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(57) Abstract: A method and system for utilizing presence information with a device is described. In one aspect, the method and system include obtaining user information for a user and obtaining presence information for at least one entity associated with the user. The method and system also include displaying at least a first portion the presence information for the at least one entity only if the device includes a display capable of displaying the first portion of the presence information and presenting at least a second portion of the presence information in an alternative form if the device does not include the display. In another aspect, the method and system include allowing an activity related to a recipient be initiated by a user and determining a status of the recipient based on the identification information and in response to the activity being initiated by the user. In this aspect, the method and system also include presenting the status of the recipient to the user and allowing the user to alter the activity based upon the status of the recipient.



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