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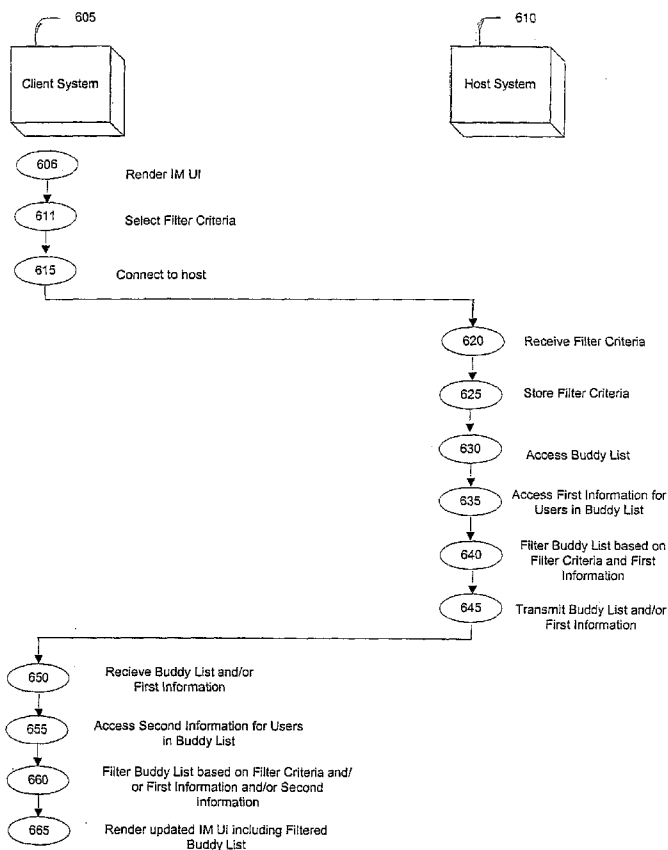
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(57) Abstract: Customizing instant messaging communications for a first instant messaging participant includes receiving first filter criteria (620) corresponding to an online presence state of instant messaging participants to be filtered. First information associated with each of one or more other instant messaging participants selected by the first instant messaging participant is accessed. The first filter criteria is applied to the first information for each of the other instant messaging participants to obtain a first filter result for each of the other instant messaging participants (635). A participant list is configured to persistently reflect a display of information about the other instant messaging participants according to the first filter result for each of the other instant messaging participants (640).

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