

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROCESSING CONTACT PERSONS, AND MOBILE TERMINAL

[0001] This application claims the benefit of Chinese Patent Application No. 201210052084.4, filed March 01, 2012, entitled "method, apparatus and mobile terminal for processing contacts", the disclosure of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

FIELD OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0002] The present disclosure relates to mobile terminal techniques, and more particularly, to a method, an apparatus and a mobile terminal for processing contacts.

BACKGROUND OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0003] Mobile terminal is an important communication tool in people's daily life. It has become an important communication bridge between relatives, friends, schoolmates, colleagues and customers. Usually, a lot of contacts are saved in the mobile terminal.

[0004] In an existing technique, contacts in the mobile terminal are sorted by a fixed rule, e.g., by Pinyin of names (or first letters) of the contacts. When the user searches for a contact, the contacts are traversed. Or, the user may also input a searching condition, e.g., a first letter of a family name. The mobile terminal displays contacts matching with the searching condition. Thus, the contact may be found rapidly.

[0005] In implementation of the present disclosure, the inventor finds that the above existing sorting method has at least the following disadvantages.

[0006] The contacts are sorted by a single fixed rule. During the sorting procedure, only static information, such as names of the contacts, relationships between the user and the contacts, is considered. It is not conducive for the user to find a contact rapidly, decreases information processing performance of the mobile terminal, and decreases the intelligence degree of the mobile terminal.

SUMMARY OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0007] Examples of the present disclosure provide a method, an apparatus and a mobile terminal for processing contacts, so as to reduce time for finding a contact, increase information processing performance of the mobile terminal and increase intelligence degree of the mobile terminal.

[0008] According to an example of the present disclosure, a method for processing contacts is provided. The method includes:

- obtaining a predefined sorting policy, wherein the predefined sorting policy comprises at least one of a static sorting rule and a dynamic sorting rule;

- obtaining contact information according to the predefined sorting policy, wherein the contact information includes dynamic information and/or static information; and

- sorting the contacts according to the predefined sorting policy based on the obtained contact information.

[0009] The static sorting rule includes at least one of:

- a sorting-by-name rule, a sorting-by-number rule, a sorting-by-subscribed location rule, a sorting-by-operator rule, a sorting-by-contact relationship rule, and a sorting-by-mailbox rule; and

- the dynamic sorting rule includes at least one of:

- a sorting-by-communication time rule, a sorting-by-communication frequency rule, a sorting-by-communication duration rule, a sorting-by-instant messaging focus degree rule, and a sorting-by-weighted dynamic information rule.

[0010] The obtaining contact information according to the predefined sorting policy includes:

- creating a dynamic information table, and updating the dynamic information of contacts in the dynamic information table in real time; and

- obtaining the dynamic information of the contacts from the dynamic information table according to the dynamic sorting rule;

- wherein the dynamic information of the contact comprises at least one of: number of calls, call duration, number of short messages, instant messaging times, and number of mails.

[0011] The obtaining contact information according to the predefined sorting policy includes:

- obtaining static information of the contacts from a local address book according to the predefined sorting policy; or

- creating a static information table, updating the static information of the contacts in the static information table in real time, and obtaining the static information of the contacts from the static information table according to the static sorting rule;

- the static information of the contacts comprises at least one of: name, number, number subscribed location, operator that the number belongs to, contact relationship group.

[0012] If the predefined sorting policy includes at least two sorting rules, respectively configuring a priority for each sorting rule;

- the sorting the contacts according to the predefined sorting policy based on the obtained contact information includes:

determining an applying order of the sorting rules in a descending order of priorities of the sorting rules; and

sorting the contacts according to the sorting rules in turn according to the determined applying rule;

wherein a sorted result is obtained after the contacts are sorted according to a prior sorting rule, and the sorted result is sorted according to a posterior sorting rule.

[0013] The method further includes:

after sorting the contacts according to the predefined sorting policy based on the contact information,

displaying the sorted contacts.

[0014] The method further includes:

if the contact information changes, sorting the contacts according to the predefined sorting policy again.

[0015] According to another example of the present disclosure, an apparatus for processing contacts is provided. The apparatus includes:

a first obtaining module, adapted to obtain a predefined sorting policy, wherein the predefined sorting policy comprises at least one of a static sorting rule and a dynamic sorting rule;

a second obtaining module, adapted to obtain contact information according to the predefined sorting policy obtained by the first obtaining module, wherein the contact information comprises dynamic information and/or static information; and

a sorting module, adapted to sort contacts according to the predefined sorting policy obtained by the first obtaining module based on the contact information obtained by the second obtaining module.

[0016] The static sorting rule includes at least one of:

a sorting-by-name rule, a sorting-by-number rule, a sorting-by-subscribed location rule, a sorting-by-operator rule, a sorting-by-contact relationship rule, and a sorting-by-mailbox rule; and

the dynamic sorting rule includes at least one of:

a sorting-by-communication time rule, a sorting-by-communication frequency rule, a sorting-by-communication duration rule, and a sorting-by-instant messaging focus degree rule.

[0017] The second obtaining module includes:

a dynamic table maintaining unit, adapted to create a dynamic information table, and update the dynamic information of contacts in the dynamic information table in real time; and

a dynamic information obtaining unit, adapted to obtain the dynamic information of the contacts from the dynamic information table;

wherein dynamic information of the contact comprises at least one of: number of calls, call duration, number of short messages, instant messaging times, and number of mails.

[0018] The second obtaining module includes:

a first static information obtaining unit, adapted to obtain the static information of the contacts from a local address book according to the predefined sorting policy;

a static table maintaining unit, adapted to create a static information table, and update the static information of the contacts in the static information table in real time; and

a second static information obtaining unit, adapted to obtain the static information of the contacts from the static information table according to the static sorting rule;

wherein the static information of the contact comprises at least one of: name, number, number subscribed location, operator that the number belongs to, and contact relationship group.

[0019] The apparatus further includes:

a priority configuring module, adapted to respectively configure, if the predefined sorting policy comprises at least two kinds of sorting rules, a priority for each sorting rule;

the sorting module is adapted to determine an applying order of the sorting rules according to a descending order of the priorities, and perform the sorting operation to the contacts according to the sorting rules in turn;

wherein a sorted result is obtained after the contacts are sorted according to a prior sorting rule, and the sorted result is sorted according to a posterior sorting rule.

[0020] The apparatus further includes:

a displaying module, adapted to display the contacts sorted by the sorting module.

[0021] The sorting module is further adapted to sort the contacts again according to the predefined sorting policy if the contact information obtained by the second obtaining module changes.

[0022] According to still another example of the present disclosure, a mobile terminal for processing contacts is provided. The terminal includes the apparatus for processing contacts as described above.

[0023] The technical solution provided by the present disclosure brings out the following advantages.

[0024] A predefined sorting policy is obtained and contact information is obtained according to the sorting policy. Then, according to the obtained contact information, the contacts are sorted following the sorting policy. Since the predefined sorting policy includes at least one of a static sorting rule and a dynamic sorting rule, it is possible to find a contact according to multiple sorting rules, which facilitates the user to find the contact rapidly, reduces time for finding the contact, increases the information processing performance of the mobile terminal and increases the intelligence degree of the mobile terminal.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0025] Figures used in the descriptions of the following examples or existing techniques are briefly introduced herein to make the technical solution of the present disclosure clearer. It should be noted that, the following figures are merely some examples. Those skilled in the art would get many variations according to these figures without an inventive work.

[0026] FIG. 1 is a flowchart illustrating a method for processing contacts according to a first example of the present disclosure.

[0027] FIG. 2 is a flowchart illustrating a method for processing contacts according to a second example of the present disclosure.

[0028] FIG. 3 is a schematic diagram illustrating an apparatus for processing contacts according to a third example of the present disclosure.

[0029] FIG. 4 is a schematic diagram illustrating an apparatus for processing contacts according to a fourth example of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0030] The present disclosure is described in further detail hereinafter with reference to accompanying drawings and examples to make the technical solution and merits therein clearer.

[0031] Example 1

[0032] This example provides a method for processing contacts, as shown in FIG. 1, the method includes the following.

[0033] At block 101, a predefined sorting policy is obtained, wherein the predefined sorting policy includes at least one of a static sorting rule and a dynamic sorting rule.

[0034] In particular, the static sorting rule includes at least one of the following:

a sorting-by-name rule, a sorting-by-number rule, a sorting-by-subscribed location rule, a sorting-by-operator rule, a sorting-by-contact relationship rule, and a sorting-by-mailbox rule.

[0035] The dynamic sorting rule includes at least one of the following:

a sorting-by-communication time rule, a sorting-by-communication frequency rule, a sorting-by-communication duration rule, a sorting-by-IM focus degree rule. The sorting-by-communication frequency rule may include a sorting-by-outgoing times rule, a sorting-by-incoming times rule, a sorting-by-number of calls rule, a sorting-by-number of short messages rule, and a sorting-by-communication times rule.

[0036] At block 102, contact information is obtained according to the predefined sorting policy, wherein the contact information includes dynamic information and/or static information.

[0037] The static information of the contact includes any one or any combination of: name, number, number subscribed location, operator that the number belongs to, contact

group. The dynamic information of the contact includes any one or any combination of: number of calls, call duration, number of short messages, IM times, and number of mails.

[0038] At block 103, based on the obtained contact information, the contacts are sorted by the predefined sorting policy.

[0039] In this example, a predefined sorting policy is obtained and contact information is obtained according to the sorting policy. Then, according to the obtained contact information, the contacts are sorted according to the sorting policy. Since the predefined sorting policy includes at least one of a static sorting rule and a dynamic sorting rule, it is possible to find a contact according to multiple sorting rules, which facilitates the user to find the contact rapidly, reduces time for finding the contact, increases the information processing performance of the mobile terminal and increases the intelligence degree of the mobile terminal.

[0040] Example 2

[0041] This example provides a method for processing contacts, as shown in FIG. 2, the method includes the following.

[0042] At block 201, a predefined sorting policy is obtained, wherein the predefined sorting policy includes at least one of a static sorting rule and a dynamic sorting rule.

[0043] In particular, the static sorting rule includes at least one of the following:

a sorting-by-name rule, a sorting-by-number rule, a sorting-by-subscribed location rule, a sorting-by-operator rule, a sorting-by-contact relationship rule, and a sorting-by-mailbox rule.

[0044] The dynamic sorting rule includes at least one of the following:

a sorting-by-communication time rule, a sorting-by-communication frequency rule, a sorting-by-communication duration rule, a sorting-by-IM focus degree rule. The sorting-by-communication frequency rule may include a sorting-by-outgoing times rule, a sorting-by-incoming times rule, a sorting-by-number of calls rule, a sorting-by-number of short messages rule, and a sorting-by-communication times rule.

[0045] The sorting rules may be stored in the mobile terminal.

[0046] Furthermore, if the predefined sorting policy includes at least two kinds of sorting rules, the method further includes a process of configuring priorities for the at least two sorting rules after this block.

[0047] The sorting policy may be configured in the mobile terminal in advance. For example, a default sorting policy 1 may be configured in the mobile terminal: a combination of sorting-by-name rule and sorting-by-operator rule (the priority of the sorting-by-name rule is 1, the priority of the sorting-by-operator rule is 2), a sorting policy 2: a combination of sorting-by-name rule and a number of short messages sorting policy. The sorting policy may also be configured by the user according to a practical requirement.

[0048] At block 202, contact information is obtained according to the predefined sorting policy, wherein the contact information includes dynamic information and/or static information.

[0049] The static information of the contact includes at least one of: name, number, number subscribed location, operator that the number belongs to, contact group. The dynamic information of the contact includes at least one of: number of calls, call duration, number of short messages, IM times, and number of mails.

[0050] Furthermore, as to the obtaining of the static information, there are the following two manners.

[0051] In a first manner, a static information summary table (as shown in table 1) is configured in the mobile terminal. The static information corresponding to the sorting policy is obtained directly from the static information summary table. The static information summary table includes various kinds of static information of the contacts. Table 1 shows a static information summary table generated according to an order that contacts are added by the user. The static information in this static information summary table is merely an example. The present disclosure is not limited to this.

Table 1 Static information summary table

Name	Number range	Subscribed location	operator	Contact group
A1	130	GUANGZHOU	China Unicom	schoolmates
B2	136	SHENZHEN	China Mobile	schoolmates
C3	133	SHENZHEN	China Telecommunications	schoolmates
B3	133	SHENZHEN	China Telecommunications	friends
A3	136	GUANGZHOU	China Mobile	colleagues
A2	159	CHONGQING	China Mobile	relatives
C1	139	BEIJING	China Mobile	relatives
B1	130	BEIJING	China Unicom	colleagues
C2	159	BEIJING	China Mobile	friends
A5	136	DALIAN	China Mobile	friends
A4	133	SHENZHEN	China Telecommunications	colleagues

[0052] Optionally, it is also possible to configure multiple static information tables according to various sorting rules, e.g., a number range information table, a subscribed location information table, etc. (as shown in table 2). At this time, contact information is obtained from the static information tables corresponding to the sorting rules respectively.

[0053] In a second manner, the static information of the contact is obtained directly from a local address book according to the predefined sorting policy.

Table 2 Subscribed location information table

name	Subscribed location
A1	GUANGZHOU

B2	SHENZHEN
C3	SHENZHEN
B3	SHENZHEN
A3	GUANGZHOU
A2	CHONGQING
C1	BEIJING
B1	BEIJING
C2	BEIJING
A5	DALIAN
A4	SHENZHEN

[0054] As to the obtaining of the dynamic information, in this example of the present disclosure, the dynamic information of the contact is obtained from a dynamic information table.

[0055] In particular, the obtaining of the dynamic information includes:

creating a dynamic information table, and updating the dynamic information of contacts in the dynamic information table in real time; and

obtaining the dynamic information of the contacts from the dynamic information table according to the dynamic sorting rule.

[0056] In particular, the dynamic information table may be as shown in table 3 and table 4. Table 3 shows a recent dynamic information table recorded by the mobile terminal. This table records communication times and communication duration of each contact within one week. Table 4 is a history dynamic information table recorded by the mobile terminal. This table records all communication times and communication duration of each contact. When a communication event happens, the communication times and communication duration in the dynamic information table are updated according to a type of the communication event. For example, if the user sends a short message to a contact, the number of short messages of this contact in the corresponding dynamic information table is added by 1.

[0057] Table 3 may further include one kind of dynamic information, i.e., weighted information. Value of the weighted information= $2 \times$ outgoing times + $1 \times$ incoming times. If the sorting policy obtained in block 201 is a sorting-by-weighted dynamic information policy, the dynamic information obtained according to the sorting policy is the weighted information.

Table 3 Recent dynamic information table

name	Outgoing times	Incoming times	Number of calls	Short message	communication times	Call duration
A1	2	5	7	3	10	2.6
B2	4	6	10	8	18	0.9
C3	7	7	14	6	20	1.5
B3	3	1	4	5	9	6.5
A3	0	8	8	12	20	0.3
A2	6	2	8	7	15	0.5
C1	1	3	4	0	4	0.5

B1	5	0	5	1	6	0.8
C2	0	0	0	0	0	0
A5	2	5	7	2	9	1.5
A4	9	4	13	2	15	1.1

Table 4 History dynamic information table

name	Outgoing times	Incoming times	Number of calls	Short message	communication times	Call duration
A1	21	8	29	13	42	6.2
B2	20	13	33	21	54	9.1
C3	17	15	32	20	52	3.1
B3	4	7	11	33	44	12.5
A3	0	17	17	13	30	3.4
A2	20	5	25	19	44	3.4
C1	10	13	23	7	30	3.5
B1	18	1	19	4	23	2.3
C2	0	0	0	0	0	0
A5	12	13	25	9	34	6.7
A4	31	13	44	14	58	9.3

[0058] Preferably, in this example of the present disclosure, an instant messaging information table may be generated according to dynamic information and static information of an instant messaging tool. Accordingly, the mobile terminal may obtain static information and dynamic information related to the instant messaging from this table. The generated instant messaging information table may be as shown in table 5. The instant messaging tool includes QQ, Fetion, etc.

Table 5 Instant messaging information table

name	IM contact group	Recent focus times
A1	schoolmates	1
B2	N/A	0
C3	schoolmates	10
B3	friends	21
A3	colleagues	7
A2	N/A	0
C1	N/A	0
B1	colleagues	8
C2	friends	14
A5	friends	6
A4	colleagues	3

[0059] At block 203, the contacts are sorted according to the predefined sorting policy based on the obtained contact information.

[0060] In particular, if the obtained predefined sorting policy includes at least two sorting rules and the at least two sorting rules are respectively configured with a priority, block 203 specifically includes:

determining an applying order of the sorting rules according to a descending order of the priorities of the sorting rules;

according to the determined applying order, sorting the contacts according to the sorting rules in turn;

wherein a sorted result is obtained after the contacts are sorted according to a prior sorting rule, and then the sorted result is sorted according to a posterior sorting rule.

[0061] For example, the obtained predefined sorting policy includes a sorting-by-name rule, a sorting-by-number range rule, and a sorting-by-outgoing times rule. The priority of the sorting-by-name rule is 1, the priority of the sorting-by-number range rule is 2, and the priority of the sorting-by-outgoing times rule is 3, wherein the priority of the sorting-by-name rule is the highest. According to a descending order of the priorities, the applying order of the sorting rules is as follows: the sorting-by-name rule, the sorting-by-number range rule and the sorting-by-outgoing times rule. The contacts are firstly sorted according to the sorting-by-name rule based on their name information. After the sorting operation based on the name information, if there are contacts having the same name information (e.g., having the same first letter), the contacts with the same name information obtained after the sorting operation according to the sorting-by-name rule are sorted again according to the sorting-by-number range rule based on their number range information. After the sorting operation according to the sorting-by-number range rule, if there are contacts having the same number range information, these contacts are sorted again according to the sorting-by-outgoing times rule based on their outgoing times information.

[0062] At block 204, the sorted contacts are displayed.

[0063] The user may configure a plurality of sorting rules according to a practical scenario requirement. After sorting operations according to the plurality of sorting rules, the user is able to find a required contact rapidly.

[0064] At block 205, if the obtained contact information changes, the contacts are sorted again according to the predefined sorting policy.

[0065] In particular, the re-sorting operation may be performed to all contacts or to some of the contacts, which may be determined according to a priority level of the sorting rule corresponding to the changed contact information.

[0066] In addition, if the priority of the sorting rule corresponding to the changed contact information is 1 (i.e., the highest priority) in the predefined sorting policy, all of the contacts are sorted again according to the predefined sorting policy.

[0067] If the priority of the sorting rule corresponding to the changed contact information is the lowest in the predefined sorting policy, all of the contacts are sorted again according to the sorting rule corresponding to the dynamic information, or only contacts adjacent to the contact whose dynamic information changes are sorted again according to the sorting

rule corresponding to the dynamic information.

[0068] Generally, a last time sorted result is cached in the mobile terminal. The last time sorted result may be updated intelligently according to the re-sorting operation, which saves computing time and resources of the mobile terminal.

[0069] Accordingly, after the re-sorting operation, the mobile terminal updates the sorted result and displays the re-sorted contacts.

[0070] For facilitating the understanding, the sorting operation of this example is described with reference to tables 1, 3 and 5. Table 1 is a static information summary table, table 3 is a dynamic information table within one week, and table 5 is an instant messaging information table.

[0071] In scenario 1, the user desires to find a contact through subscribed location information and name. the mobile terminal obtains subscribed location information and name information from table 1, and sorts the contacts according to the sorting-by-subscribed location rule based on the subscribed location information (in a descending order of GUANGZHOU, SHENZHEN, BEIJING, others.). For example, contacts which have the same subscribed location with the user may rank in the first. For contacts with the same subscribed location obtained after the sorting operation according to the sorting-by-subscribed location rule (A1 and A3; A4, B2, B3 and C3; B1, C1 and C2; A2 and A5), a sorting operation is performed according to the sorting-by-name rule according to their name information. A sorted result is as shown in table 6.

Table 6

GUANGZHOU	SHENZHEN	BEIJING	others
A1	A4	B1	A2
A3	B2	C1	A5
	B3	C2	
	C3		

[0072] In scenario 2, the user desires to find a contact via operator and contact name. The mobile terminal obtains operator information and name information from table 1, and sorts the contacts according to sorting-by-operator information rule based on the operator information (in a descending order of China Mobile, China Unicom, and China Telecommunications). For contacts of the same operator obtained after the sorting operation according to the sorting-by-operator information rule (A2, A3, A5, B2, C1 and C2; A1 and B1; A4, B3 and C3), a sorting operation is performed according to a sorting-by-name rule based on their name information. A sorted result is as shown in table 7.

Table 7

China Mobile	China Unicom	China Telecommunications
A2	A1	A4

A3	B1	B3
A5		C3
B2		
C1		
C2		

[0073] In scenario 3, the use desires to find a contact via subscribed location and number range. The mobile terminal obtains subscribed location information and number range information from table 1, and sorts the contacts according to the sorting-by-subscribed location information rule based on the subscribed location information first. For contacts having the same subscribed location after the sorting operation according to the sorting-by-subscribed location information rule, a sorting operation is performed according to the sorting-by-number range rule based on their number range information (in an ascending order of first three digits of their numbers). The sorted result is as shown in table 8.

Table 8

name	Number range	Subscribed location
A1	130	GUANGZHOU
A3	136	GUANGZHOU
C3	133	SHENZHEN
B3	133	SHENZHEN
A4	133	SHENZHEN
B2	136	SHENZHEN
B1	130	BEIJING
C1	139	BEIJING
C2	159	BEIJING
A5	136	DALIAN
A2	159	CHONGQING

[0074] In addition, the user may further sort the contacts according to the sorting-by-name rule. For example, for contacts (C3, B3 and A3) with the same number range in table 8, a sorting operation is performed according to the sorting-by-name rule based on their name information. A sorted result is as shown in table 9.

Table 9

name	Number range	Subscribed location
A1	130	GUANGZHOU
A3	136	GUANGZHOU
A4	133	SHENZHEN
B3	133	SHENZHEN
C3	133	SHENZHEN
B2	136	SHENZHEN
B1	130	BEIJING
C1	139	BEIJING
C2	159	BEIJING

A5	136	DALIAN
A2	159	CHONGQING

[0075] In scenario 4, the user desires to find a contact via name of the contact and call duration. The mobile terminal obtains name information from table 1 and obtains call duration information from table 2, and sorts the contacts according to the sorting-by-name rule based on the name information, e.g., sorts the contacts according to first Chinese character of their names. For contacts with the same first character obtained after the sorting operation according to the sorting-by-name rule (A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5; B1, B2 and B3; C1, C2 and C3), a sorting operation is performed according to the sorting-by-call duration rule based on their call duration information (in a descending order of the call durations). If the sorting is performed according to a descending order of the call durations, a sorted result is as shown in table 10.

Table 10

A	call duration	B	call duration	C	call duration
A1	2.6	B3	6.5	C3	1.5
A5	1.5	B2	0.9	C1	0.5
A4	1.1	B1	0.8	C2	0
A2	0.5				
A3	0.3				

[0076] In scenario 5, the user desires to find a contact via number of calls and name of the contact. The mobile terminal obtains number of calls information from table 2 and obtains name information from table 1, and sorts the contacts according to the sorting-by-number of calls rule based on the number of calls information (e.g., in a descending order of the numbers of calls). For contacts with the same number of calls obtained after the sorting operation according to the sorting-by-number of calls rule (A2 and A3; A1 and A5; B3 and C1), a sorting operation is performed according to the sorting-by-name rule based on their name information. A sorted result is as shown in table 11.

Table 11

name	Number of calls
C3	14
A4	13
B2	10
A2	8
A3	8
A1	7
A5	7
B1	5
B3	4
C1	4

[0077] In scenario 6, the user desires to find a contact via short message and subscribed location. The mobile terminal obtains short message information from table 2 and obtains subscribed location information from table 1, and sorts the contacts according to a sorting-by-short message information rule based on the short message information first. For contacts with the same number of short messages after the sorting operation according to the sorting-by-short message information rule (A4 and A5; C1 and C2), a sorting operation is performed according to the sorting-by-subscribed location information rule based on their subscribed location information. A sorted result is as shown in table 12.

Table 12

name	Short messages	Subscribed location
A3	12	GUANGZHOU
B2	8	SHENZHEN
A2	7	CHONGQING
C3	6	SHENZHEN
B3	5	SHENZHEN
A1	3	GUANGZHOU
A4	2	SHENZHEN
A5	2	DALIAN
B1	1	BEIJING
C1	0	BEIJING
C2	0	BEIJING

[0078] In scenario 7, the user desires to find a contact via QQ contact group and name. The mobile terminal obtains short message information from table 5 and obtains name information from table 1, and sorts the contacts according to a sorting-by-QQ contact group information rule based on the QQ contact group information (in a descending order of schoolmates, friends, colleagues, others). For contacts with the same QQ contact group after the sorting operation according to the sorting-by-QQ contact group information rule (A1 and C3; A5, B3 and C2; A3, A4 and B1; A2, B2 and C1), a sorting operation is performed according to the sorting-by-name rule based on their name information. As sorted result is as shown in table 13.

Table 13

schoolmates	friends	colleagues	others
A1	A5	A3	A2
C3	B3	A4	B2
	C2	B1	C1

[0079] In scenario 8, the user desires to find a contact via name and recent focus times. The mobile terminal obtains name information from table 1 and obtains recent focus times information from table 5, and sorts the contacts according to the sorting-by-name rule based on the name information. For contacts with the same first letter after the sorting operation according to the sorting-by-name rule (A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5; B1, B2 and B3; C1,

C2 and C3), a sorting operation is performed according to a sorting-by-recent focus times rule based on their recent focus times information (e.g., in a descending order of focus times). A sorted result is as shown in table 14.

Table 14

A	recent focus times	B	recent focus times	C	recent focus times
A3	7	B3	21	C2	14
A5	6	B1	8	C3	10
A4	3	B2	0	C1	0
A1	1				
A2	0				

[0080] In this example, a predefined sorting policy is obtained and contact information is obtained according to the sorting policy. Then, the contacts are sorted according to the sorting policy based on the obtained contact information. Since the predefined sorting policy includes at least one of a static sorting rule and a dynamic sorting rule, it is possible to find a contact according to multiple sorting rules, which facilitates the user to find the contact rapidly, reduces time for finding the contact, increases the information processing performance of the mobile terminal and increases the intelligence degree of the mobile terminal.

[0081] Example 3

[0082] This example provides an apparatus for processing contacts. The apparatus is adapted to execute the method for processing contacts provided by examples 1 and 2. As shown in FIG. 3, the apparatus includes:

a first obtaining module 301, adapted to obtain a predefined sorting policy, wherein the predefined sorting policy includes at least one of a static sorting rule and a dynamic sorting rule;

a second obtaining module 302, adapted to obtain contact information according to the predefined sorting policy obtained by the first obtaining module 301, wherein the contact information includes dynamic information and/or static information; and

a sorting module 303, adapted to sort contacts according to the predefined sorting policy obtained by the first obtaining module 301 based on the contact information obtained by the second obtaining module 302.

[0083] In this example, a predefined sorting policy is obtained and contact information is obtained according to the sorting policy. Then, the contacts are sorted according to the sorting policy based on the obtained contact information. Since the predefined sorting policy includes at least one of a static sorting rule and a dynamic sorting rule, it is possible to find a contact according to multiple sorting rules, which facilitates the user to find the contact rapidly, reduces time for finding the contact, increases the information processing performance of the mobile terminal and increases the intelligence degree of the mobile

terminal.

[0084] Example 4

[0085] This example provides an apparatus for processing contacts. The apparatus is adapted to execute the method for processing contacts provided by examples 1 and 2. As shown in FIG. 4, the apparatus includes:

- a first obtaining module 401, adapted to obtain a predefined sorting policy, wherein the predefined sorting policy includes at least one of a static sorting rule and a dynamic sorting rule;

- a second obtaining module 402, adapted to obtain contact information according to the predefined sorting policy obtained by the first obtaining module 401, wherein the contact information includes dynamic information and/or static information; and

- a sorting module 403, adapted to sort contacts according to the predefined sorting policy obtained by the first obtaining module 401 based on the contact information obtained by the second obtaining module 402.

[0086] The static sorting rule includes at least one of the following: a sorting-by-name rule, a sorting-by-number rule, a sorting-by-subscribed location rule, a sorting-by-operator rule, a sorting-by-contact relationship rule, and a sorting-by-mailbox rule. The dynamic sorting rule includes at least one of the following: a sorting-by-communication time rule, a sorting-by-communication frequency rule, a sorting-by-communication duration rule, and a sorting-by-IM focus degree rule. sorting-by-communication frequency rule may include a sorting-by-outgoing times rule, a sorting-by-incoming times rule, a sorting-by-number of calls rule, a sorting-by-number of short messages rule, and a sorting-by-communication times rule.

[0087] The second obtaining module 402 includes:

- a dynamic table maintaining unit, adapted to create a dynamic information table, and update dynamic information of contacts in the dynamic information table in real time; and

- a dynamic information obtaining unit, adapted to obtain the dynamic information of the contacts from the dynamic information table.

[0088] The dynamic information of the contact includes at least one of: number of calls, call duration, number of short messages, instant messaging focus times, and number of mails, etc.

[0089] In one application of the example, the second obtaining module 402 further includes a first static information obtaining unit, adapted to obtain static information of the contacts from a local address book according to the predefined sorting policy.

[0090] Optionally, in another application of the example, the second obtaining module 402 may include:

- a static table maintaining unit, adapted to create a static information table, and update

the static information of the contacts in the static information table in real time; and

a second static information obtaining unit, adapted to obtain the static information of the contacts from the static information table according to the static sorting rule.

[0091] The static information of the contact includes at least one of: name, number, number subscribed location, operator that the number belongs to, contact group, mailbox, instant messaging account, etc.

[0092] Optionally, the apparatus further includes:

a priority configuring module 405, adapted to respectively configure, if the predefined sorting policy includes at least two kinds of sorting rules, a priority for each sorting rule;

the sorting module 403 is adapted to determine an applying order of the sorting rules according to a descending order of the priorities, and perform the sorting operation to the contacts according to the sorting rules in turn; wherein a sorted result is obtained after the contacts are sorted according to a prior sorting rule, and then the sorted result is sorted according to a posterior sorting rule.

[0093] Optionally, the apparatus further includes:

a displaying module 404, adapted to display the contacts sorted by the sorting module 403.

[0094] Furthermore, the sorting module 403 is further adapted to sort the contacts again according to the predefined sorting policy if the contact information obtained by the second obtaining module 402 changes;

the displaying module 404 is further adapted to display the contact re-sorted by the sorting module 403.

[0095] Generally, a last time sorted result is cached in the mobile terminal. The last time sorted result may be updated intelligently according to the re-sorting operation, which saves computing time and resources of the mobile terminal.

[0096] In this example, a predefined sorting policy is obtained and contact information is obtained according to the sorting policy. Then, the contacts are sorted according to the sorting policy based on the obtained contact information. Since the predefined sorting policy includes at least one of a static sorting rule and a dynamic sorting rule, it is possible to find a contact according to multiple sorting rules, which facilitates the user to find the contact rapidly, reduces time for finding the contact, increases the information processing performance of the mobile terminal and increases the intelligence degree of the mobile terminal.

[0097] Example 5

[0098] This example provides a mobile terminal which includes the apparatus provided by the third or fourth example.

[0099] The mobile terminal is a mobile computer device, includes but is not limited to cell

phone, laptop computer, palmtop computer, onboard computer, etc. The type of the mobile terminal is not restricted in the present disclosure.

[0100] It should be noted that, in the apparatus for processing contacts provided by the above examples, descriptions are given by dividing the apparatus into several functional modules. In a practical application, the functions may be executed by different functional modules according to a practical requirement, e.g., the apparatus is divided into different functional modules to implement all or part of the functions described above. In addition, the mobile terminal and apparatus for processing contacts in the above examples have the same idea with the above method examples. Detailed implementation may be seen from the method examples, and will not be repeated herein.

[0101] Those with ordinary skill in the art would know that all or some of the blocks of the present disclosure may be implemented by hardware, or implemented by a program executed on a relevant hardware. The program may be stored on a computer readable storage medium. The storage medium may be a read only memory, a disk or a compact disk.

[0102] What has been described and illustrated herein is a preferred example of the disclosure along with some of its variations. Many variations are possible within the scope of the disclosure, which is intended to be defined by the following claims -- and their equivalents -- in which all terms are meant in their broadest reasonable sense unless otherwise indicated.

CLAIMS

1. A method for processing contacts, comprising:
 - obtaining a predefined sorting policy, wherein the predefined sorting policy comprises at least one of a static sorting rule and a dynamic sorting rule;
 - obtaining contact information according to the predefined sorting policy, wherein the contact information includes dynamic information and/or static information; and
 - sorting the contacts according to the predefined sorting policy based on the obtained contact information.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the static sorting rule comprises at least one of:
 - a sorting-by-name rule, a sorting-by-number rule, a sorting-by-subscribed location rule, a sorting-by-operator rule, a sorting-by-contact relationship rule, and a sorting-by-mailbox rule; and
 - the dynamic sorting rule comprises at least one of:
 - a sorting-by-communication time rule, a sorting-by-communication frequency rule, a sorting-by-communication duration rule, a sorting-by-instant messaging focus degree rule, and a sorting-by-weighted dynamic information rule.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the obtaining contact information according to the predefined sorting policy comprises:
 - creating a dynamic information table, and updating the dynamic information of contacts in the dynamic information table in real time; and
 - obtaining the dynamic information of the contacts from the dynamic information table according to the dynamic sorting rule;
 - wherein the dynamic information of the contact comprises at least one of: number of calls, call duration, number of short messages, instant messaging times, and number of mails.
4. The method of claim 2, wherein the obtaining contact information according to the predefined sorting policy comprises:
 - obtaining static information of the contacts from a local address book according to the predefined sorting policy; or
 - creating a static information table, updating the static information of the contacts in the static information table in real time, and obtaining the static information of the contacts from the static information table according to the static sorting rule;
 - the static information of the contacts comprises at least one of: name, number, number subscribed location, operator that the number belongs to, contact relationship group.

5. The method of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein if the predefined sorting policy comprises at least two sorting rules, respectively configuring a priority for each sorting rule;

the sorting the contacts according to the predefined sorting policy based on the obtained contact information comprises:

determining an applying order of the sorting rules in a descending order of priorities of the sorting rules; and

sorting the contacts according to the sorting rules in turn according to the determined applying rule;

wherein a sorted result is obtained after the contacts are sorted according to a prior sorting rule, and the sorted result is sorted according to a posterior sorting rule.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

after sorting the contacts according to the predefined sorting policy based on the contact information,

displaying the sorted contacts.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

if the contact information changes, sorting the contacts according to the predefined sorting policy again.

8. An apparatus for processing contacts, comprising:

a first obtaining module, adapted to obtain a predefined sorting policy, wherein the predefined sorting policy comprises at least one of a static sorting rule and a dynamic sorting rule;

a second obtaining module, adapted to obtain contact information according to the predefined sorting policy obtained by the first obtaining module, wherein the contact information comprises dynamic information and/or static information; and

a sorting module, adapted to sort contacts according to the predefined sorting policy obtained by the first obtaining module based on the contact information obtained by the second obtaining module.

9. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the static sorting rule comprises at least one of:

a sorting-by-name rule, a sorting-by-number rule, a sorting-by-subscribed location rule, a sorting-by-operator rule, a sorting-by-contact relationship rule, and a sorting-by-mailbox rule; and

the dynamic sorting rule comprises at least one of:

a sorting-by-communication time rule, a sorting-by-communication frequency rule, a

sorting-by-communication duration rule, and a sorting-by-instant messaging focus degree rule.

10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the second obtaining module comprises:
a dynamic table maintaining unit, adapted to create a dynamic information table, and update the dynamic information of contacts in the dynamic information table in real time;
and
a dynamic information obtaining unit, adapted to obtain the dynamic information of the contacts from the dynamic information table;
wherein dynamic information of the contact comprises at least one of: number of calls, call duration, number of short messages, instant messaging times, and number of mails.

11. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the second obtaining module comprises:
a first static information obtaining unit, adapted to obtain the static information of the contacts from a local address book according to the predefined sorting policy;
a static table maintaining unit, adapted to create a static information table, and update the static information of the contacts in the static information table in real time; and
a second static information obtaining unit, adapted to obtain the static information of the contacts from the static information table according to the static sorting rule;
wherein the static information of the contact comprises at least one of: name, number, number subscribed location, operator that the number belongs to, and contact relationship group.

12. The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:
a priority configuring module, adapted to respectively configure, if the predefined sorting policy comprises at least two kinds of sorting rules, a priority for each sorting rule;
the sorting module is adapted to determine an applying order of the sorting rules according to a descending order of the priorities, and perform the sorting operation to the contacts according to the sorting rules in turn;
wherein a sorted result is obtained after the contacts are sorted according to a prior sorting rule, and the sorted result is sorted according to a posterior sorting rule.

13. The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:
a displaying module, adapted to display the contacts sorted by the sorting module.

14. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the sorting module is further adapted to sort the contacts again according to the predefined sorting policy if the contact information obtained by the second obtaining module changes.

15. A mobile terminal, comprising the apparatus for processing contacts of any one of claims 8 to 14.