ABSTRACT

"System and Method for Interrogating the Internet with User Address Book Facility"

A system and method for providing electronic mail addresses to an Internet user at a location remote from an electronic mail server to which the user belongs but which the user is unable to specify involves providing an access database, a remote access mail client for interrogating the access database and the Internet to determine the server to which the user belongs, and an address book database. An address book is created in the address book database for use by a plurality of specified electronic mail addresses and access to the address book in the address book database is controlled in dependence upon whether the electronic mail address supplied by a user is one of the plurality of specified electronic mail addresses.

[Figure 1]