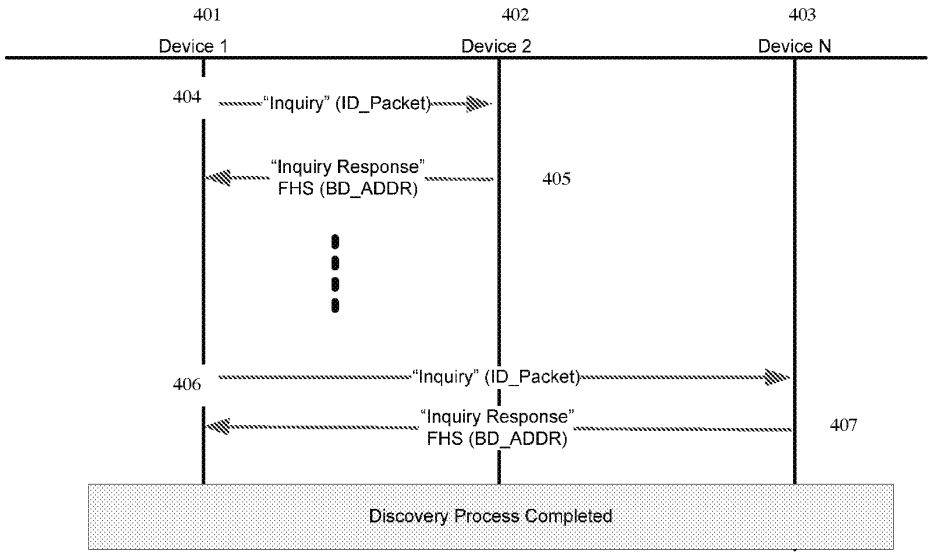


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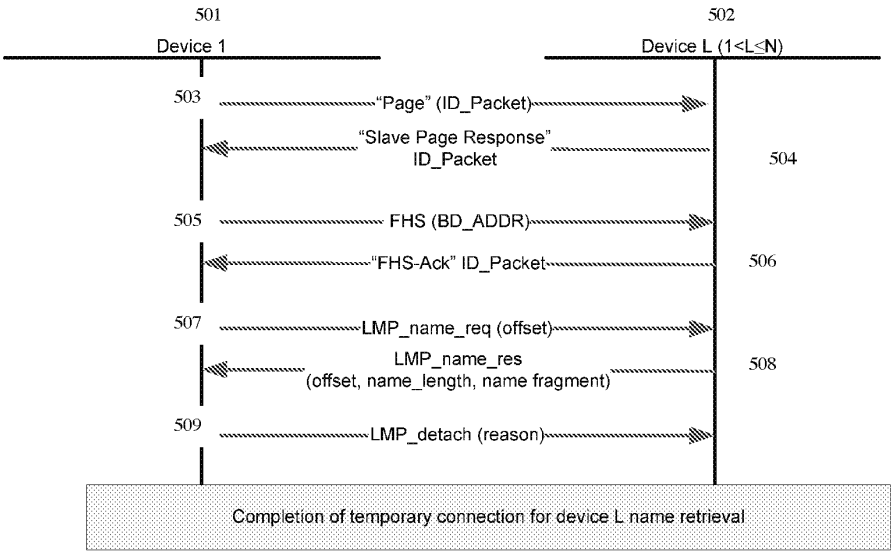


Figure 5 – 802.15.1-2002 (Bluetooth V1.2) Remote Name Request

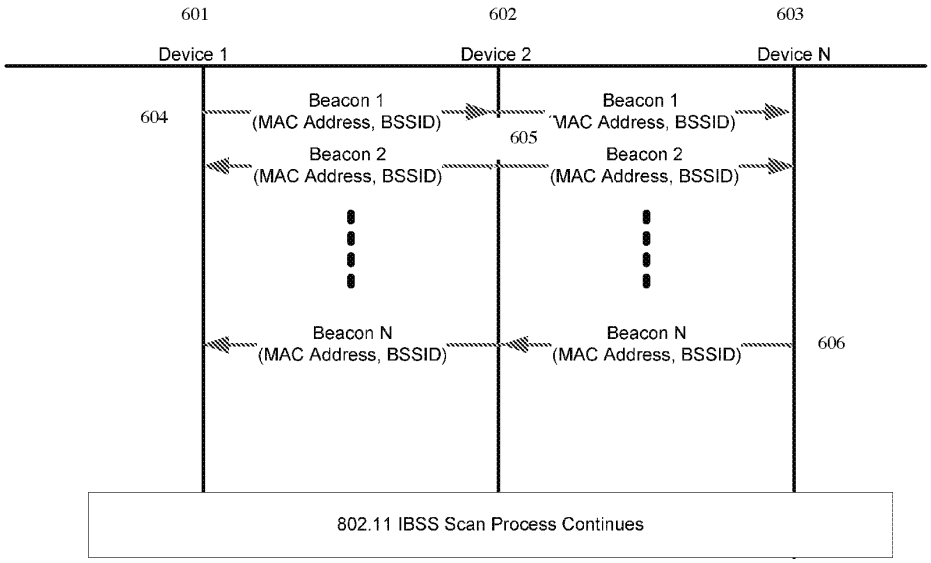


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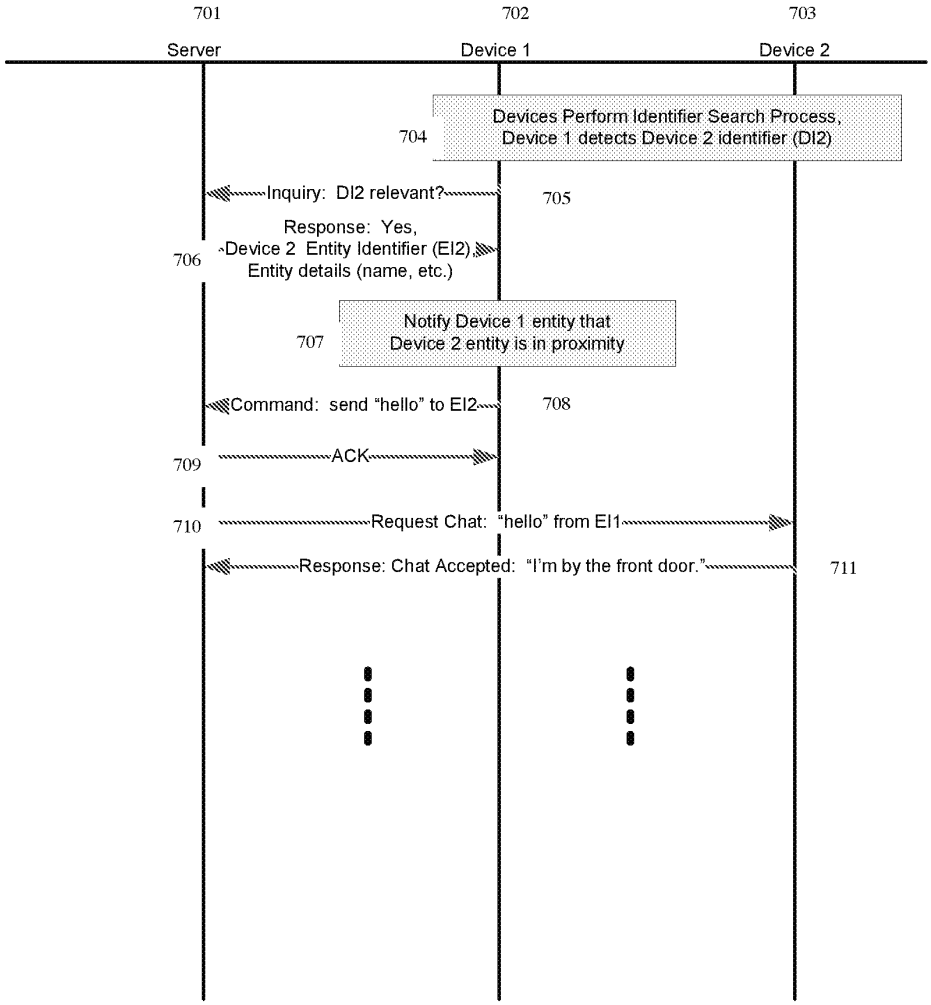


Figure 7 – Process of Detection and entering a Chat Session

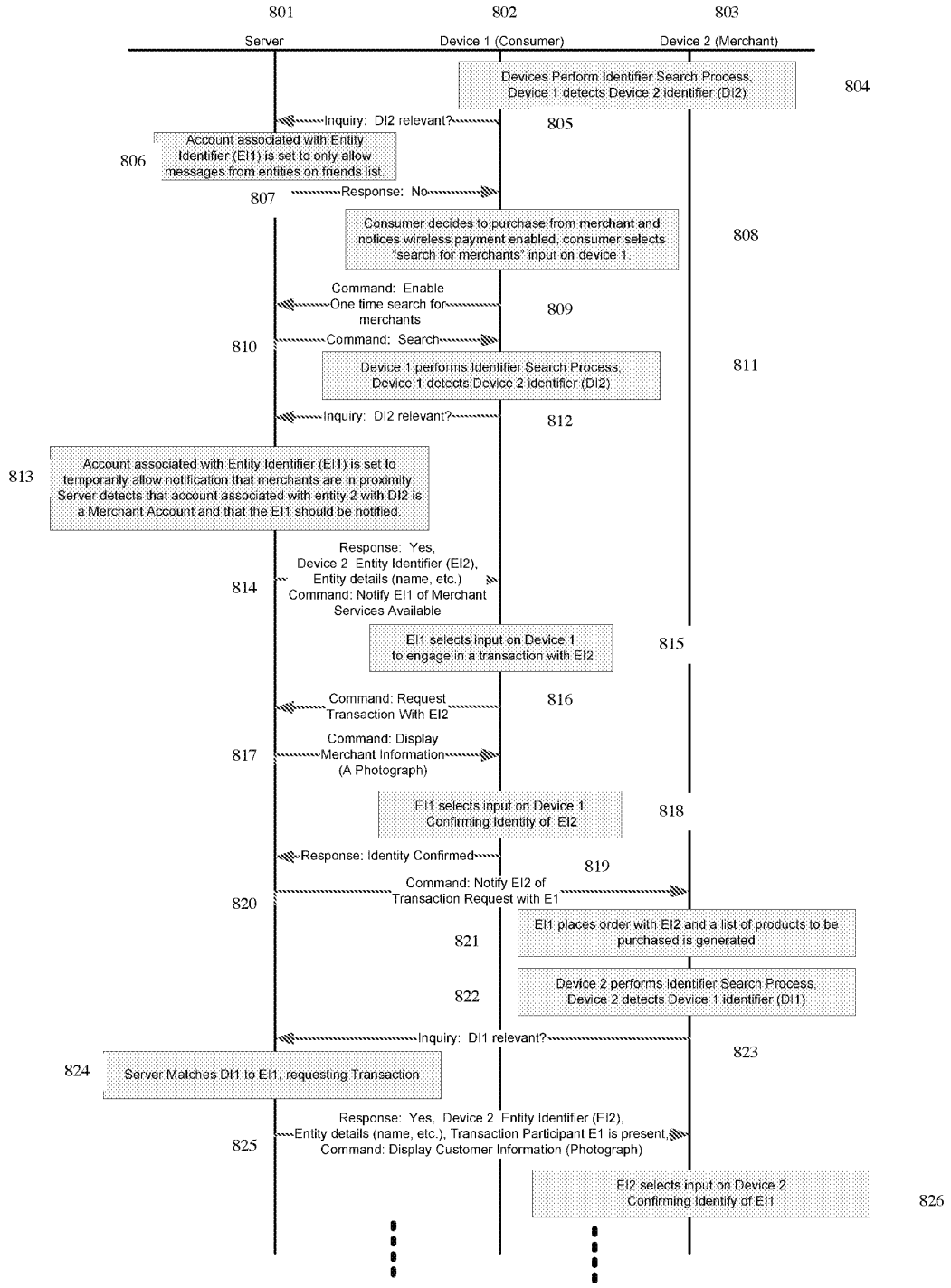
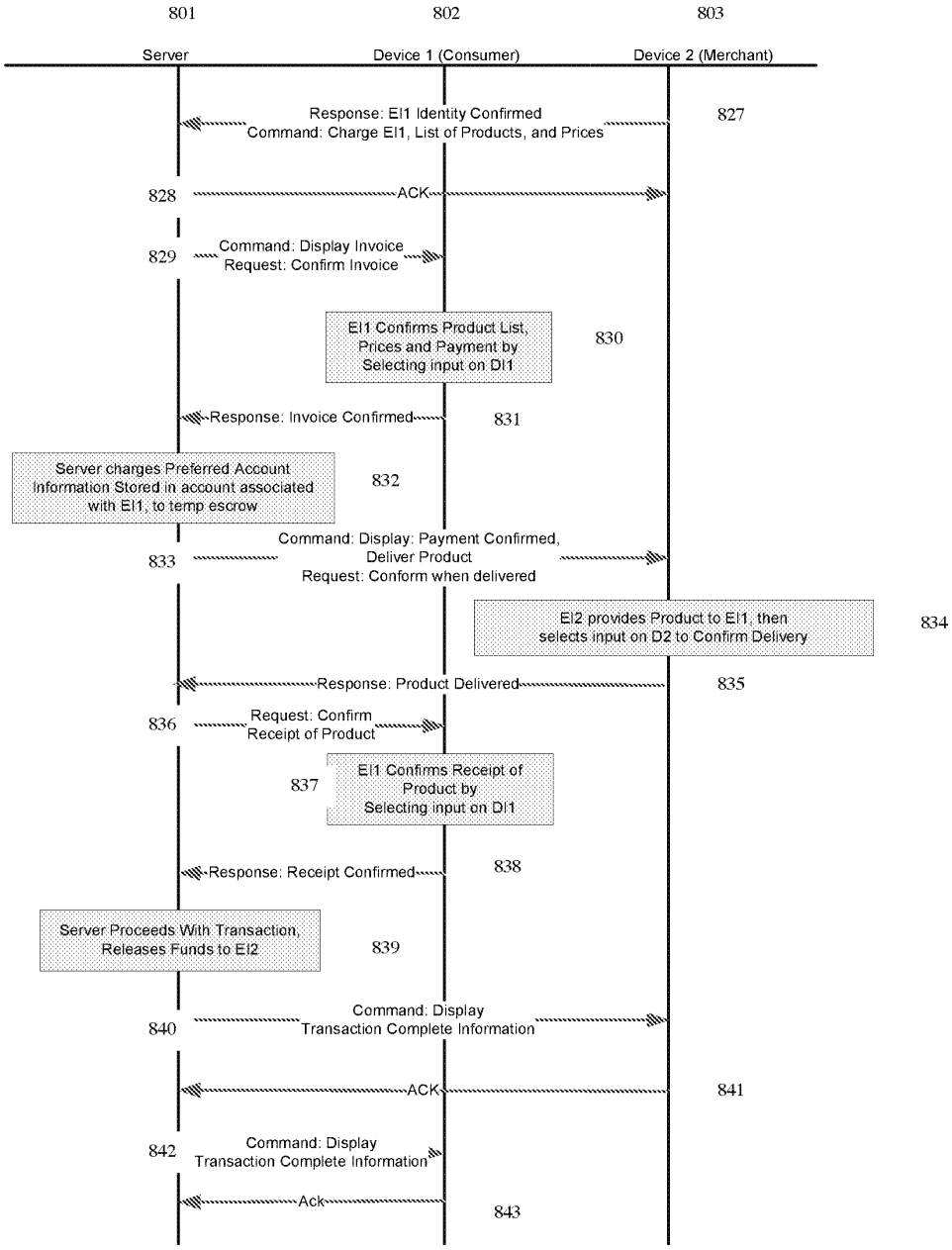


Figure 8A – E Commerce Process

Figure 8B – E Commerce Process Continued



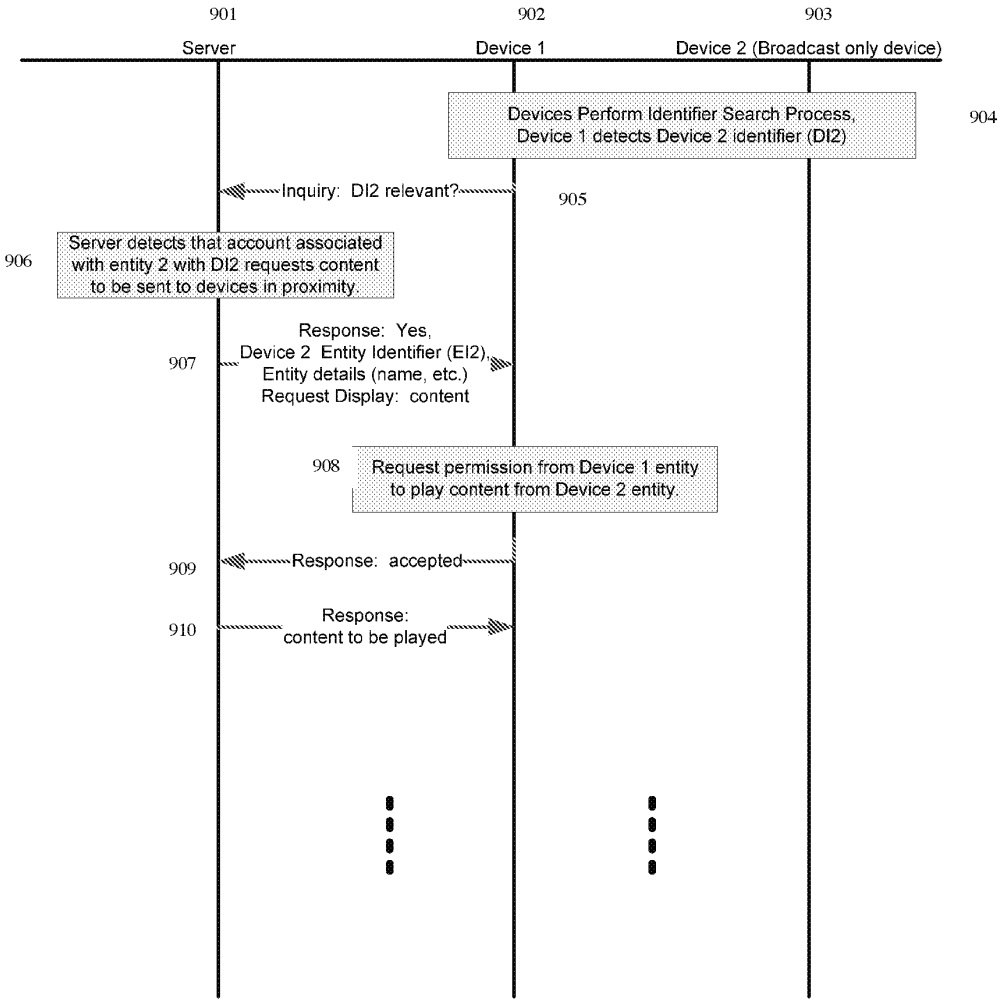


Figure 9 Broadcast and mobile device interaction

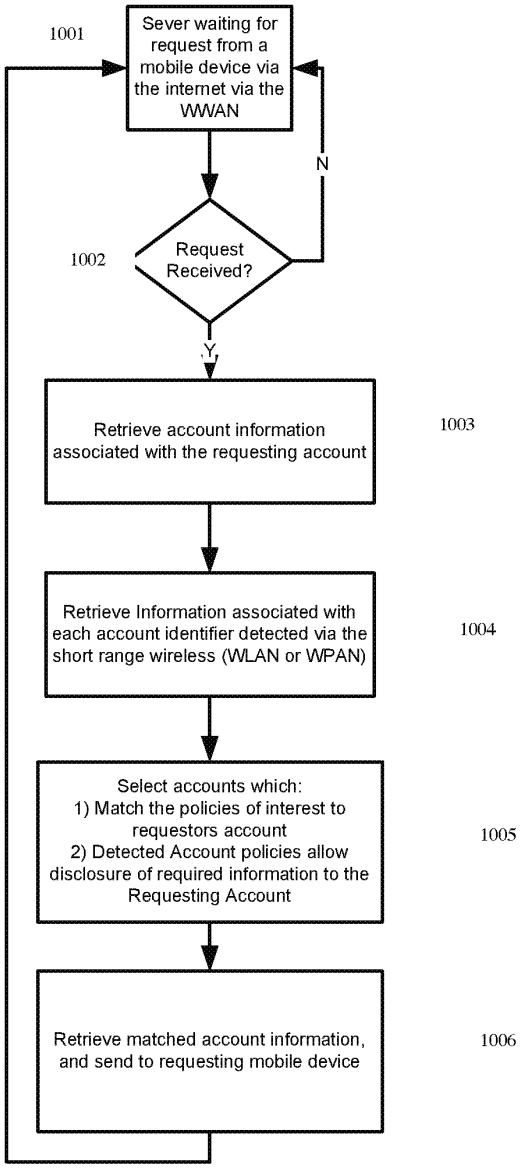


Figure 10 – Server Processing Example for Detected Device

Figure 11 – Example Individual Account Record associated with an Entity Stored in the Server

Record Index	Field	Field Information Group Disclosure Policy Assignments List
1	Account Number	[All, Explicit Approval, NONE, 1..N]
2	Identifier	
3	Identifier Type [Fixed MAC Address, Dynamic MAC Address, BSSID, Device Name]	
4	Number of Fields	
5	Field List	
6	Account User Name	NONE
7	Account Password	NONE
8	Entity Name	
9	Entity Address	
10	Entity Type [Individual, Merchant, Broadcast Entity]	
11	Billing Information	
12	Device Type	
13	Device IP Address	
14	Device SMS Phone Number	
15	Device Capabilities	
16	Entity AutoPlay Script 1	
17	Entity AutoPlay Script 2	
18	Detected AutoPlay Script 1	
19	Detected AutoPlay Script 2	
20	Entity Instant Message Address List	
21	Information Group Disclosure Policy 1 (IGDP#) [Characteristic 1 (C1), C2,.. CN, Friend List 1 (FL1), FL2, .. FLN, etc]	
22	Information Group Disclosure Policy 2	
23	Information Group Disclosure Policy 3	
24	Information Group Disclosure Policy 4	
25	Additional Personal Information Field 1 (APIF#) [Content Type/Content] (Picture, mp3, xml/AJAX, Text, Contact List, URL (MySpace, Facebook, Loopt), Login Credentials (MySpace, Facebook, Loopt, Itunes, etc.), Payment Information (Credit Card Information, PayPal Information, etc.), IM Credentials List (Username/Password))	
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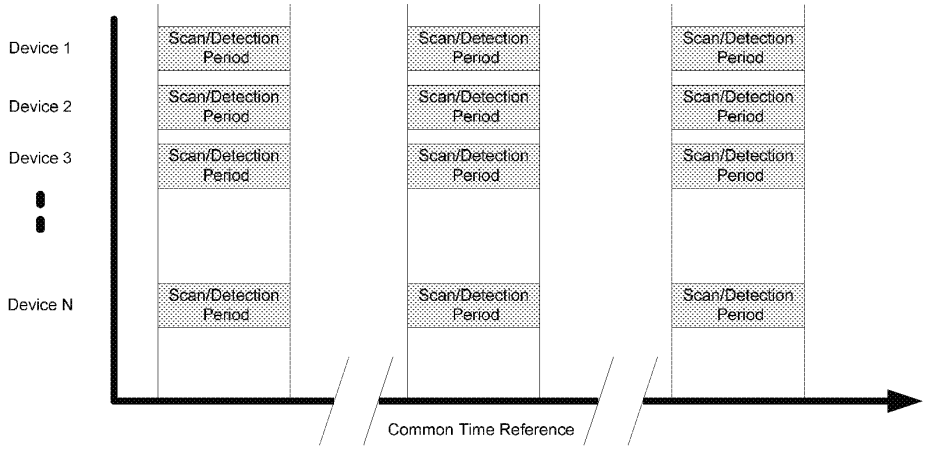


Figure 12 Use of common time reference for intermittent detection intervals

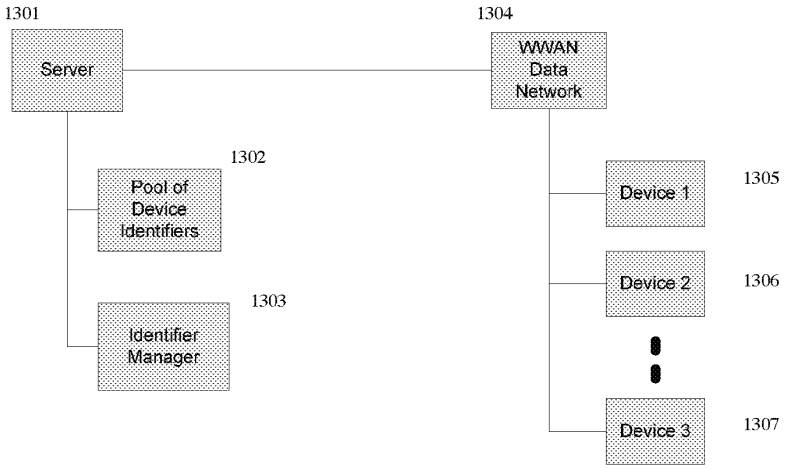


Figure 13 - Management of Device Identifiers by Identifier Manager in the Server

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	Application Number	
Title of Invention	EFFICIENT AND SECURE COMMUNICATION USING WIRELESS SERVICE IDENTIFIERS	

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Attorney Docket No.	111054-0001C9
First Named Inventor	James A. Proctor, Jr.
Title	EFFICIENT AND SECURE COMMUNICATION USING WIRELESS SERVICE IDENTIF
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. [✔] **Fee Transmittal Form** (PTO/SB/17 or equivalent)
2. [✔] **Applicant asserts small entity status.** See 37 CFR 1.27
3. [ ] **Applicant certifies micro entity status.** See 37 CFR 1.29. Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/15A or B or equivalent.
4. [✔] **Specification** [*Total Pages* 44] Both the claims and abstract must start on a new page. *(See MPEP § 608.01(a) for information on the preferred arrangement)*
5. [✔] **Drawing(s)** (35 U.S.C. 113) [*Total Sheets* 14]
6. **Inventor's Oath or Declaration** [*Total Pages* 2] *(including substitute statements under 37 CFR 1.64 and assignments serving as an oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63(e))*
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   b. [✔] A copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

Complete if known	
Application Number	
Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	James A Proctor, Jr.
Examiner Name	
Art Unit	
Practitioner Docket No.	111054-0001C9

☒ Applicant asserts small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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	FILING FEES			SEARCH FEES			EXAMINATION FEES			
Application Type	**U ($)**	**S ($)**	**M ($)**	**U ($)**	**S ($)**	**M ($)**	**U ($)**	**S ($)**	**M ($)**	**Fees Paid ($)**
Utility	320	128*	64	700	280	140	800	320	160	664.00
Design	220	88	44	160	64	32	640	256	128	
Plant	220	88	44	440	176	88	660	264	132	
Reissue	320	128	64	700	280	140	2,320	928	464	
Provisional	300	120	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description	**Undiscounted Fee ($)**	**Small Entity Fee ($)**	**Micro Entity Fee ($)**
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	100	40	20
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	480	192	96
Multiple dependent claims	860	344	172

Total Claims		**Extra Claims**	**Fee ($)**		**Fee Paid ($)**
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This application is a CON of 17/942,197 09/12/2022 PAT 11,687,971
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which is a CON of 15/271,410 09/21/2016 PAT 11,334,918
which is a CON of 14/861,563 09/22/2015 ABN
which is a CON of 14/472,477 08/29/2014 PAT 9,161,164
which is a CON of 13/775,435 02/25/2013 PAT 8,849,698
which is a CON of 13/212,723 08/18/2011 PAT 8,385,896
which is a CON of 12/364,828 02/03/2009 PAT 8,090,359
which claims benefit of 61/095,359 09/09/2008
and claims benefit of 61/095,001 09/08/2008

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Projected Publication Date: 09/28/2023

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No
**** SMALL ENTITY ****
Title

EFFICIENT AND SECURE COMMUNICATION USING WIRELESS SERVICE IDENTIFIERS

Preliminary Class

Statement under 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78 for AIA (First Inventor to File) Transition Applications: No

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The instant petition includes a statement by a registered attorney David J. Thibodeau Jr., having evidence one of the joint inventors in the application is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

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Instant Application	Patent No 11,443,344

1. A method comprising: causing processing, at a wireless device, of a first plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via a short range wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission; causing a transfer of the stored information between the wireless device and one or more servers via a second wireless protocol, wherein at least a portion of the stored	1. A method comprising: receiving, at a wireless device, via a short range wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the short range wireless protocol; receiving, at the wireless device via a second wireless protocol, stored information from one or more servers, the stored information relating to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the

information relates to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol; causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.	second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol; causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with a particular wireless beacon service; and taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.
34. A mobile wireless device comprising: one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol; one or more processors; and one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one	29. A mobile wireless device comprising: one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol; one or more processors; and one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more non-transitory memory devices storing a set of

or more memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including: receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission; transferring, between the wireless	instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including: receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the first unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the Bluetooth wireless protocol; receiving from one or more servers, using the second wireless protocol, stored information related to a entity or object associated with a first unique identifier; selecting one or more

device and one or more servers via the second wireless protocol, stored information related to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier; selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and	unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the particular wireless beacon service; taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) the beacon service identifier, wherein

(c) the beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service; taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique	the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the Bluetooth wireless protocol; selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service; taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to

identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device; and wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier.	the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device; and wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier.
35. A computer program product for installation in a non-volatile memory in a wireless device, the computer program product comprising computer program instructions that, when read from the non-volatile memory, and then executed by one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:	30. A computer program product for installation in a non-transitory medium in a wireless device, the computer program product comprising computer program instructions that, when executed by one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to: process a first plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the mobile wireless device via a Bluetooth

process a first plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via a Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission; transfer stored information between one or more servers to the wireless device via a second wireless protocol, wherein the stored information relates to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the	protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service as opposed to identifying a communication network or a device accessible using the Bluetooth wireless protocol; process stored information transferred from one or more servers to the mobile wireless device via a second wireless protocol, wherein the stored information relates to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the Bluetooth wireless protocol; select one or more of the unique identifiers from the first

second wireless protocol is different from the Bluetooth wireless protocol; select one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and perform a first further action, the first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.	plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the a particular wireless beacon service; and perform a further action, the further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

3. Claims 1, 34, 35, are rejected on the ground of non statutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 29, 30 of U.S. Patent No. 11,443,344. Although the claims at issue are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because each claims describe a beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier to indicate that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with a particular wireless beacon service.

Although the claims are no the same the claims are not distinct enough to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection.

Instant Application	Patent 11,687971
1. A method comprising: causing processing, at a wireless device, of a first plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via a short range wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission; causing a transfer of the	1. A method comprising: receiving, at a wireless device, via a short range wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies that the unique identifier is relevant to stored information associated with a wireless beacon service, wherein the stored information is not otherwise accessible to the wireless device utilizing the short range wireless protocol; receiving, at the wireless device via a second wireless protocol, the

stored information between the wireless device and one or more servers via a second wireless protocol, wherein at least a portion of the stored information relates to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol; causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.	stored information from one or more servers, the stored information relating to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol; causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with a particular wireless beacon service; and taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.
34. A mobile wireless device comprising: one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless	37. A mobile wireless device comprising: one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless

protocol and a second wireless protocol; one or more processors; and one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including: receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored	protocol; one or more processors; and one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including: receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, the unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies that the unique identifier is relevant to stored information associated with a wireless beacon service, wherein the stored information is not otherwise accessible to the wireless device utilizing the Bluetooth wireless protocol;

information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission; transferring, between the wireless device and one or more servers via the second wireless protocol, stored information related to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier; selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields	receiving from one or more servers, using the second wireless protocol, stored information related to a entity or object associated with a first unique identifier; selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the particular wireless beacon service; taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does

(a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) the beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service; taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second	not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) the beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies that the unique identifier is relevant to stored information associated with a wireless beacon service, wherein the stored information is not accessible to the wireless device utilizing the Bluetooth wireless protocol; selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service; taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the

plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device; and wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier.	second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device; and wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier.
35. A computer program product for installation in a non-volatile memory in a wireless device, the computer program product comprising computer program instructions that, when read	50. A computer program product for installation in a non-volatile memory in a wireless device, the computer program product comprising computer program instructions that, when read from the non-

from the non-volatile memory, and then executed by one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to: process a first plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via a Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission; transfer stored information between one or more servers to the wireless	volatile memory, and then executed by one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to: process a first plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via a Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies that the unique identifier is relevant to stored information associated with a wireless beacon service, wherein the stored information is not otherwise accessible to the wireless device utilizing the Bluetooth wireless protocol; process stored information transferred from one or more servers to the wireless device via a second wireless protocol, wherein the stored

device via a second wireless protocol, wherein the stored information relates to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the Bluetooth wireless protocol; select one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and perform a first further action, the first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.	information relates to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the Bluetooth wireless protocol; select one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with a particular wireless beacon service; and perform a first further action, the first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

4. Claims 1, 34, 35, are rejected on the ground of non statutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 37, 50 of Patent No. 11,687971. Although the claims at issue are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because each claims describe a beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c)
a beacon service identifier to indicate that a particular received beacon transmission is

associated with a particular wireless beacon service. Although the claims are no the same the claims are not distinct enough to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection.

Instant Application	Patent 11,074615
1. A method comprising: causing processing, at a wireless device, of a first plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via a short range wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a	1. A method for reducing communications between one or more servers and a wireless device, and for providing enhanced security and privacy to a wireless beacon service, the method comprising: transmitting by a beacon transmitter using a short range wireless radio, a first beacon transmission in a first time period, comprising three fields (a) a first MAC address, (b) a first unique identifier, wherein the first unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier is a number indicating that the first beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service; receiving, by the wireless device from the one or more

transmitter of a respective beacon transmission; causing a transfer of the stored information between the wireless device and one or more servers via a second wireless protocol, wherein at least a portion of the stored information relates to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol; causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.	servers using a second radio, stored information relating to an entity or object associated with the first unique identifier; receiving, by the wireless device using the short range wireless radio, a first plurality of received beacon transmissions during the first time period; selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of received beacon transmissions, by filtering the received beacon transmissions which include the beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service; taking further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; and wherein the stored information comprises at least an identity of the entity or object.
34. A mobile wireless device comprising: one or more radios for	28. A method for reducing communications between one or more servers and a wireless

providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol; one or more processors; and one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including: receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a	device, and for providing enhanced security and privacy to a wireless beacon service, the method comprising: transmitting by a beacon transmitter using a short range wireless radio, a first beacon transmission in a first time period, comprising three fields (a) a first MAC address, (b) a first unique identifier, wherein the first unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier is a number indicating that the first beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service; receiving, by the wireless device from the one or more servers using a second radio, stored information relating to an entity or object associated with the first unique identifier; receiving, by the wireless device using the short range wireless radio, a first plurality of received beacon transmissions during the first time period; selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of

wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission; transferring, between the wireless device and one or more servers via the second wireless protocol, stored information related to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier; selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each	received beacon transmissions, by filtering the received beacon transmissions which include the beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless beacon service; taking further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; and wherein the stored information comprises at least an identity of the entity or object, and further comprising: preventing sending of the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier, using the second radio, to the one or more servers, if the stored information has already been made available to the wireless device.

of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) the beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service; taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present	

among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device; and wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier.	
35. A computer program product for installation in a non-volatile memory in a wireless device, the computer	30. A method for reducing communications and providing secure communications between one or more servers and a wireless

program product comprising computer program instructions that, when read from the non-volatile memory, and then executed by one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to: process a first plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via a Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;	device using a Bluetooth beacon service, the method comprising: transmitting by a beacon transmitter using a short range wireless radio, a first beacon transmission in a first time period, comprising three fields (a) a first MAC address, (b) a first unique identifier wherein the first unique identifier does not directly identify a location of the beacon transmitter, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier is a number indicating that this first beacon transmission is associated with the Bluetooth beacon service; receiving, by the wireless device using the short range wireless radio, a first plurality of received beacon transmissions during the first time period; selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of received beacon transmissions, by filtering the received beacon transmissions which include the beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the wireless

transfer stored information between one or more servers to the wireless device via a second wireless protocol, wherein the stored information relates to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the Bluetooth wireless protocol; select one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and perform a first further action, the first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.	beacon service; taking further action relating to stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers; and wherein the further action includes: transmitting, by the wireless device to the one or more servers using a second radio, the first unique identifier; and in response thereto, receiving, by the wireless device from the one or more servers using the second radio, the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with the first unique identifier.

5. Claims 1, 34, 35, are rejected on the ground of non statutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 28, 30 of Patent No. 11,074615 Although the claims at issue are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because each

claims describe a beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission does not directly identify a location of a beacon transmitter, and (c)
a beacon service identifier to indicate that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with a particular wireless beacon service. Although the claims are no the same the claims are not distinct enough to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON A HARLEY whose telephone number is (571)270-5435. The examiner can normally be reached 7:30-300 6:30-8:30.

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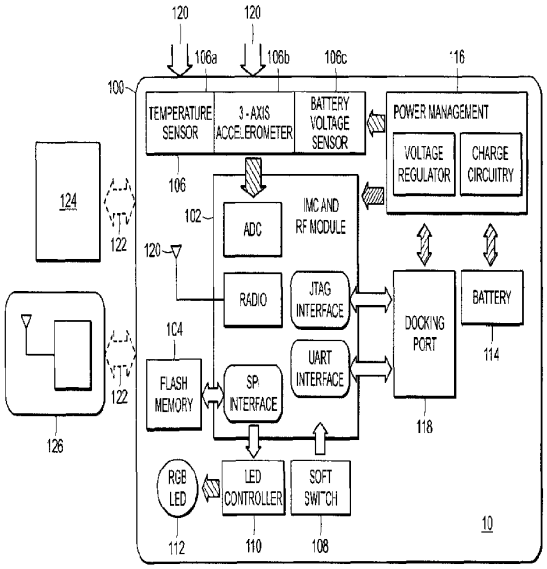


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A method and device may comprise transmitting, via a transmitter, a plurality of transmit pings at a transmit interval. A receiver may listen, for a live ping and the receiver may be configured to be turned on at a beginning of the assess interval, and off at an end of the detect duration. The receiver may further receive the live ping. After receiving the live ping, transmission of a new ping may be delayed for a delay duration. The new pings may be transmitted at the transmit interval.

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RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Number 61/093,909 filed on 03 September 2008, the entire contents of which are herein incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] This disclosure relates to a discovery protocol and, more particularly, to a system and method for discovering devices.

[0003] Some devices, such as wireless sensors including active radio frequency identification (RFID) tags may be capable of discovering other devices. To receive signals and, in turn, discover devices which may have sent those signals, the devices may need to have a receiver that may be powered on and off. Further, in order to be discovered by other devices, these same devices may need to transmit one or more signals.

[0004] Additionally, while transmitting and receiving signals, these devices may require additional power. The device's receiver may be continuously powered on for a relatively long time before a signal is received, and in turn, before another device is discovered. Further, the device may transmit many signals before another device receives one of those signals, and, in turn, discovers that device.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0005] In a first implementation, a method may comprise transmitting, via a transmitter, a plurality of transmit pings at a transmit interval, the transmit interval corresponding to a time between transmission of each transmit ping. The method may further comprise listening, via a receiver, for a live ping, the receiver configured to be turned on at a beginning of an assess interval, and off at an end of a detect duration.

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The assess interval may correspond to a time each packet in the live ping is spaced apart multiplied by an amount of packets in the live ping. Further, the detect duration may correspond to the time each packet in the live ping is spaced apart plus a transmit time. Furthermore, the transmit time may correspond to a time required for a packet to travel from one device to another. The method may further comprise receiving, via the receiver, at least one packet from the live ping. Additionally, the method may comprise delaying, after receiving the live ping, transmission of a new ping for a delay duration. The delay duration may correspond to an amount of time determined, at least in part, by a counter value of a packet of the live ping. The method may further comprise transmitting, via the transmitter, the new ping at the transmit interval.

[0006] One or more of the following features may be included. At least one of the transmit ping, the live ping, and the new ping may comprise a plurality of packets, each transmitted at a burst interval. The burst interval may correspond to a time each packet in the plurality of packets is spaced apart. Further, at least one packet of the plurality of packets may be received in the transmit time. Moreover, the transmit time may be less than one burst interval. Furthermore, the detect duration may correspond to the transmit time plus one burst interval. Also, each packet may comprise at least one of a device identifier, status information, and a counter value.

[0007] In some embodiments, the transmit interval may be between about 3 seconds and about 12 seconds. Further, the burst interval may be between about 1 millisecond and about 2 milliseconds. Moreover, at least one of the transmit ping, the live ping, and the new ping may comprise between about 96 packets and about 320 packets. Additionally, the packets may be RF packets. The method may further comprise delaying, after receiving the live ping, transmission of a new ping for an additional backoff duration. The backoff duration may correspond to an amount of time configured to prevent pings from colliding.

[0008] In a second implementation, a method may comprise transmitting, via a transmitter, a plurality of transmit pings at a transmit interval. The transmit interval

may correspond to a time between transmission of each transmit ping. Each transmit ping may include a number of packets. The method may further comprise listening, via a receiver, for a live ping, each live ping including a number of packets. The receiver may be configured to be turned on at a beginning of an assess interval, and off at an end of a detect duration. The assess interval may correspond to a time each packet in the live ping is spaced apart multiplied by an amount of packets in the live ping. The detect duration may correspond to the time each packet in the live ping is spaced apart plus a transmit time. The transmit time may correspond to a time required for a packet to travel from one device to another. The method may further comprise receiving, via the receiver, at least one packet of the live ping. Additionally, the method may comprise delaying, after receiving the live ping, transmission of a new ping for a delay duration plus a backoff duration. The delay duration may correspond to an amount of time determined, at least in part, by a counter value of the received packet of the live ping. The counter value may designate which packet in the live ping was received by the receiver. The backoff duration may correspond to an amount of time configured to prevent pings from colliding. The method may further comprise transmitting, via the transmitter, the new ping at the transmit interval. The new ping may include a plurality of packets.

[0009] One or more of the following features may be included. The assess interval may be B * M. B may correspond to the time each packet in the live ping is spaced apart. M may correspond to the number of packets in the live ping. Further, the detect duration may be B + P. P may correspond to the amount of time each packet of the live ping is in transmission. Moreover, the backoff duration may be configured to prevent pings from colliding for up to N / (B * M) devices. N may correspond to the transmit interval. The transmit interval may correspond to a time between transmission of each ping. Furthermore, the method may comprise duty cycling the receiver based upon, at least in part, the assess interval. Additionally, the method may comprise duty cycling the receiver based upon, at least in part, the detect duration.

[0010] In a third implementation, a method may comprise transmitting, via a transmitter, a plurality of transmit pings at a transmit interval. The transmit interval may correspond to a time between transmission of each transmit ping. Each transmit ping may include a number of packets. The method may further comprise listening, via a receiver, for a live ping. Additionally, the method may comprise receiving, via the receiver, at least one packet of the live ping. The method may further comprise delaying, after receiving the live ping, transmission of a new ping for a delay duration. The delay duration may correspond to an amount of time determined, at least in part, by a counter value of a packet of the live ping. Also, the method may comprise transmitting, via the transmitter, the new ping at the transmit interval. The new ping may include a plurality of packets.

[0011] One or more of the following features may be included. A monitoring device having the transmitter may be in communication with a remote device having a second receiver, without network synchronization. The method may further comprise duty cycling the receiver.

[0012] In a fourth implementation, a device may comprise a transmitter. The transmitter may be configured to transmit a plurality of transmit pings at a transmit interval. The transmit interval may correspond to a time between transmission of each transmit ping. Each transmit ping may include a number of packets. The device may also comprise a receiver. The receiver may be configured to listen for a live ping and to receive at least one packet of the live ping. The transmitter may be further configured to delay transmission of a new ping for a delay duration, and to transmit a new ping at the transmit interval. The delay duration may correspond to an amount of time determined, at least in part, by a counter value of the at least one packet of the live ping.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

[0013] FIG. 1 is a diagrammatic view of a monitoring system;

[0014] FIG. 2 is a diagrammatic view of a transmitter and receiver;

[0015] FIG. 3 is a flowchart of a discovery process implemented by the monitoring system of FIG. 1;

[0016] FIG. 4 is a timing diagram of signals transmitted and received by the monitoring system of FIG. 1.

[0017] FIG. 5 is a flowchart of an activity state classification process implemented by a monitoring device;

[0018] FIG. 6 is a diagrammatic view of the monitoring device worn by a human; and

[0019] FIG. 7 is a table showing parameters used by the monitoring device.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0020] Referring to FIGs. 1 and 2, there is shown a monitoring system 10. Monitoring system 10 is merely an example of a system and/or device which may be configured to operate in accordance with the discovery protocol of the subject application. Monitoring system 10 may include RF module 102. Monitoring system 10 may be a monitoring device or electronic tag which may be attached to an object or worn by a person or animal. In one embodiment, as shown in FIG. 2, an RF module (e.g., RF module 200) may include transmitter 202 and receiver 204. Monitoring system 10 may comprise several components housed in an enclosure 100. Enclosure 100 may be of a compact form that may be attached to an object. For example, enclosure 100 may be worn by an animal such as a dog. The enclosure 100 may be fixed to a collar or other device. In such a case, enclosure 100 may take the form of a conventional tag, such as a dog tag, or an ID tag worn by an employee at a workplace, such as a hospital. Monitoring system 10 may include an integrated microcontroller (IMC) and radio frequency (RF) module 102, flash memory storage 104, a plurality of sensors 106, soft switch 108, light emitting diode (LED) controller 110 which may

control an LED 112, battery 114, power management circuitry 116 and docking port 118.

[0021] Additionally, plurality of sensors 106 may include temperature sensor 106a and accelerometer 106b, which may measure environmental conditions relative to monitoring device 10. One or more of plurality of sensors 106 may measure one or more characteristics of an object that monitoring device 10 may be attached to. For example, temperature sensor 106a may receive environmental input 120, and may be adapted to detect the ambient air temperature of the environment or the temperature of a nearby surface, such as the surface of the object attached to monitoring system 10. Again by example, accelerometer 106b may be a 3-axis accelerometer which may detect acceleration, deceleration and other movements of the monitoring system 10 and/or the object it may be attached to. Accelerometer 106b may utilize three analog outputs to provide measurements in real time to IMC module 102. Alternatively, other sensors may be substituted for or added to plurality of sensors 106, thereby providing other measurements relating to the environment or the object. For example, alternative sensors may measure ambient light, humidity, altitude, or heart rate of the object (e.g., a person, animal, etc.).

[0022] IMC module 102 may perform a number of functions as determined by the mode of operation of monitoring device 10. IMC 102 may receive analog signals from plurality of sensors 106, and may convert the signals to digital signals with an analog-to-digital converter (ADC). Further, IMC 102 may capture and process the signals according to one or more software or firmware programs stored at IMC 102 or flash memory 104. The signals may be processed at IMC 102, for example, by sampling the signals at variable intervals, deriving a conditioned selection of signals, detecting an event based on the signals, or producing data relating to a set of signals. The processed event data may be stored to flash memory 104 through a serial peripheral interface (SPI). The event data may also be sent to the radio (RF) module (at IMC 102) with antenna 120, where it may be transmitted via wireless communication 122 to base station 124 or remote device 126. Base station 124 may

be a stand alone base station, a computer, or both. In some embodiments base station 124 may be in communication with a computer which may allow the base station to be bridged to a network. Remote device 126 may be similar system and/or device to monitoring system 10, and may include any of the features of monitoring system 10. The RF module at IMC 102 may also receive wireless signals from base station 124 or remote device 126, enabling data transfer or other communication.

[0023] For example, one mode of operation of monitoring device 10 may be discovery mode and/or ping mode. While in discovery mode and/or ping mode, monitoring device 10 may be configured to operate in accordance with the discovery protocol of the subject application.

[0024] In some embodiments, base station 124 may connect to a computer via a universal serial bus (USB) connection or similar connection. The base station may be USB or wall powered and may be capable of communicating to the tag (e.g., monitoring system 10). The base station may typically reside in a user's home, or any other suitable location. The base station may also serve as a charging dock for the tag (e.g., monitoring system 10). In other embodiments, base station 124 may be a network connected base station, i.e., an integrated transceiver and network (e.g., Ethernet) module. The transceiver may include a transmitter and receiver such as those described herein.

[0025] IMC 102 may be programmed to detect a particular reading or signal ("event"), which may be received from one or more of the plurality of sensors 106 or communication with base station 124 or remote device 126. In response to the event, IMC 102 may send a signal to LED controller 110, which may indicate to activate one or more LED lights 112. LED lights 112 may turn on or enter a blinking pattern to indicate the occurrence of the event. For example, One or more LED lights 112 may flash to indicate that battery 114 is low on power, the ambient temperature has reached a threshold, or another remote device 126 is nearby.

[0026] Further, soft switch 108 may connect to IMC 102 and may be configured to toggle modes of operation of monitoring system 10, such as power on, power off

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and low power operation. IMC 102 may also interface with docking port 118, which may be connected to a port of a base station. Through this link, IMC 120 may transfer data stored at flash memory 104, as well as information about monitoring device 10 such as hardware and software settings, storage capacity, and firmware version. IMC 102 may also receive commands and data from the base station, such as a command to update firmware of IMC 102, accompanied by updated firmware.

[0027] In one embodiment, monitoring device 10 may be a tag worn by a pet animal such as a dog. The pet animal may be the object and/or agent monitored by monitoring device 10. One or more of the plurality of sensors 106 may detect or measure the temperature and/or acceleration, for example, of the pet animal, and a radio receiver at IMC 120 and/or the RF module may receive signals from a second tag (e.g., a tag including remote device 126). The second tag may be worn by a second pet animal. This data may be processed by IMC 102 to produce event data. The event data may relate to the environment and the behavior of the pet animal, such as its activities (e.g., whether it is walking, running or at rest) and its interaction with other animals as evidenced by signals received by the second tag (e.g., remote device 126). The event data may be transferred to base station 124 in real time, or may be stored to flash memory 104 for transfer at a later time. Base station 124 may communicate with monitoring device 10 by receiving the event data and sending commands and other signals to monitoring device 10. Further base station 124 may report the event data or transfer the data to a server on a computer network. A pet owner may access base station 124 or the network in order to monitor the behavior of his or her pet animal.

[0028] In another embodiment, monitoring device 10 may be a tag, badge, strip, insert, etc. (e.g., an ID tag) worn by a human (e.g., a worker in a building or a nurse in a hospital). For example, if monitoring device 10 is an ID tag worn by a nurse in a hospital, monitoring device 10 may be in communication with a base station located in the hospital. Monitoring device 10 may relay information describing the nurse's movement in around the hospital to the base station. Further, monitoring device 10

may be in communication with other devices in the hospital (e.g., remote device 126), and may discover such devices in accordance with the discovery protocol of the subject application. Monitoring device 10 may provide various alerts based upon, at least in part, the nurse's movement around the hospital or in relation to the other devices.

[0029] Various client electronic devices may be directly or indirectly coupled to the network. For example, personal computers may be directly coupled to the network via a hardwired network connection. Notebook computers may be directly coupled to the network via a hardwired network connection. Laptop computers may be wirelessly coupled to the network via a wireless communication channel established between the laptop computer and a wireless access point (i.e., WAP), which may be directly coupled to the network. The WAP may be, for example, an IEEE 802.11a, 802.11b, 802.11g, Wi-Fi, and/or Bluetooth device that is capable of establishing wireless communication channel between a laptop computer and the WAP. A personal digital assistant may be wirelessly coupled the network via wireless communication channel established between the personal digital assistant and a cellular network / bridge, which may be directly coupled the network.

[0030] As is known in the art, all of the IEEE 802.11x specifications may use Ethernet protocol and carrier sense multiple access with collision avoidance (i.e., CSMA/CA) for path sharing. The various 802.11x specifications may use phase-shift keying (i.e., PSK) modulation or complementary code keying (i.e., CCK) modulation, for example. As is known in the art, Bluetooth is a telecommunications industry specification that allows e.g., mobile phones, computers, and personal digital assistants to be interconnected using a short-range wireless connection.

THE DISCOVERY PROTOCOL

[0031] As discussed above monitoring device 10 may include IMC 102, which may include an RF module. In other embodiments, the RF module may be separate

from IMC 102. Referring now to FIGS. 2-4, RF module 200 may include a transmitter 202 and a receiver 204, both of which may be included in monitoring device 10. Transmitter 202 and receiver 204 may also be separate devices. As shown in FIG. 3, transmitter 202 and receiver 204 may, either alone or in conjunction with other devices described above, perform discovery process **300** in accordance with a discovery protocol described herein. For illustrative purposes, transmitter 202 and receiver 204 are discussed throughout this disclosure as being configured to transmit and receive RF signals, however they may operate with any other type of communication signal. For example transmitter 202 and receiver 204 may transmit and receive infrared signals, visible light signals, acoustic signals, or data modulated in other mediums.

[0032] For illustrative purposes only, transmitter 202 and receiver 204 will be discussed throughout this disclosure as being associated with monitoring device 10. When transmitting and receiving RF signals, monitoring device 10 may be in RF mode. In RF mode, transmitter 202 and receiver 204 may be configured to transmit and receive RF signals. However monitoring device 10 may switch to other modes in order to communicate (i.e., transmit and receive) using Bluetooth, Zigbee, WiFi (802.11), and/or infrared (IR) signals.

[0033] Transmitter 202 may transmit **302** a plurality of transmit pings 206 at transmit interval 208. Transmit interval 208 may correspond to the time (e.g., N seconds) between the transmission of each ping. In some embodiments, N may be between 3 and 12 seconds, or any other number which may be used in each particular monitoring system. Each transmit ping may be a burst (e.g., a number M) of short RF packets. In some embodiments, M may be between 96 and 320, or any other number which may be used in each particular monitoring system. Calibration of different monitoring systems using different signal types, etc., may yield other optimal values for N and M. Each packet (e.g., an RF packet) may include, inter alia, a device identifier, status information, and/or a counter value. Different counter values may correspond to different positions of packets in each burst. Further, each RF packet

may be spaced apart at a burst interval (e.g., B milliseconds). In other words, each RF packet in each transmit ping may be B milliseconds apart.

[0034] Receiver 204 may listen **304** for a live ping (e.g., live ping 210). Live ping 210 may have been transmitted by a different transmitter associated with a different monitoring device (e.g., remote device 126), for the purposes of detection and/or discovery. For the purposes of this disclosure, listening means that the receiver (e.g., receiver 204) is "on", receiving, or otherwise able to detect signals. Referring now to FIGS. 2 and 4, receiver 204 may be configured to be turned on at a beginning of assess interval 402, and off at an end of detect duration 404. When "off", the receiver may be asleep, or otherwise using substantially less power than when "on". As shown in FIG. 4, assess interval 402 may correspond to an amount of time each packet in a ping (e.g., live ping 210) is spaced apart (e.g., B), multiplied an amount of packets (e.g., M) in live ping 210 (e.g., B * M). The plurality of packets in a ping (e.g. live ping 210) may be referred to herein as a burst.

[0035] Further, detect duration 404 may correspond to the amount of time each packet in a ping (e.g., live ping 210) is spaced apart (e.g., B) plus an amount of time each packet is in the air. B may also be referred to herein as a "burst interval". Each packet may be on the air and in progress for a transmit time (e.g., P milliseconds). The transmit time may correspond to a time required for a packet to travel from one device to another. Accordingly, detect duration 404 may be B + P = R milliseconds long. In other words, at least one packet in a transmit ping may be received in R milliseconds. B, M, and P may be calculated and calibrated such that as long as each packet in a ping (e.g., live ping 210) has a transmit time (e.g., transmit time 408 of P milliseconds or less), another device (e.g., remote device 126) will receive the at least one packet of the ping. In some embodiments, transmit time may also include the time required for a packet to be received in its entirety, including processing time at the receiving device. In some situations, a portion of a packet may be received and may be rejected, however an entire packet may still be received in the transmit time. It follows that in some embodiments, transmit time P must be less than the amount of

time B (e.g., one burst interval) that each packet in a ping (e.g., live ping 210) is spaced apart.

[0036] As discussed above, receiver 204 may be configured to be turned on at the beginning of assess interval 402, and off at an end of detect duration 404. This process, wherein receiver 204 is powered on/off, or is otherwise inactive for a period of time, may be referred to herein as "duty cycling" the receiver. A "duty cycle" may be a percentage of time that the receiver is in an "on" state. For example, if the receiver (e.g., receiver 204) is "on" (i.e., active, or listening) for 25 seconds, and "off" for 75 seconds, its duty cycle may be 25/100, or 25%. Monitoring device 10 may be configured such that receiver 204 is duty cycled to minimize its power usage, while maximizing its discoverability when in discovery or ping mode. Accordingly, receiver 204 may be duty cycled based upon, at least in part, either the assess interval, the detect duration, or both. In some embodiments, the receiver may be duty cycled based upon, at least in part, information in at least one packet of the live ping.

[0037] Further, receiver 204 may receive **306** live ping 210. Receiving live ping 210 may include receiving one or more packets of the total number of packets (e.g., M) in live ping 210. As discussed above, live ping 210 may have been sent by another monitoring device, (e.g., remote device 210). For illustrative purposes, assume that each system/device (e.g., monitoring system 10 and/or remote device 126) listens for R milliseconds (e.g., detect duration 404 of B + P milliseconds) to detect any pings which may be in progress (e.g., live ping 210). Further, assume each packet of a ping (e.g., live ping 210) may include a device identifier, status information, and a counter value. The counter value may correspond to different positions of packets in each burst. If one of the devices receives a packet (e.g., from live ping 210), it can use a counter value of the packet to determine delay duration 212. In other words the device (e.g., monitoring system 10) may calculate (via, e.g., IMC 102) delay duration 212 in order to delay transmitting a new ping (e.g., new pings 214).

[0038] Accordingly, transmitter 202 may delay **308**, after live ping 210 is

received, transmission of a new ping (e.g., new pings 214) for delay duration 212. Once a new ping has been delayed in time, the transmitter may transmit **310** the new ping (e.g., new pings 214) at transmit interval 208. In other words, the transmitter may resume pinging at a base value of N (e.g., transmit interval 208). In this way, the new ping may be received by the device which sent live ping 210 (e.g., remote device 126), and other systems and/or devices in the environment may eventually receive the new ping after each one has performed a discovery process similar to discovery process 300.

[0039] In some embodiments, at least one of the transmit ping, the live ping, and the new ping includes a plurality of packets, each transmitted at a burst interval (e.g., burst interval 406). The burst interval may correspond to a time each packet in the plurality of packets is spaced apart. In some systems, the burst interval may typically be between 1 and 2 milliseconds. As shown in FIG. 4, burst interval 406 may refer to "t-burst" in some systems, and to "t-packet", in other systems. Burst interval 406 may be measured in a variety of ways, including along a rising edge from one packet to the next (i.e., t-burst). In other embodiments, all pings are transmitted at burst interval 406. Some systems may include a transmit time (i.e., t-packet) and at least one transmitted packet may be received in the transmit time. In one embodiment, the transmit time is less than one burst interval. It should be noted that different applications may have different maximum size packets. As such, t-burst may be set according to the maximum size packet that may be sent. Also, in some applications, each packet in the burst may be the same size, however in other applications, packets within a burst may be sized differently.

[0040] In another implementation, transmitter 202 may delay, after live ping 210 is received, transmission of a new ping (e.g., new pings 214) for an additional backoff duration (e.g., backoff duration 216). Backoff duration 216 may be a random duration. If the number of devices in the environment is large enough that the channel on which the devices are communicating cannot be shared at the desired ping rate without collisions, applying the delay duration may effectively reduce the ping rate

(i.e., increase N) by spacing out the transmissions. However, in this situation, transmitting devices may constantly be in contention. Random backoff duration 216 may help ensure that contending devices still discover other devices equally. In other words, delay duration and backoff duration 216 may be configured to prevent pings from colliding for up to N / (B * M) devices, where N is a transmit interval (e.g., transmit interval 208), B is the burst interval, and M is the number of packets in the ping (e.g., live ping 210).

[0041] In another embodiment, and for example, both monitoring system 10 (which may also be a monitoring device) and remote device 126, the radio (e.g., RF module which may include a transmitter and/or receiver) may be configured to operate within the 2.4GHz industrial, scientific, and medical (ISM) band. Further, the radio may use 2FSK (frequency-shift keying) with no Manchester encoding, a frequency deviation of 140kHz, and a data rate of 250 kbps. The tag (e.g., monitoring system 10) may be capable of a max output power of 1dBm, while the base station (e.g.,base station 124) may be capable of up to 0dBm. A four byte preamble, four byte sync word, and 16 bit CRC (cyclic redundancy check) may be included in each packet.

[0042] Channel sharing may be limited to time division schemes based on the assessment and backoff described above. Based on typical usage, transmitter duty cycle for a single device (e.g., monitoring system 10) may be less than 6% in ping mode. While in file transfer mode, the transmitter uses as much of the channel as possible, with carrier sense before each transmission to avoid collisions.

[0043] Further, in ping mode, there may be no opportunity for frequency diversity because it may be desired that devices discover each other quickly and with minimal power. Therefore, all devices may ping on one default channel. However, in file transfer mode, both devices may have an opportunity to synchronize with one another for the duration of the file transfer. At this point, some frequency agility may be possible to avoid channels with heavy traffic and increase the reliability of the protocol. When it is time to initiate a file transfer, the base station may send out

notification of its preferred file transfer channel in the file transfer request ping. Then, it may begin operating in file transfer mode on this new channel. The tag addressed by the file transfer request may also switch to the new channel and enter file transfer mode. On failure or completion of the file transfer, both devices may revert to ping mode on the default channel. Failure also may result in the base station moving the preferred file transfer channel to the next in a rotating list.

ACTIVITY STATE CLASSIFICATION

[0044] Ping mode may allow each device (e.g., monitoring device 10 and/or remote device 126) in an environment to maintain up-to-date knowledge about the presence of other devices. The environment may be an area in which there are multiple devices (e.g. monitoring device 10 and/or remote device 126) that are discoverable to one another. The environment may also be referred to as a network. Further, ping mode may be optimized such that real-time activity classification may be used to dynamically adjust ping periods, such that the average ping period for each discoverable device in the network is maximized, while reliable device discovery is maintained. In other words, shorter ping periods (i.e., faster ping rates) may be necessary when devices are in a state of motion. This may cause frequent changes to the network structure (i.e., ping periods of each device) in the environment

[0045] For example, if two devices, or tags, (e.g., monitoring device 10 and/or remote device 126) are passing by each other, then at least one of the devices must broadcast its ping during the limited time period when the devices are proximate in order for the devices to discover each other and for the encounter to be registered. On the other hand, if the two tags are stationary, the network structure is unlikely to change and the ping periods may be increased (i.e., the ping rates decreased). In other words, ping rates may be increased with increased movement to enhance discoverability. Maximization of the average ping period of each device in the system may result in saving power as the transmitter may be duty cycled for longer periods of

time when devices are moving slowly, or are stationary.

[0046] Referring now to FIGS. 5-7 there is shown an activity state classification process **500**. Monitoring device 600 may be similar to monitoring system and/or device 10, may include any of the features thereof, and may be a tag worn by a human. Monitoring device 600 may be worn as a bracelet around the wrist, as a necklace around the neck, or may be otherwise attached to a human. For exemplary purposes, monitoring device 600 is shown as being worn by a human (e.g., human 614), however other configurations are possible. Similarly, monitoring device 600 may be worn by a pet animal, such as a dog. Similar to monitoring system 10, monitoring device 600 may include one or more sensors (e.g., sensor 602), a receiver (e.g. receiver 604), a transmitter (e.g., transmitter 606), a controller (e.g., controller 608) and a battery (e.g., battery 610). Controller 608 may be similar to IMC 102 of monitoring system 10. In some embodiments, controller 608 may be any type of microcontroller, microprocessor, or processor configured to perform the operations described herein. Further receiver 604 and transmitter 606 may be included in a single module, such as a transceiver or RF module. Similarly, receiver 604, transmitter 606, and controller 608 may be part of the same module, such as IMC/RF module 102 of monitoring system 10.

[0047] Controller 608 may receive **502** signal 612 from sensor 602. Sensor 602 may be attached to an object (e.g., human 614, an animal, a gurney, a hospital bed, a wheelchair, an intravenous pump machine, a cleaning cart, a car, etc.) via monitoring device 600. In some embodiments, sensor 602 may be attached to the object by itself, independent of monitoring device 600. In such systems, sensor 602 may communicate with a controller (e.g., controller 608) wirelessly in order for the controller to receive the signal. Sensor 602 may also simply travel with the object, or may otherwise be configured to sense a characteristic of the object. Signal 612 may represent a characteristic of the object. For example, signal 612 may represent an acceleration, a deceleration, a velocity, an orientation, a feature derived from image processing, a feature derived from RF signal processing, a feature derived from a

GPS, a feature derived from a cell tower triangulation, a vibration, a tilt, a feature derived from an acoustic signal, a feature of a dead reckoning system, a switch, a feature of a visible light detector, and a feature of a received infrared signal.

[0048] Further, controller 608 may classify **504** activity state 702 of the object (e.g., human 614) based upon, at least in part, the characteristic. Activity state 702 may be indicative of a movement of the object (e.g., human 614). For example, and as shown in FIG. 7, activity state 702 of human 614 may be classified as inactive (S_I), low activity (S_L), walking (S_W), jogging (S_J), or running (S_R). If the object were a dog, the activity state of the dog may additionally be classified as trotting (S_T) or galloping (S_G). Other states may include sprinting, biking, rolling, driving, sliding or being carried. Activity states may have different classifications for a number of different objects such as different animals, hospital equipment, cars, planes, etc., based upon the types of movement these objects may undertake. Activity states may be defined by observing movements of each object and classifying them. When classifying activity state 702, based upon the characteristic, controller 608 may do so by using values of the characteristic, which may be derived from signal 612.

[0049] Additionally, controller 608 may determine **506** locomotive rate 704. Locomotive rate 704 (L) may correspond to activity state 702 of the object (e.g. human 614). Locomotive rate 704 may be used to calculate locomotion (LO), or the total (i.e., integral) amount of motion (i.e., movement) of the object (e.g., human 614) over a period of time (i.e., a sample interval, D). In other words, the total movement of an object from time1 (t1) to time2 (t2) (e.g., $D_{t1,t2}$) may be $LO_{t1,t2}$. Locomotion may not depend on the path of the movement of the object. Since locomotion may be the total movement of the object, $LO_{t1,t2}$ may be greater than or equal to $D_{t1,t2}$. Several methods may be used to calculate L from the sensor signal and/or other measurements. For example, accelerometer readings may be integrated to approximate velocity over a period of time (i.e., a sample interval). Another method may take advantage of the activity state classification described above. For example, given an activity state (e.g., activity state 702, S), locomotive rate 704 of that state,

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L_S, may be defined by looking up a value in a table (e.g., FIG. 7) indexed by S. Controller 608 may look up locomotive rate 704, corresponding to activity state 702, or any other values in the table of FIG. 7, and may use those values to make further calculations. A table such as that in FIG. 7 may be stored in flash memory which may be included in monitoring device 600.

[0050] As shown in FIG. 7, each activity state 702 may have corresponding locomotive rate 704. Where the activity state is "inactive" (S_i), the locomotive rate (L_i) may be approximated at .0001 m/s. It should be noted that all values in FIG. 7 are shown for exemplary purposes only. Values for locomotive rate 704 may be calculated through research and empirical methods, measured, averaged, or experimentally found, for any type of object. For example, if a human (e.g., human 614) has an activity state of "walking", the locomotive rate (L_w) may have been approximated, or statistically calculated to be on average 1 m/s.

[0051] The table in FIG. 7 may include values for other parameters including but not limited to those shown in FIG. 7. One such parameter may be device range 706. In some systems, each device in the environment may have the same device range. In other systems, the device range of each device may be different. Device range 706 may be a maximum distance that a device's (e.g., monitoring device 600) pings may travel while still being receivable at a receiver of another device. In other words, device range 706 may be a maximum distance away from another device, at which the device (e.g., monitoring device 600) is still discoverable to the other device.

[0052] Controller 608 may calculate **508** a ping period (e.g., ping period 708) based upon, a least in part, locomotive rate 704. Ping period 708 (N) may be a number of seconds per ping period unit. As shown in FIG. 7, ping period 708 may be defined in terms of unit time over ping period unit (i.e., s/ping period unit). Given activity state 702, locomotive rate 704, and device range 706, controller 608 may calculate ping period 708 (N) using Formula 1 (below).

Formula 1: N (s / ping period unit) = R (m / ping period unit) / L (m / s)

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[0053] In some embodiments, controller 608 may calculate ping rate. Further, in some systems, it may be necessary to bound the formula. To bound the formula, constants, C1, and/or C2 may be used. C1 may be a lower limit, and may ensure that ping period 708 (N) is not shorter than the time it takes to burst the ping itself (e.g., B*M, as discussed above). C2 may be an upper limit, and may ensure that devices (e.g., monitoring device 600) that may leave the network (i.e., environment) for reasons other than movement may be detected. For example if a device (e.g., monitoring device 600) loses power, it may lead to a time between pings that is greater than the maximum period. The values C1 and C2 may be specific to each particular application or each particular object (e.g., human 614, a dog, a car, etc.). When using the two constants C1 and C2, controller 608 may calculate ping period 708 (N) using Formula 2 (below).

Formula 2: N (s / ping period unit)= min(max(R (m / ping period unit) / L (m / s), C_1), C_2)

[0054] In some embodiments controller 608 may calculate ping period 708 (N) using only C1 or only C2. Moreover, controller 608 may duty cycle a transmitter (e.g., transmitter 606) based upon, at least in part, ping period 708. In other words controller 608 may turn transmitter 606 "on" and "off" based on ping period 708. If locomotive rate 704 is relatively low (i.e., the activity state is inactive) and in turn Formula 2 yields a high ping period (N), controller 608 may turn transmitter 606 to an "off" (or otherwise inactive, asleep, or using less power) mode for longer periods of time. Conversely, if locomotive rate 704 is relatively high (i.e., the activity state is jogging or running) and in turn Formula 2 yields a low ping period (N), controller 608 may turn transmitter 606 to an "on" (or otherwise active, awake, or using more power) mode for longer periods of time. In this way, controller 608 may be configured to efficiently use transmitter 606 to be discovered by other devices in the environment

while saving power.

[0055] Moreover controller 608 may be configured to cause transmitter 606 to transmit **512** pings based upon, at least in part, ping period 708. For example, if locomotive rate 704 is increased (i.e., the object is moving faster), controller 608 may decrease the amount of time between each ping (i.e., decrease the ping period) transmitted. In other words, controller 608 may increase the ping rate of transmitter 606. If locomotive rate 704 is decreased (i.e., the object is moving slower), controller 608 may increase the amount of time between each ping (i.e., increase the ping period). In other words, controller 608 may decrease the ping rate of transmitter 606. In one embodiment, at least one packet of at least one of the pings transmitted by transmitter 606 may include information representing the activity state (e.g., activity state 702) of the object (e.g., human 614).

[0056] In this way, controller 608 may be configured to use transmitter power efficiently, while still allowing other devices in the environment to discover it. As such, controller 608 may maximize discoverability by increasing ping rates during high periods of locomotion while minimizing power consumption through reducing transmissions of pings during low states of locomotion.

[0057] In another embodiment, controller 608 may decrease the ping period of pings transmitted by transmitter 606 based upon, at least in part, a change in the activity state of the object. Further, controller 608 may increase the ping period of pings transmitted by transmitter 606 based upon, at least in part, a change in the activity state of the object. In this situation, controller 608 may control the ping period of pings transmitted by transmitter 606 without use of the locomotive rate.

[0058] In one implementation, controller 608 may dynamically adjust the ping period of the transmitter based upon, at least in part, a real-time activity state classification of the object. The real-time activity state classification may be based upon, at least in part, the characteristic. As discussed above controller 608 may classify **504** activity state 702 of the object (e.g., human 614) based upon, at least in part, the characteristic. If controller 608 continuously runs an activity state classifier

(i.e., continuously classifies the activity state of the object), it may continuously use locomotive rate 704 to calculate the ping period. In this way, controller 608 may dynamically adjust the ping period or ping rate of transmitter 606.

[0059] Various operations and features have been described above, however some embodiments may not require each operation and/or feature. For example, controller 608 may duty cycle transmitter 606 based upon, at least in part, the characteristic which is represented by signal 612, without using locomotive rate 704. Controller 608 may also use signal 612 to directly control the duty cycling of transmitter 606. In other embodiments, ping period 708 may be calculated based upon, at least in part, the characteristic. Controller 608 may calculate ping period 708 without using locomotive rate 704.

[0060] In one implementation controller 608 may regulate power drawn from a battery (e.g., battery 610) based upon, at least in part, the characteristic, or signal 612. For example, controller 608 may regulate the power that transmitter 606 draws from battery 610 by duty cycling transmitter 606 and/or controlling the transmission of pings transmitted by transmitter 606 based upon the characteristic, or signal 612. Further a voltage regulator, which may be part of power management circuitry 116 may be used to regulate power drawn from the battery based upon the characteristic, or signal 612. Additionally, controller 608 may be configured to regulate power drawn from the battery 610 based upon, at least in part, activity state 702.

[0061] Some of the embodiments described above may be implemented as software modules executed by a processor of a computing system, and/or in a computer program product that may be stored on a storage device, storage medium, or computer readable medium having instructions that when executed by a processor perform portions of the discovery process above. The storage device, storage medium, or computer readable medium may include, but is not limited to, any type of disk including floppy disks, optical disks, compact disk read only memories (CD-ROMS), compact disk rewritables (CD-RWs), magneto-optical disks, semiconductor devices such as read-only memories (ROMs), random access memories (RAMs) such

as dynamic and static RAMs, electronically erasable programmable read-only memories (EEPROMs), flash memories, magnetic or optical cards, or any type of media suitable for storing electronic instructions. Other embodiments may be implemented as software modules executed by a programmable control device.

[0062] A number of implementations have been described. Nevertheless, it will be understood that various modifications may be made. Accordingly, other implementations are within the scope of the following claims.

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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1) A method comprising:

transmitting, via a transmitter, a plurality of transmit pings at a transmit interval, the transmit interval corresponding to a time between transmission of each transmit ping;

listening, via a receiver, for a live ping, the receiver configured to be turned on at a beginning of an assess interval, and off at an end of a detect duration, the assess interval corresponding to a time each packet in the live ping is spaced apart multiplied by an amount of packets in the live ping, the detect duration corresponding to the time each packet in the live ping is spaced apart plus a transmit time, the transmit time corresponding to a time required for a packet to travel from one device to another;

receiving, via the receiver, at least one packet from the live ping;

delaying, after receiving the live ping, transmission of a new ping for a delay duration, the delay duration corresponding to an amount of time determined, at least in part, by a counter value of a packet of the live ping; and

transmitting, via the transmitter, new pings at the transmit interval.

2) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the transmit ping, the live ping, and the new ping comprises a plurality of packets, each transmitted at a burst interval, the burst interval corresponding to a time each packet in the plurality of packets is spaced apart.

3) The method of claim 2 wherein at least one packet of the plurality of packets is received in the transmit time.

4) The method of claim 3 wherein the transmit time is less than one burst interval.

5) The method of claim 4 wherein the detect duration corresponds to the transmit time plus one burst interval.

6) The method of claim 2 wherein each packet comprises at least one of a device identifier, status information, and a counter value.

7) The method of claim 1 wherein the transmit interval is between about 3 seconds and about 12 seconds.

8) The method of claim 2 wherein the burst interval is between about 1 millisecond and about 2 milliseconds.

9) The method of claim 2 wherein at least one of the transmit ping, the live ping, and the new ping comprises between about 96 packets and about 320 packets.

10) The method of claim 2 wherein the packets are RF packets.

11) The method of claim 1 further comprising

delaying, after receiving the live ping, transmission of a new ping for an additional backoff duration, the backoff duration corresponding to an amount of time configured to prevent pings from colliding.

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12) A method comprising:

transmitting, via a transmitter, a plurality of transmit pings at a transmit interval, the transmit interval corresponding to a time between transmission of each transmit ping, each transmit ping including a number of packets;

listening, via a receiver, for a live ping, each live ping including a number of packets, the receiver configured to be turned on at a beginning of an assess interval, and off at an end of a detect duration, the assess interval corresponding to a time each packet in the live ping is spaced apart multiplied by an amount of packets in the live ping, the detect duration corresponding to the time each packet in the live ping is spaced apart plus a transmit time, the transmit time corresponding a time required for a packet to travel from one device to another;

receiving, via the receiver, at least one packet of the live ping;

delaying, after receiving the live ping, transmission of a new ping for a delay duration plus a backoff duration, the delay duration corresponding to an amount of time determined, at least in part, by a counter value of the received packet of the live ping, the counter value designating which packet in the live ping was received by the receiver, the backoff duration corresponding to an amount of time configured to prevent pings from colliding; and

transmitting, via the transmitter, the new ping at the transmit interval, the new ping including a plurality of packets.

13) The method of claim 12 wherein the assess interval is B * M, wherein B

corresponds to the time each packet in the live ping is spaced apart, and M corresponds to the amount of packets in the live ping.

14) The method of claim 12 wherein the detect duration is B + P, wherein P corresponds to the amount of time each packet of the live ping is in transmission.

15) The method of claim 12 wherein the backoff duration is configured to prevent pings from colliding for up to N / (B * M) devices, wherein N corresponds to the transmit interval, the transmit interval corresponding to a time between transmission of each ping.

16) The method of claim 12 further comprising duty cycling the receiver based upon, at least in part, the assess interval.

17) The method of claim 12 further comprising duty cycling the receiver based upon, at least in part, the detect duration.

18) A method comprising:

transmitting, via a transmitter, a plurality of transmit pings at a transmit interval, the transmit interval corresponding to a time between transmission of each transmit ping, each transmit ping including a number of packets;

listening, via a receiver, for a live ping;

receiving, via the receiver, at least one packet of the live ping;

delaying, after receiving the live ping, transmission of a new ping for a delay duration, the delay duration corresponding to an amount of time determined, at least in part, by a counter value of a packet of the live ping; and

transmitting, via the transmitter, the new ping at the transmit interval, the new ping including a plurality of packets.

19) A method of claim 18 wherein a monitoring device having the transmitter is in communication with a remote device having a second receiver, without network synchronization.

20) The method of claim 19 further comprising duty cycling the receiver.

21) A device comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit a plurality of transmit pings at a transmit interval, the transmit interval corresponding to a time between transmission of each transmit ping, each transmit ping including a number of packets;

a receiver configured to listen for a live ping and to receive at least one packet of the live ping; and

the transmitter further configured to delay transmission of a new ping for a delay duration, the delay duration corresponding to an amount of time determined, at least in part, by a counter value of the at least one packet of the live ping, and to transmit a new ping at the transmit interval.

22) A method comprising:

listening, via a receiver, for a live ping;

receiving, via the receiver, at least one packet of the live ping; and

duty cycling the receiver based upon, at least in part, information in at least one packet of the live ping.

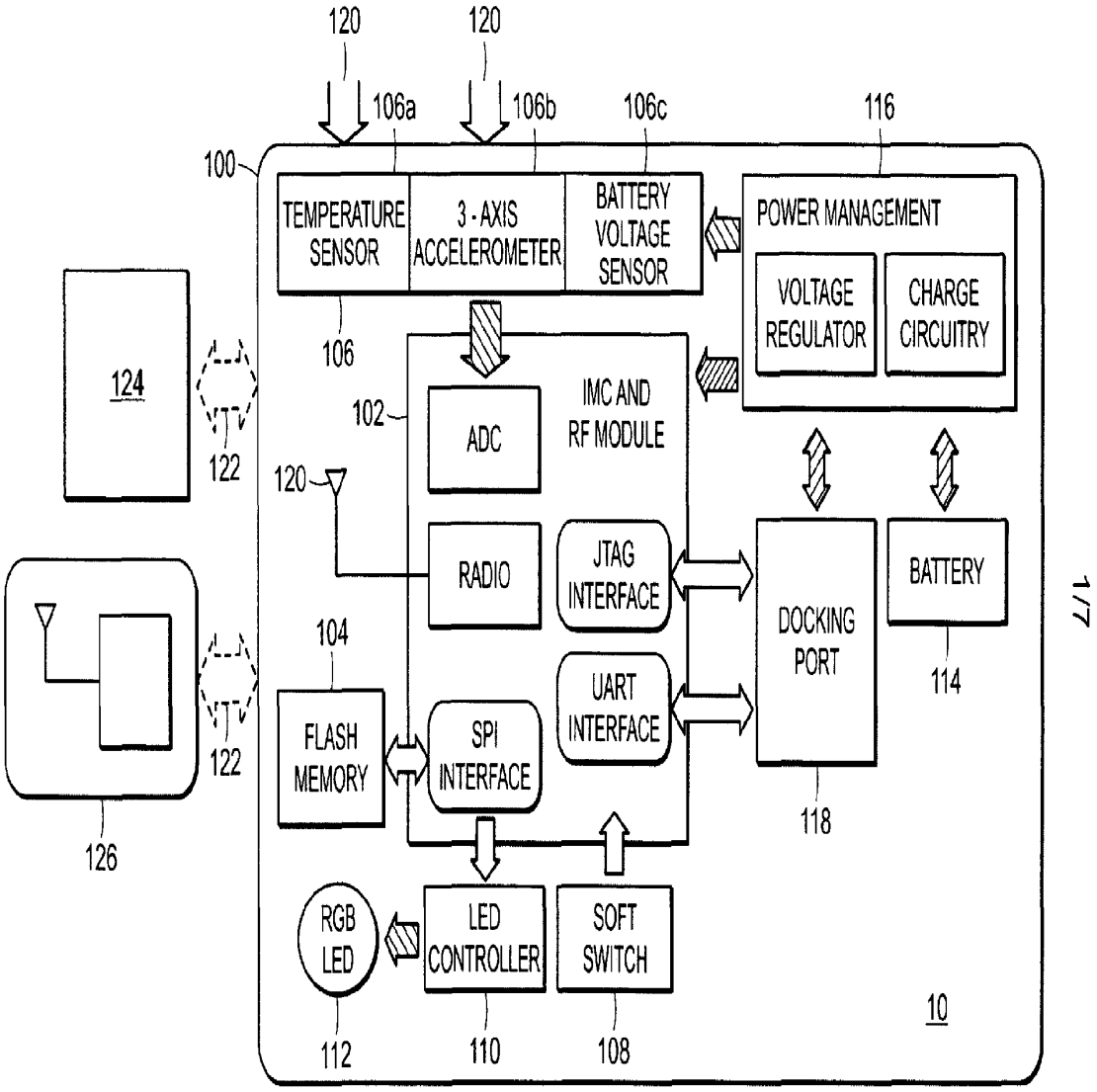

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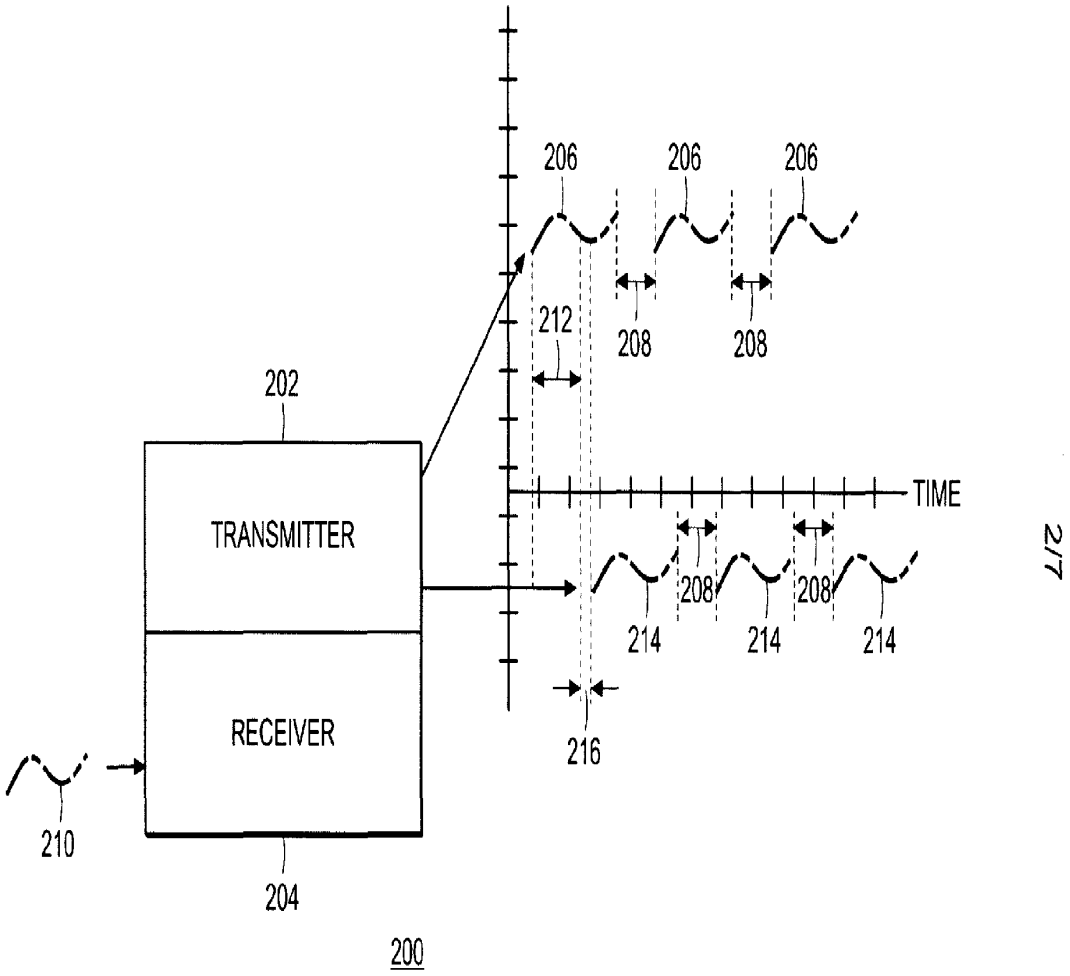

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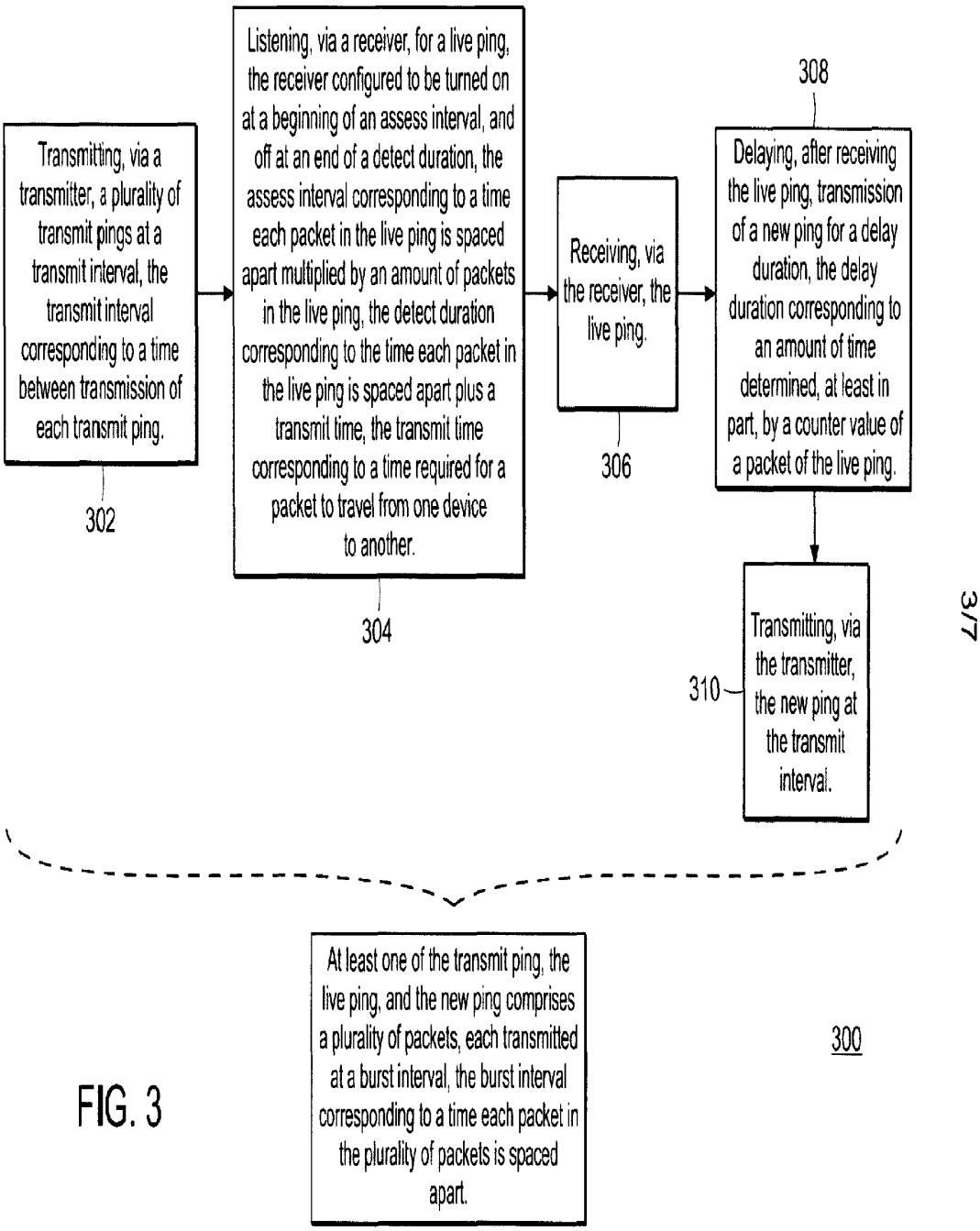

Transmitting, via a transmitter, a plurality of transmit pings at a transmit interval, the transmit interval corresponding to a time between transmission of each transmit ping.
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Listening, via a receiver, for a live ping, the receiver configured to be turned on at a beginning of an assess interval, and off at an end of a detect duration, the assess interval corresponding to a time each packet in the live ping is spaced apart multiplied by an amount of packets in the live ping, the detect duration corresponding to the time each packet in the live ping is spaced apart plus a transmit time, the transmit time corresponding to a time required for a packet to travel from one device to another.
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Receiving, via the receiver, the live ping.
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Delaying, after receiving the live ping, transmission of a new ping for a delay duration, the delay duration corresponding to an amount of time determined, at least in part, by a counter value of a packet of the live ping.
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Transmitting, via the transmitter, the new ping at the transmit interval.
At least one of the transmit ping, the live ping, and the new ping comprises a plurality of packets, each transmitted at a burst interval, the burst interval corresponding to a time each packet in the plurality of packets is spaced apart.
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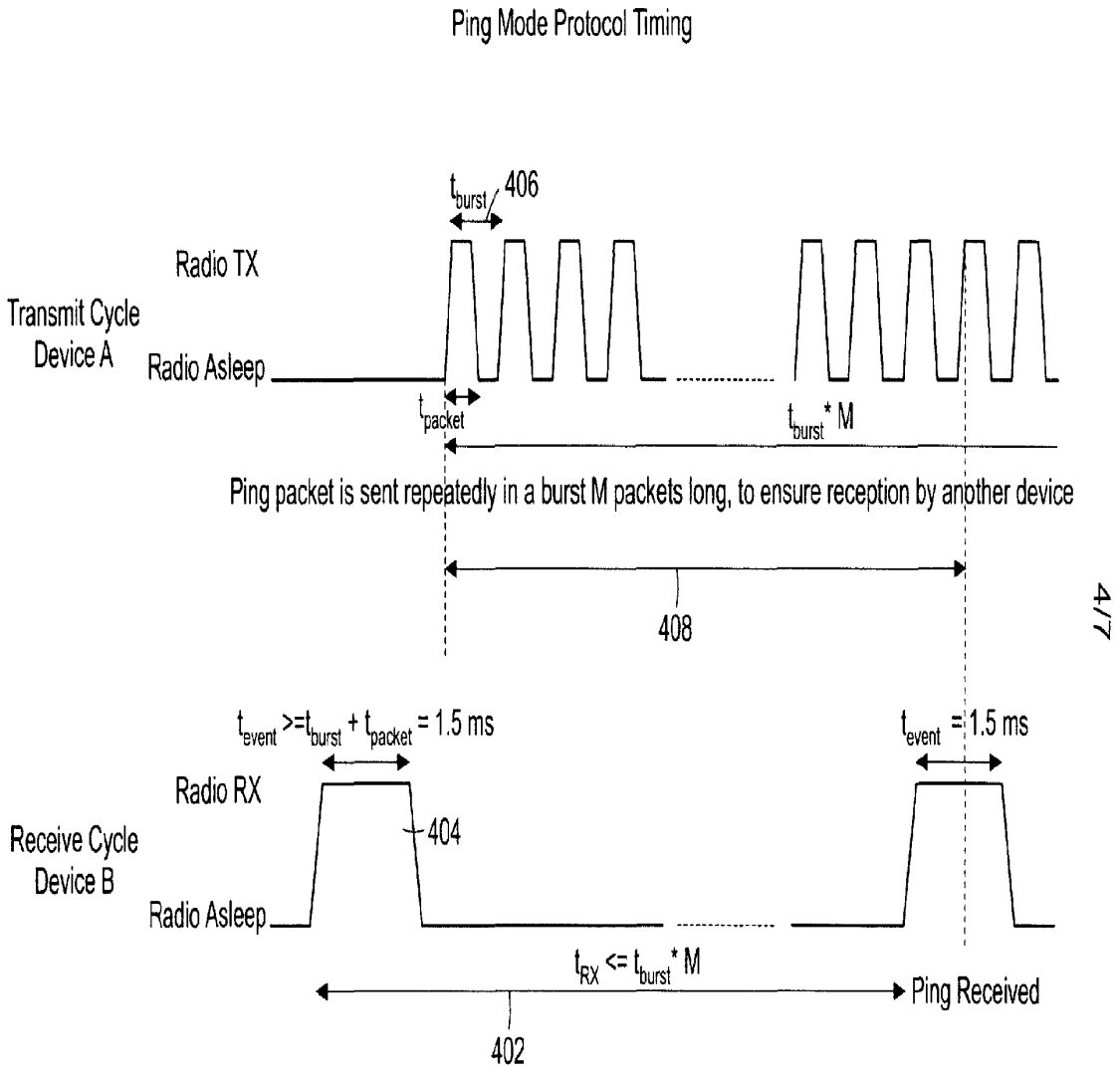

Ping Mode Protocol Timing
t_{burst}
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Radio TX
Transmit Cycle
Device A
Radio Asleep
t_{packet}
t_{burst} * M
Ping packet is sent repeatedly in a burst M packets long, to ensure reception by another device
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t_{event} >=t_{burst} + t_{packet} = 1.5 ms
t_{event} = 1.5 ms
Radio RX
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Receive Cycle
Device B
Radio Asleep
t_{RX} <= t_{burst} * M
Ping Received
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FIG. 4

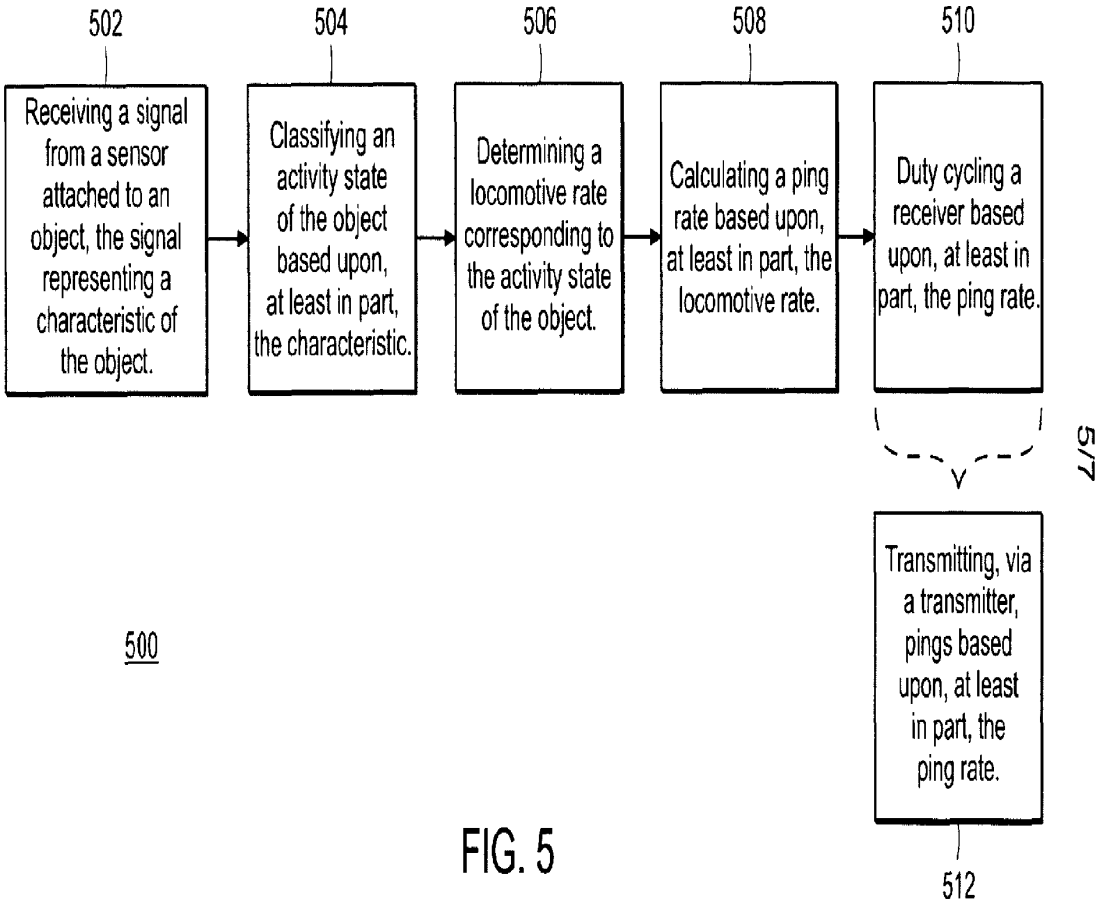

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Receiving a signal from a sensor attached to an object, the signal representing a characteristic of the object.
Classifying an activity state of the object based upon, at least in part, the characteristic.
Determining a locomotive rate corresponding to the activity state of the object.
Calculating a ping rate based upon, at least in part, the locomotive rate.
Duty cycling a receiver based upon, at least in part, the ping rate.
Transmitting, via a transmitter, pings based upon, at least in part, the ping rate.
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FIG. 5

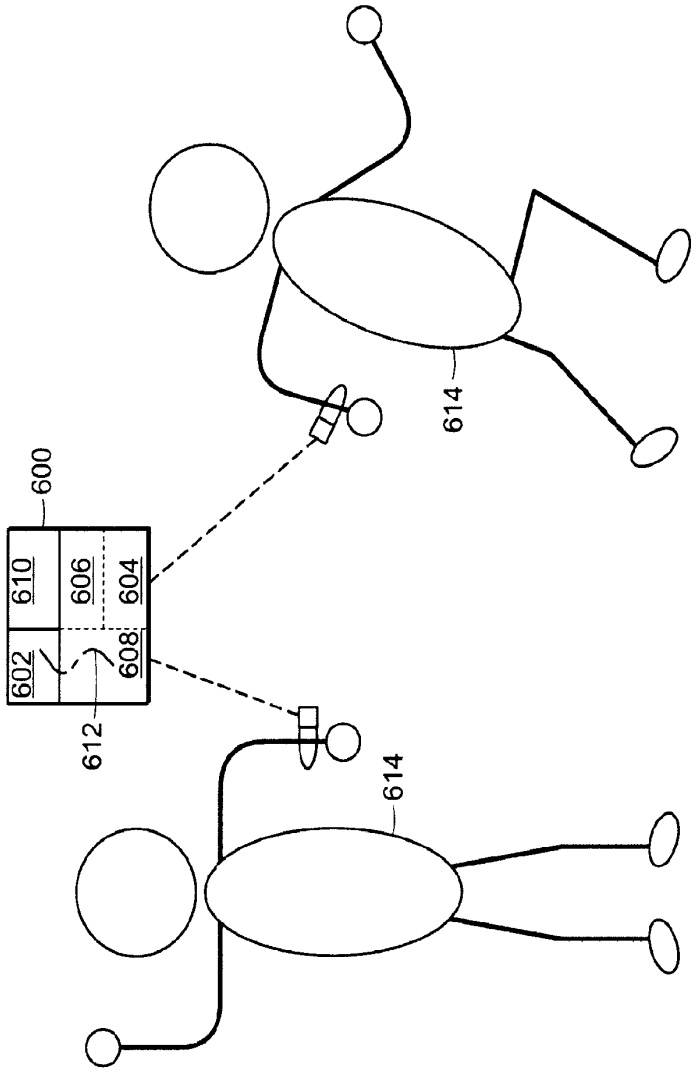


FIG. 6

702 Activity State	704 Locomotive Rate (locomotive rate, m/s, approximated)	706 Device Range (m/ping period unit)	Minimum Period (s)	Maximum Period (s)	708 Ping Period (s/ping period unit)
Inactive (S_I)	L_I= .0001	R = 10	C_1 = B*M = 0.4	C_2 = 300	300
Low Activity (S_L)	L_L= .5				20.0
Walking (S_W)	L_W= 1				10.0
Jogging (S_J)	L_J= 1.5				6.67
Running (S_R)	L_R= 2.5				4

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FIG. 7

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For: Efficient and Secure Communication Using Wireless Service Identifiers	Confirmation No.: 7562

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2023, consideration of the enclosed amendments to the application and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2.

Our **Remarks** begin on page 23.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims:

1. (Original). A method comprising:

causing processing, at a wireless device, of a first plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via a short range wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

causing a transfer of the stored information between the wireless device and one or more servers via a second wireless protocol, wherein at least a portion of the stored information relates to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

2. (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein the processing of the first plurality of beacon transmissions occurs in a first time period, and

wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period:

causing processing, at the wireless device, of a second plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via the short range wireless protocol, each of

the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier; and

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device.

3. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier, and wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

4. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

5. (Original). The method of claim 4 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

6. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the first or the second further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifier, or information derived from the first or second unique identifier.

7. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

8. (Original). The method of claim 2, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

9. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 2 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to ~~the particular entity or object~~ a physical object in proximity to the transmitter of the respective beacon transmission.

10. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to at least one of the one or more servers.

11. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 2~~1~~ wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

12. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 2~~1~~ wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

13. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 2~~1~~ wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

14. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 2 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing ~~one or more of the first and~~ the second further action.

15. (Original). The method of claim 1 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

16. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

17. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one ~~the~~ beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

18. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 17~~2~~ wherein the steps performed at the wireless device are performed, at least in part, as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device.

19. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

20. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

21. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

22. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

23. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 3 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein ~~the wherein~~ the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

24. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 17~~2~~ further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

25. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 2~~1~~ wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the short range wireless protocol.

26. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first unique identifier, or information derived from the first unique identifier.

27. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

28. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein following the taking of the first further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user as a result of the first further action.

29. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action comprises: determining that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

30. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

31. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

32. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

33. (Original). The method of claim 2 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

34. (Original). A mobile wireless device comprising:

one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol;

one or more processors; and

one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including:

receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

transferring, between the wireless device and one or more servers via the second wireless protocol, stored information related to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier;

selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier;

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers;

receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) the beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service;

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device; and

wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier.

35. (Original). A computer program product for installation in a non-volatile memory in a wireless device, the computer program product comprising computer program instructions that, when read from the non-volatile memory, and then executed by one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

process a first plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via a Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

transfer stored information between one or more servers to the wireless device via a second wireless protocol, wherein the stored information relates to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the Bluetooth wireless protocol;

select one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and

perform a first further action, the first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

36. (Original). The computer program product of claim 35 wherein the computer program instructions, when executed by the one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

during a first time period:

process the first plurality of beacon transmissions in the first time period, and

during a second time period:

process a second plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via the Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

select one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier; and

perform a second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device.

37. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 34 wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same

particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

38. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

39. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 38 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

40. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

41. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

42. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to the particular entity or object.

43. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

44. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

45. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

46. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 39 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing one or more of the first and the second further action.

47. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 45 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

48. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

49. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

50. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

51. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

52. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

53. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

54. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

55. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 53 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the short range wireless protocol.

56. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

57. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

58. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

59. (New). The mobile wireless device of claim 55 wherein the stored information includes an image of second further action includes the an image of the entity in proximity, wherein the image is displayed on the screen of the wireless device as part of the second further action, and wherein the second wireless device requires input from a user of the second wireless device selecting the image of the entity as part of the controlling of the further communications.

60. (New). The computer program product of claim 36 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier, and wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

61. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

62. (New). The computer program product of claim 61 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

63. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

64. (New). The computer program product of claim 60, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

65. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to the particular entity or object.

66. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

67. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

68. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

69. (New). The computer program product of claim 62 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing one or more of the first and the second further action.

70. (New). The computer program product of claim 68 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

71. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

72. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

73. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

74. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

75. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

76. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

77. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

78. (New). The computer program product of claim 7 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a

connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the short range wireless protocol.

79. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

80. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first unique identifier, or information derived from the first unique identifier.

81. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

82. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein following the taking of the first further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user as a result of the first further action.

83. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action comprises: determining that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

84. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

85. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

86. (New). The computer program product of claim 60 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

87. (New). The computer program product of claim 78 wherein the stored information includes an image of second further action includes the an image of the entity in proximity, wherein the image is displayed on the screen of the wireless device as part of the second further action, and wherein the second wireless device requires input from a user of the second wireless device selecting the image of the entity as part of the controlling of the further communications.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

With entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1 to 87 are now in the application.

Previously presented claims 1-36 were indicated as being allowable if the double patenting rejection is overcome.

As more fully explained below, new claims 37-87 are added.

Double Patenting

A terminal disclaimer in view of U.S. Patents 11,443,344, 11,687,971 and 11,074,615 is being submitted herewith. It is believed this terminal disclaimer sufficiently addresses the double patenting rejection.

Therefore, claims 1-36 should be in condition for allowance.

Explanation of Claim Amendments

Claim 9 is revised to clarify that the email message relates to a physical object in proximity to the transmitter of the respective beacon transmission.

Claims 11-13 are amended to depend from claim 2 instead of claim 1.

Claim 14 is amended to specify performing the second further action.

Claim 17 is amended to clarify that "at least one" of the beacon transmitters is associated with a predetermined location.

Claim 18 is amended to depend from claim 17 and to clarify that the steps performed at the wireless device are at least "in part" as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device.

Claim 23 is amended to delete the redundant words.

Claim 24 is amended to depend from claim 17.

Claim 25 is amended to depend from claim 2. Claim 25 is also further amended to clarify that the "MAC address" is not directly usable by the wireless device to connect to the beacon transmitter via the short range protocol. This is consistent with at least Fig. 11 and the description of a "broadcast only" device, where the connection needs to be "brokered" via a central server (see Par. [0086] of the application where this is explained):

> "Requiring the brokering of the communication via a central server can also allow a mobile device to receive information associated with a "broadcast only" device, such as in the museum example discussed previously. This is important, as such broadcast devices can enable a vast set of new applications built upon the infrastructure developed in this application, beyond the museum application."

New dependent claims 37 through 58 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 34. They add features to claim 34 that correspond in scope to features recited in existing dependent claims 3-9, 11-17, 20-25, 30 and 32-33. No new matter is therefore added.

New claim 59 relates to a device where the stored information includes an image of the entity in proximity, and where the image is displayed on the screen of the wireless device as part of the second further action, and where input from a user is required as part of controlling the further communication.

This new claim 59 is supported by the specification at paragraph [0098]:

> "… confirmation of each party's identity with visual cross verification of the parties using pictures or other unique identifiers"

and at paragraph [0102]:

> "Reliance on a central server also allows the secure and fraud resistant application of disclosure policy. Such policy might include the verification of the identity of the party to which information (identity and presence for instance) or content (pictures of the account owner) is to be provided. Such verification is performed in an anonymous way such that in the process of verifying information associated with each party, no personal information is disclosed between the parties prior to satisfaction of some pre-set policy such as inclusion on a friend list or belonging to a specific group or organization. "

New dependent claims 60 through 86 depend directly or indirectly from claim 36 and add features that correspond to features recited in existing dependent clams 3-5, 7-9, 11-17, 19-30, 32-33.

New dependent claim 87 depends from claim 36 and adds features that correspond to those explained in connection with new claim 59 as described above.

No new matter is introduced by entry of these amendments and new claims.

Each of the new claims is therefore allowable for the same reasons as their corresponding previously presented claims.

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Consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed herewith is/are respectfully requested. It is noted that almost all of the cited documents were made of record in the parent application serial number 17/942,197 now issued as U.S. Patent 11,687,971.

Conclusion

With entry of the foregoing amendments, all of the claims presented should be in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed due but please charge U.S. Patent Office Deposit Account Number 50-4929 as may be necessary.

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Further to the response filed November 28, 2023, and subsequent to the Notice of Allowance dated January 8, 2024, consideration of the enclosed additional amendments to the claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2.

Our **Remarks** begin on page 23.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims:

1. (Original). A method comprising:

causing processing, at a wireless device, of a first plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via a short range wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

causing a transfer of the stored information between the wireless device and one or more servers via a second wireless protocol, wherein at least a portion of the stored information relates to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

2. (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein the processing of the first plurality of beacon transmissions occurs in a first time period, and

wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period:

causing processing, at the wireless device, of a second plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via the short range wireless protocol, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier; and

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device.

3. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier, and wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

4. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

5. (Original). The method of claim 4 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

6. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the first or the second further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifier, or information derived from the first or second unique identifier.

7. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

8. (Original). The method of claim 2, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

9. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to a physical object in proximity to the transmitter of the respective beacon transmission.

10. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to at least one of the one or more servers.

11. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

12. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

13. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

14. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing the second further action.

15. (Original). The method of claim 1 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

16. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

17. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

18. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 17 wherein the steps performed at the wireless device are performed, at least in part, as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device.

19. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

20. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

21. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

22. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

23. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 3 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

24. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 17 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

25. (Currently Amended). The method of claim ~~2~~ 3 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the short range wireless protocol.

26. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first unique identifier, or information derived from the first unique identifier.

27. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

28. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein following the taking of the first further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user as a result of the first further action.

29. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action comprises: determining that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

30. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

31. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

32. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

33. (Original). The method of claim 2 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

34. (Original). A mobile wireless device comprising:

one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol;

one or more processors; and

one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including:

receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

transferring, between the wireless device and one or more servers via the second wireless protocol, stored information related to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier;

selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier;

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers;

receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) the beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service;

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device; and

wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier.

35. (Original). A computer program product for installation in a non-volatile memory in a wireless device, the computer program product comprising computer program

instructions that, when read from the non-volatile memory, and then executed by one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

process a first plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via a Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

transfer stored information between one or more servers to the wireless device via a second wireless protocol, wherein the stored information relates to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the Bluetooth wireless protocol;

select one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and

perform a first further action, the first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

36. (Original). The computer program product of claim 35 wherein the computer program instructions, when executed by the one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

during a first time period:

process the first plurality of beacon transmissions in the first time period, and

during a second time period:

process a second plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via the Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC

address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

select one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier; and

perform a second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device.

37. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 34 wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

38. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

39. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 38 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

40. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

41. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

42. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to the particular entity or object.

43. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

44. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

45. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

46. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 39 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing one or more of the first and the second further action.

47. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 45 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

48. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

49. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

50. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device

based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

51. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

52. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

53. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

54. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

55. (Currently Amended). The mobile wireless device of claim 53 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the ~~short range~~ Bluetooth wireless protocol.

56. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

57. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

58. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

59. (Currently Amended). The mobile wireless device of claim ~~55~~ 53 wherein the stored information includes ~~an image of second further action includes the~~ an image of the entity in proximity, wherein the image is displayed on ~~the~~ a screen of the wireless device as part of the second further action, and wherein the second wireless device requires input from a user of the second wireless device selecting the image of the entity as part of the controlling of the further communications.

60. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 36 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier, and wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

61. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

62. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 61 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

63. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content

from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

64. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

65. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to the particular entity or object.

66. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

67. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

68. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

69. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 62 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing one or more of the first and the second further action.

70. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 68 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

71. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

72. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

73. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

74. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-

determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

75. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

76. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

77. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

78. (Currently Amended). The computer program product of claim ~~7~~ 77 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the ~~short range~~ Bluetooth wireless protocol.

79. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

80. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first unique identifier, or information derived from the first unique identifier.

81. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

82. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein following the taking of the first further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user as a result of the first further action.

83. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action comprises: determining that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

84. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

85. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

86. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

87. (Currently Amended). The computer program product of claim 78 wherein the stored information includes ~~an image of second further action includes the~~ an image of the entity in proximity, wherein the image is displayed on ~~the~~ a screen of the wireless device as part of the second further action, and wherein the second wireless device requires input from a user of the second wireless device selecting the image of the entity as part of the controlling of the further communications.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

With entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1 to 87 would remain in the application.

Explanation of Claim Amendments

Amendments to selected dependent claims are being requested to correct claim dependencies and so that the language used in certain dependent claims reflects the same language of the corresponding independent claims.

Claim 25 is amended to depend from claim 3 instead of claim 2.

Claim 55 is amended to correspond to independent claim 34 from which it depends.

Claim 59 is amended to depend from claim 53 and to correct grammatical errors.

Claim 78 is amended to depend from claim 77, and is also amended to correspond to independent claim 35 from which it depends.

Claim 87 is amended to correct grammatical errors.

No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

No additional search or examination should be needed since the scope of the claims has not changed. The claims remain patentable for at least the same reasons stated in the response dated November 28, 2023.

Conclusion

With entry of the foregoing amendments, all of the claims presented in the application should still be in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed due but please charge U.S. Patent Office Deposit Account Number 50-4929 as may be necessary.

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To further supplement the Amendment After Allowance filed January 8, 2024, consideration of additional amendments to the claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2.

Our **Remarks** begin on page 23.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims:

1. (Original). A method comprising:

causing processing, at a wireless device, of a first plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via a short range wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

causing a transfer of the stored information between the wireless device and one or more servers via a second wireless protocol, wherein at least a portion of the stored information relates to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

2. (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein the processing of the first plurality of beacon transmissions occurs in a first time period, and

wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period:

causing processing, at the wireless device, of a second plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via the short range wireless protocol, each of

the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier; and

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device.

3. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier, and wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

4. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

5. (Original). The method of claim 4 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

6. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the first or the second further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifier, or information derived from the first or second unique identifier.

7. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

8. (Original). The method of claim 2, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

9. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to a physical object in proximity to the transmitter of the respective beacon transmission.

10. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to at least one of the one or more servers.

11. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

12. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

13. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

14. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing the second further action.

15. (Original). The method of claim 1 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

16. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

17. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

18. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 17 wherein the steps performed at the wireless device are performed, at least in part, as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device.

19. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

20. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

21. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

22. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

23. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 3 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

24. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 17 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

25. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 3 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the short range wireless protocol.

26. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first unique identifier, or information derived from the first unique identifier.

27. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

28. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein following the taking of the first further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user as a result of the first further action.

29. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action comprises: determining that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

30. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

31. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

32. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

33. (Original). The method of claim 2 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

34. (Original). A mobile wireless device comprising:

one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol;

one or more processors; and

one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including:

receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

transferring, between the wireless device and one or more servers via the second wireless protocol, stored information related to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier;

selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier;

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers;

receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) the beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service;

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device; and

wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier.

35. (Original). A computer program product for installation in a non-volatile memory in a wireless device, the computer program product comprising computer program

instructions that, when read from the non-volatile memory, and then executed by one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

process a first plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via a Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

transfer stored information between one or more servers to the wireless device via a second wireless protocol, wherein the stored information relates to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the Bluetooth wireless protocol;

select one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and

perform a first further action, the first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

36. (Original). The computer program product of claim 35 wherein the computer program instructions, when executed by the one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

during a first time period:

process the first plurality of beacon transmissions in the first time period, and

during a second time period:

process a second plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via the Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC

address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

select one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier; and

perform a second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device.

37. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 34 wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

38. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

39. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 38 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

40. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

41. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

42. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to the particular entity or object.

43. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

44. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

45. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

46. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 39 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing one or more of the first and the second further action.

47. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 45 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

48. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

49. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

50. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device

based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

51. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

52. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

53. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

54. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

55. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 53 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the Bluetooth wireless protocol.

56. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

57. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

58. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

59. (Currently Amended). The mobile wireless device of claim 53 wherein the stored information includes an image of the entity in proximity, wherein the image is displayed on a screen of the wireless device as part of the second further action, and wherein the second wireless device requires input from a user of the ~~second~~ wireless device selecting the image of the entity as part of the controlling of the further communications.

60. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 36 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier, and wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

61. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

62. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 61 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

63. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

64. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

65. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to the particular entity or object.

66. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

67. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

68. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

69. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 62 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing one or more of the first and the second further action.

70. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 68 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

71. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

72. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

73. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

74. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-

determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

75. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

76. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

77. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

78. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 77 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the Bluetooth wireless protocol.

79. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

80. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first unique identifier, or information derived from the first unique identifier.

81. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

82. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein following the taking of the first further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user as a result of the first further action.

83. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action comprises: determining that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

84. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

85. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

86. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

87. (Currently Amended). The computer program product of claim 78 wherein the stored information includes an image of the entity in proximity, wherein the image is displayed on a screen of the wireless device as part of the second further action, and wherein the ~~second~~ wireless device requires input from a user of the second wireless device selecting the image of the entity as part of the controlling of the further communications.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claim Amendments

The proposed amendments to the claims above assume that the Amendment After Allowance dated January 8, 2023 has already been entered into the record.

With entry of these proposed amendments, claims 1 to 87 would remain in the application.

Explanation of Proposed Claim Amendments

Claims 59 and 87 would be amended to correct a reference to "the wireless device". No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

No additional search or examination should be needed since the scope of the claims has not changed. The claims remain patentable for at least the same reasons stated in the response dated November 28, 2023.

Conclusion

With entry of the foregoing amendments, all of the claims presented in the application should still be in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed due but please charge U.S. Patent Office Deposit Account Number 50-4929 as may be necessary.

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Subsequent to the Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR 1.312 filed January 8, 2024, as well as the Supplemental Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR 1.312 filed January 9, 2024, the Applicant requests consideration of additional amendments to the claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2.

Our **Remarks** begin on page 23.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims:

1. (Original). A method comprising:

causing processing, at a wireless device, of a first plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via a short range wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

causing a transfer of the stored information between the wireless device and one or more servers via a second wireless protocol, wherein at least a portion of the stored information relates to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

2. (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein the processing of the first plurality of beacon transmissions occurs in a first time period, and

wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period:

causing processing, at the wireless device, of a second plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via the short range wireless protocol, each of

the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier; and

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device.

3. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier, and wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

4. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

5. (Original). The method of claim 4 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

6. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the first or the second further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifier, or information derived from the first or second unique identifier.

7. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

8. (Original). The method of claim 2, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

9. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to a physical object in proximity to the transmitter of the respective beacon transmission.

10. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to at least one of the one or more servers.

11. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

12. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

13. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

14. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing the second further action.

15. (Original). The method of claim 1 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

16. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

17. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

18. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 17 wherein the steps performed at the wireless device are performed, at least in part, as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device.

19. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

20. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

21. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

22. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

23. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 3 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

24. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 17 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

25. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 3 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the short range wireless protocol.

26. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first unique identifier, or information derived from the first unique identifier.

27. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

28. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein following the taking of the first further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user as a result of the first further action.

29. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action comprises: determining that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

30. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

31. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

32. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

33. (Original). The method of claim 2 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

34. (Original). A mobile wireless device comprising:

one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol;

one or more processors; and

one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including:

receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

transferring, between the wireless device and one or more servers via the second wireless protocol, stored information related to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier;

selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier;

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers;

receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) the beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service;

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device; and

wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier.

35. (Original). A computer program product for installation in a non-volatile memory in a wireless device, the computer program product comprising computer program

instructions that, when read from the non-volatile memory, and then executed by one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

process a first plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via a Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

transfer stored information between one or more servers to the wireless device via a second wireless protocol, wherein the stored information relates to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the Bluetooth wireless protocol;

select one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and

perform a first further action, the first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

36. (Original). The computer program product of claim 35 wherein the computer program instructions, when executed by the one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

during a first time period:

process the first plurality of beacon transmissions in the first time period, and

during a second time period:

process a second plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via the Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC

address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

select one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier; and

perform a second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device.

37. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 34 wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

38. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

39. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 38 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

40. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

41. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

42. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to the particular entity or object.

43. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

44. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

45. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

46. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 39 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing one or more of the first and the second further action.

47. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 45 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

48. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

49. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

50. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device

based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

51. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

52. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

53. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

54. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

55. (Currently Amended). The mobile wireless device of claim ~~53~~ 59 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the Bluetooth wireless protocol.

56. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

57. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

58. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

59. (Currently Amended). The mobile wireless device of claim 53 wherein the stored information includes an image of the entity in proximity, wherein the image is displayed on a screen of the wireless device as part of the second further action, and wherein the ~~second~~ wireless device requires input from a user of the wireless device selecting the image of the entity as part of the controlling of the further communications.

60. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 36 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier, and wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

61. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

62. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 61 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

63. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

64. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

65. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to the particular entity or object.

66. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

67. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

68. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

69. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 62 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing one or more of the first and the second further action.

70. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 68 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

71. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

72. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

73. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

74. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

75. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

76. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

77. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

78. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 77 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the Bluetooth wireless protocol.

79. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

80. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first unique identifier, or information derived from the first unique identifier.

81. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

82. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein following the taking of the first further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user as a result of the first further action.

83. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action comprises: determining that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

84. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

85. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

86. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

87. (Currently Amended). The computer program product of claim 78 wherein the stored information includes an image of the entity in proximity, wherein the image is displayed on a screen of the wireless device as part of the second further action, and wherein the wireless device requires input from a user of the ~~second~~ wireless device selecting the image of the entity as part of the controlling of the further communications.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claim Amendments

The proposed amendments to the claims above assume that both:

the Amendment After Allowance dated January 8, 2023; and

the Supplemental Amendment After Allowance dated January 9, 2023

have each already been entered into the record.

With entry of the amendments proposed above, claims 1 to 87 would remain in the application.

Explanation of Proposed Claim Amendments

Claim 55 would be amended to depend from claim 59 instead of claim 53.

Claims 59 and 87 would be further amended to correct a reference to "the wireless device", by removing incorrect references to the " 'second' wireless device". No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

No additional search or examination should be needed since the scope of the claims has not changed. The claims remain patentable for at least the same reasons stated in the response dated November 28, 2023.

Conclusion

With entry of the foregoing amendments, all of the claims presented in the application should still be in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed due but please charge U.S. Patent Office Deposit Account Number 50-4929 as may be necessary.

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As a replacement for the following three documents:

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Third Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR 1.312 filed January 10, 2024,

the Applicant now instead requests consideration of amendments to the claims as fully set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2.

Our **Remarks** begin on page 23.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims:

1. (Original). A method comprising:

causing processing, at a wireless device, of a first plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via a short range wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

causing a transfer of the stored information between the wireless device and one or more servers via a second wireless protocol, wherein at least a portion of the stored information relates to a particular entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the short range wireless protocol;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

2. (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein the processing of the first plurality of beacon transmissions occurs in a first time period, and

wherein the method further comprises, during a second time period:

causing processing, at the wireless device, of a second plurality of beacon transmissions received at the wireless device via the short range wireless protocol, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

causing selection of one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier; and

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device.

3. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier, and wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

4. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

5. (Original). The method of claim 4 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

6. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the first or the second further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first or the second unique identifier, or information derived from the first or second unique identifier.

7. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

8. (Original). The method of claim 2, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

9. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to a physical object in proximity to the transmitter of the respective beacon transmission.

10. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes preventing sending of the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier by the wireless device to at least one of the one or more servers.

11. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

12. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

13. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

14. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing the second further action.

15. (Original). The method of claim 1 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

16. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

17. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

18. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 17 wherein the steps performed at the wireless device are performed, at least in part, as a result of an application program executing on the wireless device.

19. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

20. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

21. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

22. (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

23. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 3 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

24. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 17 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

25. (Currently Amended). The method of claim ~~2~~ 3 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the short range wireless protocol.

26. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first unique identifier, or information derived from the first unique identifier.

27. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

28. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein following the taking of the first further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user as a result of the first further action.

29. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action comprises: determining that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

30. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

31. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the first further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

32. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

33. (Original). The method of claim 2 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

34. (Original). A mobile wireless device comprising:

one or more radios for providing reception and transmission for each of a Bluetooth wireless protocol and a second wireless protocol;

one or more processors; and

one or more memory devices coupled to the one or more processors, the one or more memory devices storing a set of instructions that when executed by the one or more processors cause the one or more processors to perform operations including:

receiving from a beacon transmitter, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, a first plurality of beacon transmissions during a first time period, each of the beacon transmissions including (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

transferring, between the wireless device and one or more servers via the second wireless protocol, stored information related to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier;

selecting one or more unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier;

taking first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers;

receiving, by the wireless device, using the Bluetooth wireless protocol, during a second time period, a second plurality of beacon transmissions, each of the second plurality of beacon transmissions comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) the beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

selecting one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier indicating that a particular received beacon transmission is associated with the same particular wireless beacon service;

taking second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the second unique identifier is associated with the same entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device; and

wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier.

35. (Original). A computer program product for installation in a non-volatile memory in a wireless device, the computer program product comprising computer program

instructions that, when read from the non-volatile memory, and then executed by one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

process a first plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via a Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

transfer stored information between one or more servers to the wireless device via a second wireless protocol, wherein the stored information relates to an entity or object associated with a first unique identifier, and wherein the second wireless protocol is different from the Bluetooth wireless protocol;

select one or more of the unique identifiers from the first plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include a particular beacon service identifier; and

perform a first further action, the first further action relating to the stored information, if the first unique identifier is present among the selected one or more unique identifiers.

36. (Original). The computer program product of claim 35 wherein the computer program instructions, when executed by the one or more processors in the wireless device, cause the wireless device to:

during a first time period:

process the first plurality of beacon transmissions in the first time period, and

during a second time period:

process a second plurality of beacon transmissions, received at the wireless device via the Bluetooth wireless protocol, each beacon transmission comprising three fields (a) a MAC

address, (b) a unique identifier, wherein the unique identifier of each respective beacon transmission is a numeric value, and (c) a beacon service identifier, wherein the beacon service identifier of each respective beacon transmission identifies a wireless beacon service in which the unique identifier is relevant to the stored information relating to an entity or object associated with a transmitter of a respective beacon transmission;

select one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, by filtering the beacon transmissions which include the same particular beacon service identifier; and

perform a second further action relating to the stored information, if a second unique identifier is present among the one or more unique identifiers selected from the second plurality of beacon transmissions, wherein the first unique identifier and the second unique identifier are both associated with the same particular entity or object, and wherein the second unique identifier is not equal to the first unique identifier, and further wherein the received beacon transmissions including the first and second unique identifiers are received from a same transmitting device.

37. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 34 wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

38. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

39. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 38 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

40. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

41. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

42. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to the particular entity or object.

43. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

44. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

45. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

46. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 39 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing one or more of the first and the second further action.

47. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 45 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

48. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

49. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

50. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device

based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

51. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

52. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

53. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

54. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

55. (Currently Amended). The mobile wireless device of claim ~~53~~ 59 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the ~~short range~~ Bluetooth wireless protocol.

56. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

57. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

58. (Previously Presented). The mobile wireless device of claim 37 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

59. (Currently Amended). The mobile wireless device of claim ~~55~~ 53 wherein the stored information includes an image of ~~second further action includes the an image of~~ the entity in proximity, wherein the image is displayed on ~~the~~ a screen of the wireless device as part of the second further action, and wherein the ~~second~~ wireless device requires input from a user of the ~~second~~ wireless device selecting the image of the entity as part of the controlling of the further communications.

60. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 36 wherein the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the second unique identifier is different from the MAC address received in a beacon transmission including the first unique identifier, but each such beacon transmission includes the same particular beacon service identifier, and wherein a plurality of beacon transmissions including the particular beacon service identifier and the first unique identifier are received in the first time period, and no beacon transmissions including the same particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier are received in the first time period.

61. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action is based upon a function currently being performed on a device associated with the wireless beacon service.

62. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 61 wherein the function is related to a current phone call.

63. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein one or more of the first further action and the second further action includes receiving content

from a server based upon information derived from either the first unique identifier or the second unique identifier.

64. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60, wherein the first or second further action includes sending a message to another device associated with an account related to the first and the second unique identifiers.

65. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein following the taking of the first or second further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user, the email message relating to the particular entity or object.

66. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action comprises: determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

67. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking first further action further includes causing the wireless device, to:

send the first unique identifier or information derived from the first unique identifier to at least one of the one or more servers, and

receive the stored information in response.

68. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to the taking of the first further action.

69. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 62 wherein the stored information is received at the wireless device from at least one of the one or more servers prior to performing one or more of the first and the second further action.

70. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 68 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the first unique identifier is present among the first selected one or more unique identifiers.

71. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein all beacon transmitter devices participating in the particular wireless beacon service have the same particular beacon service identifier.

72. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action comprises:

determining, based upon at least a portion of the stored information, that the beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

73. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action is related to either a product tied to a location or an advertisement tied to a location.

74. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the first unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, and wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

75. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action includes determining an address or location associated with the wireless device based at least in part upon the second unique identifier being associated with a pre-determined location, wherein the wireless device is located where a GPS signal is not available.

76. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action includes allowing a user associated with the wireless device to be provided access to an object or device associated with the wireless beacon service.

77. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity in proximity to the wireless device, and wherein the stored information includes contact information of the entity in proximity utilized to determine the presence of the second unique identifier prior to taking the second further action.

78. (Currently Amended). The computer program product of claim ~~7~~ 77 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD_ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the ~~short range~~ Bluetooth wireless protocol.

79. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

80. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action is related to receiving advertising information for presentation to a user of the wireless device, based upon the first unique identifier, or information derived from the first unique identifier.

81. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action includes receiving content from a server based upon information derived from the first unique identifier.

82. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein following the taking of the first further action, a server associated with an account for a user of the wireless device performs a step of sending an email message to an email address associated with the account for the user as a result of the first further action.

83. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the first further action comprises: determining that at least one beacon transmitter is associated with a predetermined location.

84. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the second further action comprises:

causing to send, at the wireless device, to a server associated with a particular beacon service identified by the particular beacon service identifier: a) the second unique identifier or information derived from the second unique identifier and b) a location associated with the wireless device, so as to allow an entity associated the same transmitting device to be informed by the server, of the location associated with detection of beacon transmissions from the same transmitting device.

85. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the taking second further action additionally comprises:

controlling further communications between the wireless device and at least one device or server associated with an entity or object in proximity to the wireless device.

86. (Previously Presented). The computer program product of claim 60 further comprising:

using the stored information to determine if the second unique identifier is present among the selected one or more of the unique identifiers from the second plurality of beacon transmissions.

87. (Currently Amended). The computer program product of claim 78 wherein the stored information includes an image of ~~second further action includes the an image of~~ the entity in proximity, wherein the image is displayed on ~~the~~ a screen of the wireless device as part of the second further action, and wherein the ~~second~~ wireless device requires input from a user of the ~~second~~ wireless device selecting the image of the entity as part of the controlling of the further communications.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Telephone Call with Examiner Harley on January 11, 2024

The Applicant's undersigned attorney spoke with Examiner Harley via telephone on January 11, 2024 regarding the three (3) previously filed Amendments After Allowance Under 37 CFR 1.312. Examiner Harley suggested that a better approach would be to present all proposed amendments in a single filing.

Status of the Prior Submitted Amendments After Allowance on January 8-10, 2024

The proposed amendments to the claims enclosed herewith assume that the following will **not be entered into the record:**

Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR 1.312 filed January 8, 2024,

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Third Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR 1.312 filed January 10, 2024.

Explanation of Proposed Claim Amendments

With entry of the amendments proposed herein, claims 1 to 87 would remain in the application.

Claim 25 would be amended to depend from claim 3 instead of claim 2.

Claim 55 would be amended to depend from claim 59 instead of claim 53. Claim 55 would also be amended to correspond to independent claim 34 from which it ultimately depends.

Claim 59 would be amended to depend from claim 53, to correct a grammatical error in the second line, and to correct the reference to "the wireless device".

Claim 78 would be amended to depend from claim 77, and also to correspond to independent claim 35 from which it ultimately depends.

Claim 87 would be amended to correct a grammatical error in the second line, and to correct the reference to "the wireless device".

No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

No additional search or examination should be needed since the scope of the claims has not changed. The claims remain patentable for at least the same reasons stated in the response dated November 28, 2023.

Conclusion

With entry of the foregoing amendments, all of the claims presented in the application should still be in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed due but please charge U.S. Patent Office Deposit Account Number 50-4929 as may be necessary.

January 11, 2024

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the Applicant now instead requests consideration of amendments to the claims as fully set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2.

Our **Remarks** begin on page 23.

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55. (Currently Amended). The mobile wireless device of claim ~~59~~ 53 wherein the MAC address of the selected beacon transmissions having the particular beacon service identifier and the second unique identifier is a randomly generated 48 bit number matching a format of a Bluetooth BD ADDR, and is not directly usable by the wireless device to establish a connection with the transmitter of that beacon transmission via the short range Bluetooth wireless protocol.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON A HARLEY whose telephone number is (571)270-5435. The examiner can normally be reached 7:30-300 6:30-8:30.

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Secure Communications Technologies, LLC, a Limited Liability Company

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This is in response to the power of attorney filed 11/29/2024. The power of attorney in this application is not accepted for the reason(s) listed below:

- The power of attorney is from an assignee and the statement required by 37 CFR 3.73(c) has not been received or is incomplete.

The power of attorney filed 11/29/2024 has not been accepted because the power of attorney must be signed by the applicant for patent. See 37 CFR 1.32(b)(4).

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- The request to change the applicant is not accepted because the Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(c) ("3.73(c) Statement") does not provide a reel and frame or a complete chain of title from the inventors to the current assignee.

Because the request to change or update the applicant cannot be accepted, the power of attorney is not properly signed by the applicant and cannot be accepted. The change to applicant must be acceptable before the new applicant can appoint power of attorney.

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