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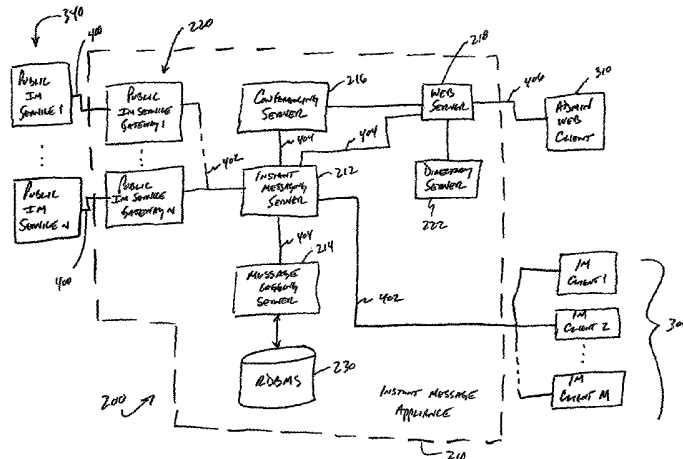
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(57) Abstract: A system and method are presented for providing an instant messaging (IM) environment. The network (200) includes a plurality of client computer processing systems (300), a plurality of public IM services (340) and an IM server appliance (210) coupling the client computer systems (300) and the public IM services (340) for one of one-on-one and group communication. The IM server appliance (210) includes an IM server (212) for directing IM communication between the client systems (300) and the public IM services (340), a message logging server (214) for creating a log entry of IM communications, a conferencing server (216) interacting with the IM server (212) to providing multiple user IM conferences, a web server (218) providing an administration interface (600) and a plurality of public IM service gateways (220) for translating messages from a native IM protocol employed within the IM appliance to a public IM protocol executing in any of the public IM services (340).



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