

AUTOMATIC DISCOVERY OF ALTERNATE MAILBOXES

ABSTRACT

As described herein, a client system is automatically configured to access message
5 objects in a plurality of mailboxes stored at a server system. The client system sends an
autodiscover request to the server system. In response, the server system sends to the
client system an autodiscover response that contains an autodiscover response document
that comprises a primary mailbox element and at least one alternate mailbox element. The
client system uses a first set of mailbox identification data specified by the primary
10 mailbox element to access message objects in a primary mailbox stored at the server
system and uses sets of mailbox identification data specified by the alternate mailbox
elements to access message objects in alternate mailboxes stored at the server system.
Email messages are one example type of message objects. The alternate mailbox may be
an archive mailbox used to store message objects for occasional reference.

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FIG. 1