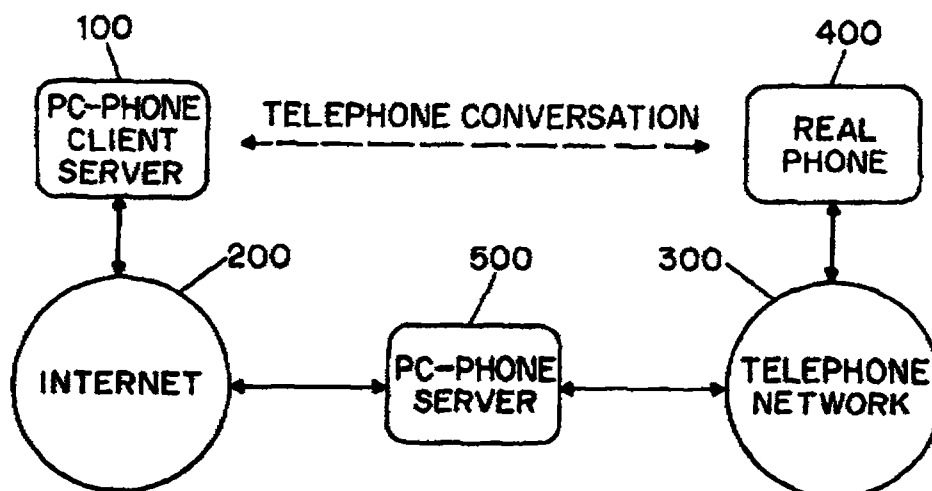


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A method and system for routing and transmitting voice conversations across a packet switched computer network (200) and a circuit switched public telephone network (300) is provided. Conversion between packet switched computer network protocols and circuit switched telephone network protocols is performed by one or more phone switches (600) which are coupled to the packet switched computer network (200) and the circuit switched telephone network (300). Routing voice conversations among multiple phone switches coupled to the packet switched computer network (200) is performed by one or more routing servers (500) coupled to the packet switched computer network (200), or a user's local computer (100).