

A Client And Method For Controlling Communications Thereof

5 Abstract

A client-server system (10) has a server (14) and clients (11,16) for browsing the Internet 12. Each of the clients (11,16) has a control module (20) coupled to control a Web browser (21), a sound card (22) with a speaker (23) and a microphone, (24) and a memory (25). A client (11) detects a user input to establish a voice
10 communications channel to a voice communications device associated with the client (16). In response to the user input, the control module (20) of the client (11) applies a voice enabling plug-in to establish the voice communications channel. If the voice communications device is a PSTN (27) device, then the voice communications channel links the client (16) using communications channels (13,14), the Internet (12)
15 and the PSTN (27). Otherwise, the voice communications channel links to the client (16) without using the PSTN (27).

FIG. 1 accompanies this abstract.