What is Claimed is:

1. A method for network selection, the method comprising:

discovering first network capabilities by performing an exchange between a wireless terminal and an access point of a wireless local area network;

comparing the first network capabilities with cached network capabilities; and

joining the wireless terminal with the access point based on at least a portion of the first network capabilities matching at least a portion of the cached network capabilities.

2. A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising, prior to performing the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point:

scanning for available networks; and

determining whether the access point supports a Generic Advertisement Service (GAS).

3. A method as defined in claim 2, wherein the GAS carries network query protocols.

4. A method as defined in claim 3, wherein the query protocols are Access Network Query Protocols.

5. A method as defined in claim 2, wherein the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point is performed based on determining that the access point supports the GAS.

6. A method as defined in claim 2, wherein the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point of the wireless local area network is performed using the GAS.

7. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point is a GAS exchange.

8. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the first network capabilities include at least one of a roaming policy, a roaming credential, a supported emergency service, or access to a subscription service provider network.

9. A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

finding matches between at least a portion of the first network capabilities and at least a portion of the cached network capabilities; and

filtering the matched network capabilities based on rankings assigned to the cached network capabilities.

10. A method as defined in claim 9, wherein the rankings assigned to the cached network capabilities pertain to the wireless terminal.

11. A method as defined in claim 9, wherein the connection between the wireless terminal and the access point is established based on at least one of the matched network capabilities being the highest ranked relative to others of the matched network capabilities.

12. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point is performed in response to a first service set identifier (SSID) of the access point matching a second SSID cached in the wireless terminal.

13. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point to discover the first network capabilities is performed prior to joining the wireless terminal with an external network in communication with the access point.

14. An apparatus to select networks, comprising:

a processor configured to:

discover first network capabilities by performing an exchange between a wireless terminal and an access point of a wireless local area network;

comparing the first network capabilities with cached network capabilities; and

joining the wireless terminal with the access point based on at least a portion of the first network capabilities matching at least a portion of the cached network capabilities.

15. An apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein the processor is to, prior to performing the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point:

scan for available networks; and

determine whether the access point supports a Generic Advertisement Service (GAS).

16. An apparatus as defined in claim 15, wherein the GAS carries network query protocols.

17. An apparatus as defined in claim 16, wherein the query protocols are Access Network Query Protocols.

18. An apparatus as defined in claim 15, wherein the processor is to perform the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point based on determining that the access point supports the GAS.

19. An apparatus as defined in claim 15, wherein the processor is to perform the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point of the wireless local area network using the GAS.

20. An apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein the processor is to perform the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point using a GAS exchange.

21. An apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein the first network capabilities include at least one of a roaming policy, a roaming credential, a supported emergency service, or access to a subscription service provider network.

22. An apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein the processor is to:

find matches between at least a portion of the first network capabilities and at least a portion of the cached network capabilities; and

filter the matched network capabilities based on rankings assigned to the cached network capabilities.

23. An apparatus as defined in claim 22, wherein the rankings assigned to the cached network capabilities pertain to the wireless terminal.

24. An apparatus as defined in claim 22, wherein the processor is to establish the connection between the wireless terminal and the access point based on at least one of the matched network capabilities being the highest ranked relative to others of the matched network capabilities.

25. An apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein the processor is to perform the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point in response to a first service set identifier (SSID) of the access point matching a second SSID cached in the wireless terminal.

26. An apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein the processor is to perform the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point to discover the first network capabilities prior to joining the wireless terminal with an external network in communication with the access point.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for network selection, the method comprising:

discovering first network capabilities by performing an exchange between a wireless terminal and an access point of a wireless local area network;

comparing the first network capabilities with cached capabilities;

finding a match between at least a portion of the first network capabilities and at least a portion of the cached capabilities;

filtering the matched capabilities at the wireless terminal based on a ranking, the filtering of the matched capabilities comprising filtering out one of the matched capabilities based on the ranking; and

joining the wireless terminal with the access point based on at least a portion of the first network capabilities matching at least a portion of the cached capabilities.

2. A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising, prior to performing the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point:

scanning for available networks; and

determining whether the access point supports a Generic Advertisement Service (GAS).

3. A method as defined in claim 2, wherein the GAS carries query protocols.

4. A method as defined in claim 3, wherein one of the query protocols is Access Network Query Protocol (ANQP).

5. A method as defined in claim 2, wherein the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point is performed based on determining that the access point supports the GAS.

6. A method as defined in claim 2, wherein the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point of the wireless local area network is performed using the GAS.

7. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point is a GAS exchange.

8. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the first network capabilities include at least one of a roaming policy, a roaming credential, a supported emergency service, or access to a subscription service provider network.

9. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the ranking assigned to the cached capabilities pertains to the wireless terminal.

10. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the connection between the wireless terminal and the access point is established based on at least one of the matched capabilities being the highest ranked relative to others of the matched capabilities.

11. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point is performed in response to a first service set identifier (SSID) of the access point matching a second SSID cached in the wireless terminal.

12. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point to discover the first network capabilities is performed prior to joining the wireless terminal with an external network in communication with the access point.

13. An apparatus to select networks, comprising:

a processor configured to:

discover first network capabilities by performing an exchange between a wireless terminal and an access point of a wireless local area network;

compare the first network capabilities with cached capabilities;

find a match between at least a portion of the first network capabilities and at least a portion of the cached capabilities; and

filter the matched capabilities at the wireless terminal based on a ranking, the filtering of the matched capabilities comprising filtering out one of the matched capabilities based on the ranking;

join the wireless terminal with the access point based on at least a portion of the first network capabilities matching at least a portion of the cached capabilities.

14. An apparatus as defined in claim 13, wherein the processor is to, prior to performing the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point:

scan for available networks; and

determine whether the access point supports a Generic Advertisement Service (GAS).

15. An apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein the GAS carries query protocols.

16. An apparatus as defined in claim 15, wherein one of the query protocols is Access Network Query Protocol (ANQP).

17. An apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein the processor is to perform the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point based on determining that the access point supports the GAS.

18. An apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein the processor is to perform the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point of the wireless local area network using the GAS.

19. An apparatus as defined in claim 13, wherein the processor is to perform the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point using a GAS exchange.

20. An apparatus as defined in claim 13, wherein the first network capabilities include at least one of a roaming policy, a roaming credential, a supported emergency service, or access to a subscription service provider network.

21. An apparatus as defined in claim 13, wherein the ranking assigned to the cached capabilities pertains to the wireless terminal.

22. An apparatus as defined in claim 13, wherein the processor is to establish the connection between the wireless terminal and the access point based on at least one of the matched capabilities being the highest ranked relative to others of the matched capabilities.

23. An apparatus as defined in claim 13, wherein the processor is to perform the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point in response to a first service set identifier (SSID) of the access point matching a second SSID cached in the wireless terminal.

24. An apparatus as defined in claim 13, wherein the processor is to perform the exchange between the wireless terminal and the access point to discover the first network capabilities prior to joining the wireless terminal with an external network in communication with the access point.