

We Claim:

1. A method for displaying a user interface (200) for managing communication sessions on a communications device, the method comprising:
 - generating for display, by a processor (120), in a side portion of the user interface (200) for a first user, a fan comprising a plurality of graphical user interface elements that are scrollable by the first user, wherein an active graphical user interface element of the plurality of graphical user interface elements displays communication information associated with a second user different from the first user, and wherein inactive graphical user interface elements of the plurality of graphical user interface elements display truncated communication information;
 - displaying the fan in the user interface (200);
 - generating for display, by the processor (120), on the user interface (200), an active spotlight region that depicts, by using a visual metaphor that resembles a spotlight, an active communication session that the first user is currently participating in, the active spotlight region featuring graphical elements representing participants associated with the active communication session; and
 - displaying the active spotlight region in the user interface (200).
2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the communications device receives user input via a touch sensitive display (170).
3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the communication information comprises:
 - contact information, schedule information, current communication session information, applications, and other multimedia communication features.
4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wherein the side portion is a first side portion, wherein the fan is a first fan, and wherein the plurality of graphical user interface elements is a first plurality of graphical user interface elements, the method comprising displaying, on a second side portion of the user interface (200), a second fan comprising a second plurality of graphical user interface elements that are scrollable by the first user.

5. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a detail of the communication information is displayed in the communication workspace when the first user interacts with the active graphical user interface element.
6. A communications device having a user interface (200), communication device comprising:
 - a processor (120);
 - a display;wherein:
 - the processor (120) generates for display, in a side portion of the user interface (200) for a first user, a fan comprising a plurality of graphical user interface elements that are scrollable by the first user, wherein an active graphical user interface element of the plurality of graphical user interface elements displays communication information associated with a second user different from the first user, and wherein inactive graphical user interface elements of the plurality of graphical user interface elements display truncated communication information;
 - the display (170) displays the fan in the user interface (200);
 - the processor (120) generates for display on the user interface (200), an active spotlight region that depicts, by using a visual metaphor that resembles a spotlight, an active communication session that the first user is currently participating in, the active spotlight region featuring graphical elements representing participants associated with the active communication session; and
 - the display (170) displays the active spotlight region in the user interface (200).

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