

**WE CLAIM:-**

1. A method for displaying a user interface for managing communication sessions on a communications device, the method comprising:

displaying, on a first side portion of the user interface, a first set of user-configurable communication information;

displaying, on a second side portion of the user interface, a second set of user-configurable communication information; and

displaying, on a center portion of the user interface, a communication work space comprising an active spotlight region.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the communications device receives user input via a touch sensitive display.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the first set of user-configurable communication information and the second set of user-configurable communication information each comprise at least one of contact information, schedule information, current communication session information, applications, and other multimedia communication features.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein at least part of the contact information is organized into expandable groups.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the first set of user-configurable communication information and the second set of user-configurable communication information are displayed as a first fan of items and a second fan of items.

6. The method of claim 5, further comprising:

receiving from a user a touch input directed to one of the first fan of items and the second fan of items; and

scrolling the one of the first fan of items and the second fan of items based on the touch input.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the communication work space displays at least one current communication session.

8. The method of claim 12, further comprising:

receiving user input to toggle from an active communication session from a first current communication session to a second communication session;

setting the second communication session as the active communication session; and

updating the communication work space to reflect the active communication session.

9. A communications device having a touch-based user interface, the user interface comprising:

a processor;

a touch sensitive display;

a display module configured to output on a first side portion of the touch sensitive display, a first set of user-configurable communication information, to output on a second side portion of the touch sensitive display a second set of user-configurable communication information, to output on a center portion of the touch sensitive display a communication work space; and

a user input module configured to receive user input via the touch sensitive display; and

an interaction module configured to update the touch sensitive display based on the user input.

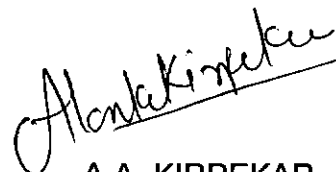
10. A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium storing instructions which, when executed by a computing device, cause the computing device to display an interface for managing communication sessions, the instructions comprising:

displaying, on a first side portion of the user interface, a first set of user-configurable communication information;

displaying, on a second side portion of the user interface, a second set of user-configurable communication information; and

displaying, on a center portion of the user interface, a communication work space.

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