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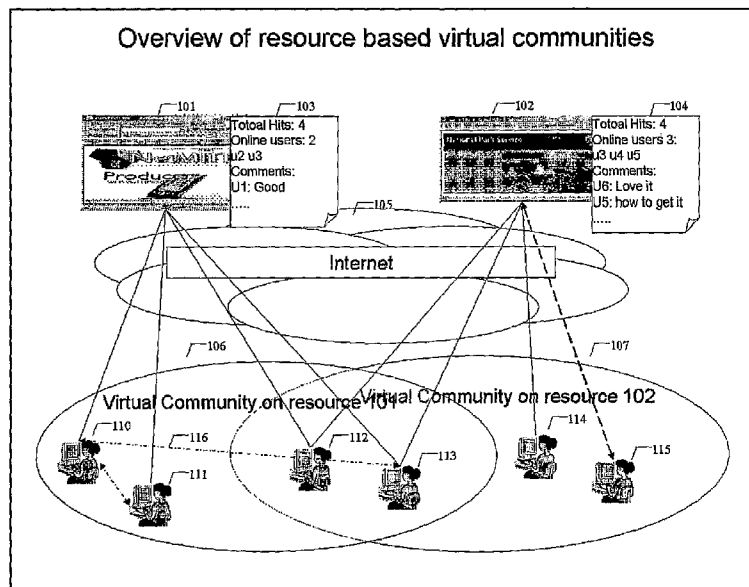
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(57) Abstract: System and method for resource based virtual communities. Any resources shared or used by multiple people can be basis for the community, whose members are users of the resource. Resources include web sites, pages, news groups or discussion forums, software products, bulletin boards, games etc. Community composes of current resource users such as web page readers, bulletin board posters, game players, software users. Whenever a person accesses or uses the resource, he is automatically joined as part of the community. While they are using it, they can access all services provided by the community, such as chatting, collaborating with others, publishing comments, or even adding new community services. A universal virtual community server is disclosed to support all virtual communities based on all resources in the world and all users in the Internet. There are 6 methods disclosed for individual users to connect to this resource based communities.

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