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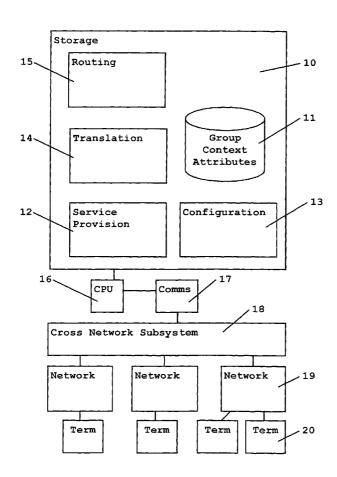
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(57) Abstract: A system and method for providing community services to mobile user terminals (14) including routing and translating messages. The service provision is performed by an application/server (10, 16) dependant on group context attributes (11) that may relate to group membership and availability of service features. The context attributes including the service features can be configured by users by sending messages to the application/server and by selecting templates. A cross-network subsystem (18) links instances of the application/server to a plurality of telecommunication networks (19) that route messages to mobile terminals.



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