

TELEPHONIC VOICE MESSAGE STORE AND FORWARD METHOD
HAVING NETWORK ADDRESS AND VOICE AUTHENTICATION

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 Authentication of voice message recipient
network addresses employs generating (102) and storing
(104) a "network file" that includes "voice clips" and
associated network addresses that are extracted from voice
messages received across a network (10) from voice message
10 systems (16, 18). A voice clip is the first one to three
seconds of voice extracted from each received voice
message. Over time, the network file will grow to contain
multiple voice clips and associated network voice message
addresses. When a voice message originator subsequently
15 enters a recipient's network address (106), the
originating voice message system searches (114) the
network file for the network address, retrieves the
associated voice clip (116), and plays it for the voice
message originator to authenticate the recipient's network
20 address. Voice authentication of a voice message
originator entails encoding (134) into a "voice print
file," original voice clips and associated network
addresses received from positively identified voice
message originators. Thereafter, when a questionable
25 voice message is received (138), the voice message system
extracts a new voice clip (142), generates a new voice
print (144), and compares it with the original voice print
associated with the voice message address (148). If the
voice prints are substantially the same, the received
30 voice message is annotated with a "authenticating" message
(150).



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