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ABSTRACT**METHOD OF POPULATING A COLLABORATIVE WORKSPACE AND A
SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING THE SAME**

5 A method of populating a collaborative workspace based on an electronic message is disclosed herein. An embodiment of the present invention is operative to post-process an outgoing email after being assigned to a workspace at steps 40 and 41. Further, a
10 message identifier is computed at step 42 to uniquely identify the e-mail and then at step 45, the method identifies and obtains core elements of workspace, namely, members, discussion, files, events and their relationships before populating these elements into the workspace data stores for subsequent contextual search and navigation. The outgoing e-mail is also annotated to encapsulate additional information.
15 The described embodiment also suggests pre-processing incoming emails to exploit the annotation to append a Context-bar to allow quick and direct access to the contextual workspaces associated with the email. A system for providing a collaborative workspace is also suggested.

20 Figure 1