

Simultaneous Voice and Data Content Driven Commercial Data Platform

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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BACKGROUND

[0002] Every year of the information age bears witness to the continued development of more
ways to allow people to communicate and disseminate information. However, person-to-
person voice communication over a telephone remains one of the most effective and preferred
10 ways for people to communicate. Even when people use the internet to search, they often
follow up their search with a phone call. Indeed, market analysts have found that 48% of local
mobile web searches end with a telephone call. Furthermore, inbound telephone calls are
rated as the highest quality form of sales leads because people will only tend to call a business
when they are almost ready to make a purchase for goods or service. Telephone calls therefore
15 represent a high value potential sales channel for businesses and a high value information
channel for individuals.

[0003] Despite the high value of the information generated by voice interactions for both
customers and businesses, the useful data associated with a voice interaction is generally lost
once a call is concluded. This is particularly true for individuals and small businesses who can't
20 afford enterprise-grade call management systems. Furthermore, for all their benefits, voice
interactions can fall short in certain tasks where visible communication, augmented by
simultaneously sharing data content, could be more efficient such as displaying a person's
name, a restaurant order, an image of a product offering, or a credit card number to someone
who is using the information to complete a transaction.

SUMMARY

[0004] This disclosure relates to a commercial data platform. The platform is based around
voice communication, but augments this voice communication with both the delivery and
25 retention of valuable data regarding that voice communication. Methods and systems are

disclosed that enable multiple parties to conduct real time commerce and personal interactions
30 in a content rich and voice enabled network environment using devices that obtain
content/data from, and actively write content/data to, proprietary and public web-based and
cloud-based computing environments. The devices can be mobile phones with the capability to
display content to their users. The same content/data is employed to enhance and personalize
active and future interactions using the platform, thus providing an ecosystem for building
35 strong, lasting, and mutually beneficial person-to-business, business-to-business, and person-
to-person social relationships that further encourage and promote ongoing commerce and
interactions between these parties.

[0005] Currently, when a prospective customer (dialer) dials a business (receiver) the customer
will normally see only the phone number of the dialed business displayed during the entire
40 voice call. Likewise, the business would see the phone number of the incoming caller on their
device. Neither the customer nor the business currently has the opportunity during the voice
call to simultaneously send data content to each other that can enrich the call experience by
visually displaying information about each other, current customer needs and/or business
offerings, or any information about past interactions the customer and the business may have
45 had with each other. Methods and systems are disclosed that would provide the ability of a
dialer and receiver, during the voice call itself, to share and interact with valuable data content
on their respective devices that would enrich the calling experience for both parties and
facilitate any potential transaction. This would include for example being able to share data
content in real-time, view past interaction data, and store ongoing interactions during the call
50 to further enhance current and future interactions between the parties. These approaches
would thus bridge the gap between the current voice call, that is almost entirely void of data
content related to the purpose of the call, and the modern Internet age where data content is
displayed that visually enriches our experiences. Also, by storing the interactions and data
content exchanged during a call, this invention provides a "memory" to both the caller and the
55 receiver of the relationship between the parties, and would be the next best thing to having a
person-to-person interaction.

[0006] This disclosure includes a system that enables a commercial data platform. The system includes a dialer device, a receiver device, a dialer that is programmed to initiate a call between the dialer device and the receiver device using a receiver phone number, a server, and a database. The system also includes a first interaction manager stored on the dialer device, and programmed to transmit a first set of interaction data to the database during the call. The system also includes a second interaction manager stored on the receiver device, and programmed to transmit a second set of interaction data to the database during the call. The server is programmed to obtain receiver content data from the database using the receiver phone number and/or other unique identifier, transmit the receiver content data to the dialer device, obtain dialer content data from the database using the dialer phone number and/or other unique identifier, transmit the dialer content data to the receiver device, and store data from both the first set of interaction data and the second set of interaction data in the database in association with both the receiver phone number and/or other unique identifier and the dialer phone number and/or other unique identifier. As used herein and in the appended claims the term "identifier" includes both a phone number or other unique identifier.

[0007] The simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platforms disclosed herein effectively enable a relationship manager for consumers using the simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platforms, thereby putting them on the same footing as large enterprises with complex relationship management software and data mining. However, using the simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platforms disclosed herein the consumers are able to manage their relationships with various vendors and keep track of their overall commercial endeavors on a massive scale with almost no effort required on their part besides the use of an effective communication channel with those vendors. Indeed, the simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platforms disclosed herein enable additional features above and beyond those offered by enterprise-grade customer relationship managers and should instead be referred to as commercial relationship managers owing to the fact that they allow for management of commercial data on both the consumer and the vendor side of a relationship. As such, the term CRM is used herein

85 to refer to the ability of a platform to manage commercial relationships generally, and not just consumer relationships.

[0008] As mentioned previously, the simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platforms disclosed herein allow for the usage of CRMs on both the consumer and the vendor side of a relationship, and they do so by facilitating an effective communication channel
90 between the consumer and the vendor. Rather than simply providing a flat, blank, call screen, some of the approaches disclosed herein add a visual layer of communication to a standard voice communication. In the approaches disclosed herein in which the consumer and/or vendor are communicating using smartphones with display screens, the commercial data platform allows for the display of information on the screen of the device during the call. The
95 screen can be used to display information about the vendor's establishment and offerings generally, the specific good or service that is the object of the current call, the past relationships of the consumer and vendor, and any other information that can facilitate an effective interaction between the consumer and vendor for purposes of building trust and improving their business relationship.

100 [0009] Numerous specific examples of the above-mentioned features are provided in the detailed description below. However, to illustrate the two-fold benefit of the disclosed simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platforms consider the situation in which a consumer's options for a pizza order are displayed on the screen of a phone during a voice call. The display of the options enhances the consumer's selection process because the
105 images of the pizza can be curated by the vendor to make them look appealing and to provide information that spoken words alone cannot. The inclusion of a visible channel of communication also prevents miscommunications regarding the content of the order because the order can be displayed visibly to the consumer and vendor at the same time. Numerous other benefits from a communication perspective are provided in terms of the presentation of
110 information using the visible channel provided by the platform. In addition, the fact that this information was provided to the user via the simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platform allows the information to be stored for later use. The next time the consumer calls that vendor, their prior order will be available for presentation on the display or

reordering in an ultra-convenient fashion. Any incentives or coupons earned based on continued patronage can also be tracked using the data. Furthermore, the history of interactions can be used by the vendor to provide the level of attention and valued respect that a repeat customer is due, or to suggest additional offerings that may be appealing to a given consumer. Therefore, just by allowing the consumer and vendor to use the platform to share images of a pizza, and the receipt of an order for that pizza, a large number of opportunities arise for enriching the commercial relationship of the consumer and vendor.

[0010] The benefits of the CRMs described above are not restricted to large enterprises. Using the simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platform disclosed herein, small business and individuals are able to obtain the same access to valuable commercial interaction data for commerce enrichment. The devices used by users of the platform can include basic personal computers with built-in phone dialers, smartphones, wearables with dialer connectivity, and any other device that can be used to both make a phone or voice call through VoIP messaging applications, and present interaction data to a user. Indeed, in certain approaches, only one of the users needs access to the interaction data, and the other user can be connected only indirectly to the platform through the other user. In these examples, one user could be utilizing a basic telephone and interaction data could be sent from the other user's device to the platform. For example, one user could be operating a smartphone and inputting data to the platform using an application on their device while speaking to a user operating a basic telephone. Furthermore, although the system benefits from situations in which both users have devices that can provide voice and data to the platform, the system does not require both users to have access to the same type of devices.

[0011] The data mined, and further processed with artificial intelligence and machine learning, from usage of the simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platform can also be used by a large number of vendors to facilitate an entire business network and ecosystem based around the platform. For example, vendors offering complementary services can offer incentives and promotions to a user based on knowledge regarding that customer's consumption of complementary goods and services. The vendors could team up to share the cost of these incentives in exchange for an increase in customer consumption across all

categories. The data could also be used to facilitate a liquid platform-centric currency offered to consumers using the commercial data platform either by the platform administrator or by vendors using the platform. The platform could track usage of the currency as it was used in user-to-user transactions on the platform. Aside from offering promotions, knowledge of a particular consumer's consumption patterns could be beneficial in terms of offering a high value potential client the attention and respect they are due even if a particular vendor had no prior interactions with that client and would not have otherwise known that they represented a high value potential business relationship. The data mined, and further processed with artificial intelligence and machine learning, could also be used by consumers to obtain recommendations for or from vendors of particular goods and services that have been consumed by other consumers using the platform with high volume or regularity. More specific examples of these benefits and how the mined data can be utilized are provided in the detailed description below.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FIGURES

[0012] Fig. 1 illustrates a commercial data platform system for a call between a dialer device and a receiver device to facilitate a simultaneous transfer of voice and data content in accordance with specific embodiments of the present invention.

[0013] Fig. 2 provides data tables that can be instantiated by a database for a data model of a commercial data platform in accordance with specific embodiments of the present invention. The tables shown are non-limiting and for illustrative purposes.

[0014] Fig. 3 illustrates a dialer device with a dialer display and a receiver device with a receiver display, displaying information before and during dialing, and after the devices have received content from a server in accordance with specific embodiments of the present invention.

[0015] Fig. 4 illustrates the devices of Fig. 3 displaying information, during a voice call and after receiving new content from the server, in accordance with specific embodiments of the present invention.

[0016] Fig. 5 illustrates the devices of Fig. 3 displaying information, during the end of a voice call and after receiving new content from the server, in accordance with specific embodiments of the present invention.

[0017] Fig. 6 provides a flow chart and block diagram for a method for use of the system of Fig. 1 in accordance with specific embodiments of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

175 [0001] The following is a detailed description of systems and methods for facilitating simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platforms, followed by a description of the various functionalities that are enabled by such simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platforms. These examples are non-limiting and are provided for illustrative purposes. For example, numerous examples in this description are limited to

180 cases where both parties to a conversation are utilizing smartphones or other mobile devices, but the platforms described herein function regardless of what kinds of devices are being used to access them. Furthermore, numerous examples in this description are limited to cases where two parties are using the platform in combination with a data channel as well as a voice channel. However, the approaches disclosed herein provide certain beneficial functions

185 regardless of whether only one party is connected to the platform via a data channel or the voice channel. For example, one party could only have access to a voice channel and indirectly provide data to the platform via the other user's device. As another example, one party might not be connected via a voice channel and might only be accessible via the data channel. Specifically, a vendor may set up an IVR system to handle all incoming traffic calls by routing the

190 device to the data channel without ever establishing a voice channel.

[0002] Fig. 1 illustrates a system 100 that can be used to facilitate a simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platform. The system 100 is based around a dialer device 101 and a receiver device 102. In certain approaches, the dialer device 101 and receiver device 102 will be connected via both a voice channel and a data channel. The voice channel can be a

195 standard voice call connected between the two devices and facilitated by a circuit-switched network. However, any voice connection between the two devices can be utilized such as an IP phone connection facilitated by a packet-switched network 103. The packet-switched network 103 can utilize VoIP or other protocols. The data channel can be a packet-switched network 103 and can include a server 104 and a database 105 administrated by the platform. The

200 network could include the internet. The dialer and receiver devices can be any devices capable

of supporting a voice call. Although the simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platform can function with users that are using separate devices for accessing the voice and data channels, in the system illustrated by Fig. 1, both users are using devices that can access both. For example, the devices may be smartphones that are able to support a voice based telephone call while also accessing the platform via a data connection such as via the internet. The data channel could be accessed by an interface presented on a touch screen of the smartphones that are displayed during the call. The data channel interface could be shown alongside a dialer application and be provided by a separate application, or the dialer application could include an integrated window for the data channel interface. The data channel interface could be a screen overwrite, or screen overlay, inside, as part of, or on the dialer application screen normally unused and unchanging during the call duration, for the data channel interface. The devices could also be personal computers, wearables, standard telephones, or platform specific terminals. The users in the illustrated situation are a consumer by the name of Jill Smith and a vendor by the name of Mario's Pizza. However, the platform can also be used to facilitate peer-to-peer and business-to-business communication.

[0003] The dialer device includes a dialer that is programmed to initiate a call between the dialer and the receiver device using a receiver phone number and/or other unique identifier. The dialer device can receive commands from a user using a traditional keyboard, auditory inputs such as voice via a microphone, touch inputs via a touch screen, gestures detected by an optical or non-visible light sensor, and any other means for providing user input. The dialer can be an application on a smartphone or a computer. The application could be the built-in dialer of a computing device, such as a smartphone, as developed by the developer of the operating system on the computing device. Alternatively, the application could be developed by the platform and include multiple functionalities in addition to serving as a phone dialer for establishing a phone call such as providing access to the data channel described herein.

Alternatively, the application could be integrated with a third-party application such as a social networking application configured to allow the formulation of a voice channel between two parties using a receiver phone number and/or other unique identifier associated with one of those parties. The dialer can receive the receiver phone number and/or other unique identifier

230 via a voice command, the selection of a hyperlink, the manual entry of a phone number and/or
other unique identifier, scanning a QR code, or any other method for providing numbers to an
application. The dialer can also be an application on a traditional electronic telephone that has
been augmented for use with the platform. The dialer application can set up a voice call via a
traditional circuit-switched network or via a packet-switched network such as via voice over
235 Internet Protocol (VoIP). In any of these situations, and regardless of how the dialer initiates
the call between the dialer and the receiver device, the receiver phone number and/or other
unique identifier will be intercepted for use by the platform. Various approaches for
intercepting the receiver phone number and/or other unique identifier are described in more
detail below.

240 [0004] The commercial data platform also includes a server and a database. As illustrated, in
Fig. 1, the server and the database can be connected to the dialer device and the receiver
device through a network. The network can be a packet-switched network. The network can
be the Internet. A data channel between the receiver device and dialer device can be
supported by software on the receiver device and dialer device, the network, the server, and
245 the database. The data channel can be supported by a first interaction manager (IM) stored on
the dialer device and a second interaction manager (IM) stored on the receiver device. The
interaction manager on the dialer device can be programmed to transmit a first set of
interaction data (ID) to the database during the call. The interaction manager on the receiver
device can be programmed to transmit a second set of interaction data (ID) to the database
250 during the call. In approaches in which the devices include applications developed and
provided by the platform, the interaction managers could be included in those applications. In
the specific case of a smartphone with an application provided by the platform, the interaction
managers could be part of the same application as the dialer on the dialer device.

[0005] The server and database can be part of a cloud based platform. The server can be any
255 system of software and suitable computer hardware that is capable of responding to requests
across a network to provide a network service. Although the server is illustrated as a single unit
of physical hardware, the server may comprise multiple physical hardware units. The physical
hardware units can include personal computers, workstation, and dedicated enterprise server

blades. The physical hardware units can be in a single physical location such as an office or data center, but they may also be located at separate data centers or offices. The server can be a virtualized server. Individual network services can be provided by individual servers or multiple servers, as well as individual units of physical hardware or multiple units of physical hardware. As the term server is used to describe a system that provides multiple network services in certain portions of this disclosure, it is implied that the multiple network services are not necessarily being supplied by a single unit of physical hardware. The database can be a proprietary database and have a data model that is in accordance with the detailed description below. This data model is exemplary, and more complex data models can be used with hundreds of tables with different keys to access the data. The database can be a relational or non-relational (e.g., NoSQL) database or any other database technology supporting high-speed real-time inserts, updates, and reads.

[0006] The data model of the commercial data platform can include multiple data tables instantiated by the database. The tables can include a user identity table, a user relationship table, a content table, an interaction type table, and an interaction fact table. Fig. 2 provides an example data model for a commercial data platform that includes tables 201, 202, 203, 204, and 205. As seen, the tables can be interrelated to provide a complete record of all interactions occurring using the commercial data platform which can later be accessed and mined, and further processed with artificial intelligence, machine learning and deep learning, to provide both consumers and vendors with rich data to enhance their later interactions. As illustrated, interaction data between a receiver and a dialer can be stored in association with both a dialer and receiver phone number or other unique identifier. Furthermore, it should be noted that the devices in the commercial data platform will have access to third party databases such as social media databases either directly or via the database of the commercial data platform as the IM on either device will be able to request the platform to obtain information from alternative databases which would then be stored in the platform's content table. Alternatively or in combination, the platform could be configured to request content from third party databases and dynamically generate responses when the requested content from an IM is not located in the database.

[0007] The database of the commercial data platform can include receiver content, dialer content, and interaction data. This data can be accessed in numerous ways to facilitate rich interactions between a dialer and receiver that are using the platform. As illustrated in Fig. 1, once a receiver phone number or other unique identifier is sent from the dialer to the server, the server can use the receiver phone number or other unique identifier to obtain receiver content data from the database and deliver it back to the dialer device. The receiver content data can include a profile from the receiver. For example, the profile could be a company storefront with static or animated images and videos with sound advertising the vendor's offerings. The storefront could include a company name and a profile image. Alternatively, the receiver content data could include links to a set of interaction data in the database to allow the dialer to begin interacting with the receiver using the platform before the call is set up between the two devices. The receiver number can be provided to the server in any number of ways as will be described in more detail below. Once the call is established, dialer content data could be delivered to the receiver device. The dialer content data could likewise be a profile for the dialer. The profile could be a dialer profile with a user name and a profile image. Both the dialer content data and the receiver content data could be pulled directly from the database of the platform or it could be dynamically generated by the platform via access to other information sources using the internet such as through a third-party API using either the receiver or dialer phone numbers and/or other unique identifiers. For example, if a receiver did not yet have a profile, the phone number of the receiver could be used in an internet search to obtain a name of the business, a location, and a few images of the business to produce a profile for display on the dialer device. The server can be programmed to detect an absence of profile data in order to trigger this dynamic generation of a profile.

[0008] The profile data displayed to a counterparty during an interaction using the platform can be configurable and can be specific to that counterparty's identity. For example, a user can be given the option to select images and other information to present as part of their identity. The profile can be a storefront for the user. The capability to generate this profile can involve selecting options and entering information for a template or it can involve a more flexible tool for designing the content such as a drag and drop WYSIWYG interface. The user can also

configure multiple profiles for display using the system and can set different rules for who those multiple profiles are displayed to. The user could set a specific profile for commercial use and another profile for personal use. The user could set a specific profile for callers they have a history with and another profile for callers they do not have a history with. In order to determine which profile content should be delivered, the platform could utilize both the dialer's phone number and/or other unique identifier, and the receiver's phone number and/or other unique identifier. The level of customization could drop all the way down to the level of individual callers and their specific relationship and/or authentication/authorization levels.

Customization at this level could be provided in an automatic fashion by the platform while allowing the users to customize the automatic storefronts even more. For example, the storefront provided by Mario's pizza to Jill Smith could be automatically set by the platform to display the last order Jill placed with Mario and the number of times that Jill has placed an order with Mario generally, but Jill could be given the option to display a customized picture to Mario when she gives him a call such as a picture she took the last time she visited his restaurant. As another example, the platform could keep track of a confidence level for each number a person could reach out to. The confidence level could continue to rise based on how much interaction had taken place using the platform between that user and the number, and whether or not those interactions were positive or not. Users could then set different profiles up to be displayed based on those confidence levels where, for example, personal information was held back from being displayed if a confidence level was too low. As another example, the displayed information shown on the profiles could also include an assigned valuation of the relationship with the counterparty to the call. The assigned valuation could be generated dynamically by the platform based on the accumulated data stored therein from prior interactions between the parties to the call. More specifically, and returning to the call between Jill and Mario, the data in the platform could be used to generate and display a grade of "A+" to Mario to remind him that Jill is a repeat customer that should be treated with extra care and attention.

[0009] Fig. 3 illustrates a specific example of a dialer device 301 with a dialer display 302 and a receiver device 303 with a receiver display 304 displaying information before and during dialing,

and after the server 104 has delivered receiver content and dialer content to the respective devices as shown in Fig. 1. As seen, the profiles delivered to each of the devices are specific to both the receiver and the dialer. In this situation, the profiles delivered to each of the users, for example Mario's profile 305 and Jill's profile 306, have also been curated by either the platform or the individual users to reflect the relationship that has already been established between the users. This illustration also provides an example of how the commercial data platform can generate data for display using prior interaction data. In each of the displays 302 and 304, the counterparty has been assigned a ranking in terms of how often prior interactions have occurred to generate a label of "A+" which reminds the user of the value they should place on their relationship with the counterparty.

[0010] The manner in which interaction data is obtained for usage by the platform can also be described with reference to Fig. 1. Interaction data can be provided to and from the dialer and receiver devices to the server of the commercial data platform using interaction manager software stored on the device. The interaction manager will request information from the database and receive information from the database. It may also receive information from external databases that are accessed by the server. The interaction manager can receive data that is pushed from the database without a request being sent. As such, the software that facilitates interactions between the two devices along the data channel of the platform can be spread out amongst the server, the dialer device, and the receiver device. The first and second interaction managers can be programmed to transmit a first and second set of interaction data to the database during a call between the dialer device and the receiver device. The interaction data can be stored in the database for later use. The interaction data can be any data relating to the interaction between the dialer and the receiver during the call. For example, the second set of interaction data can involve a menu pushed from the receiver to the dialer through the data channel, and the first set of interaction data could include a selection of an item on that menu by the dialer. In these situations, the interaction data is being stored in the database and is also being passed through the platform from one device to the other to facilitate the current interaction between the devices such that the server and database are serving as part of the data channel between the two devices. For example, the interaction data sent from a vendor-

375 receiver to a consumer-dialer could be a sales offer, while the interaction data sent back from
the consumer-dialer to the vendor-receiver could be a purchase order generated in response to
that offer. Any commercial interaction could be facilitated through this data channel via the
transmission of various types of data. In keeping with the prior example, the interaction could
continue with additional interaction data in the form of a receipt sent from vendor-receiver to
380 the consumer-dialer. The data would be both channeled through the platform and stored by
the platform for later use. The interaction data can also include information that is not
provided from one device to the other such as payment information provided by the dialer
device to the platform for forwarding to a payment processor. Even though the payment
information is not provided to the receiver device it can still be referred to as interaction data
385 herein because it relates to the interaction between the dialer and the receiver and it is
ultimately provided to one of the devices.

[0011] The interaction data provided during the call can be a subset of the interaction data
pushed by each of the devices to the server. The interaction data that is sent between the
device can facilitate a high-level of interaction between the receiver and the dialer. In certain
390 approaches, the data channel of the commercial data platform will serve as a virtual table top
to allow for the dialer and receiver to collaborate, and the interaction data sent during the call
will be represented on this table top. The interaction data exchanged between the dialer and
receiver is saved in a database and is, in turn, made available to enrich the current voice call as
well as any future calls. Over time, a rich history of all past interactions is obtained and is
395 readily available to both parties to further enrich the long-term relationship between the
parties.

[0012] In the example of Jill and Mario, Mario could use the table to present coupons or deals
to Jill in real time as Mario took Jill's order. Mario would also be able to pull information from
the database concerning Jill such as the upcoming anniversary of a special event that she
400 previously reserved a table for in order to offer her the opportunity to celebrate at Mario's
again this year. Jill could also request additional information such as a picture of the inside of
the restaurant's new exclusive private room for large parties, which Mario could provide in real
time during their call. The data channel could also be used for Mario to provide Jill with a

coupon for her next order at the conclusion of their call where an image of the coupon was
405 provided to Jill's phone in the form of interaction data and stored in the database for later use
by Jill the next time she called Mario. The data channel could also be used to provide platform
wide incentives such as a specialized currency that can be used across all vendors that
participate in the platform. As shown in Fig. 4, during a voice call and after receiving new
content from the server 104, the display 304 on Jill's phone can show receiver device receiving
410 information 307 which shows, for example, that Mario had prepared a food order to be
received by Jill according to her preferences. The display 302 on Mario's phone can show dialer
device receiving information 308 which shows, in the same example, that Jill confirmed her
food purchase. As shown in Fig. 5, during the end of a voice call and after receiving new
content from the server 104, the devices can show additional messages. Nonlimiting examples
415 of such additional messages can be summary messages 309, recommendation messages 310,
and data synchronization messages 311.

[0013] As described in a system diagram provided by Fig. 6, the dialer device 501 with a dialer
and the receiver device 502 could include additional software elements to help facilitate the
functioning of the commercial data platform. For example, each device could include a display
420 manager and a database. In one example shown in Fig. 6, the dialer device 501 can have a
display manager 503 and be connected to a cloud database 504, and the receiver device 502
can have display manager 505 and be connected to the same cloud database 504. The display
managers 503 and 505 could continuously receive content from all data sources in the platform
and display content based on the configuration of the device owner's account with the
425 platform. Display managers 503 and 505 perform local display management functions for the
devices on which they are installed. A cloud database 504 can include the qualities and
function of a local database, a platform database, and other database configurations that can
be used with commercial data platform. The display managers 503 and 505 could work in
combination with the interaction manager to request data from the cloud database 504, and
430 filter data delivered from the server before that data was presented on the device. For
example, the interaction manager could indicate that a user was being provided with a set of
gold coins, and the display manager 503 could select a particular image from the cloud

database 504 that the user had selected to represent those coins. The display managers 503 and 505 could be programmed to generate display content for displays on the devices 501 and 502 using the interaction data from the cloud database 504. For example, the interaction data could include a sale offer generated by a receiver for delivery to the dialer device 501 through the database and server while the display content constituted an image used to make the sale offer visually appealing. The image could be stored in the cloud database 504 in association with the receiver's phone number and/or unique identifier. The display managers 503 and 505 could generally format content provided by the interaction manager for the displays on the respective devices 501 and 502. As such, the development effort associated with cross platform implementation could be lessened as the display managers 503 and 505 could be more heavily altered while the interaction manager stayed relatively stable with different implementations. The cloud database 504 could be managed by a local database manager locally installed on the system devices. For example, the dialer device 501 could have a local database manager 506 and the receiver device 502 could have a local database manager 507. Alternatively, system devices can have a local database element installed thereon, enabling local data storage on each device. Devices with a local database can operate independently or in concert with a cloud database 504 as part of a database network and can be managed by the local database managers of the respective devices, such as local database managers 506 and 507. The dialer device 501 local database manager 506 could be programmed to obtain data from interaction data regarding past interactions between a specific dialer and receiver whenever the dialer initiates a new call between the dialer device 501 and the receiver device 502. Past interactions stored in a database could include a transaction history of, or notes about, the communicating party, as shown on the example device displays illustrated in Fig. 6. The cloud database 504 could also be used to limit the amount of traffic on the network between the server and the dialer device 501 by storing data that was frequently accessed by the display manager 503 on a particular device. For example, if Jill was a regular customer of Mario's, then Mario's logo could be stored on Jill's device for retrieval every time her phone loaded Mario's profile. The local database manager could assure that certain dialer, receiver, or interaction content data persisted on the device between interactions for this purpose.

[0014] The user interface presented to the user could take on numerous forms. The user interface can display controls and information for the data and voice channels separately or simultaneously. The data channel interface could be shown alongside a dialer application and
465 be provided by a separate application, or the dialer application could include an integrated window for the data channel interface. The data channel interface could be a screen overwrite, or screen overlay, inside, as part of, or on the dialer application screen normally unused and unchanging during the call duration, for the data channel interface. The dialer application screen could be the call screen of a built-in dialer application on the dialer device 501 and could
470 display standard controls such as an end call button or a mute button. In the specific example of the data channel being administrated by a separate platform application that works in combination with a separate dialer, the platform application could present sufficient controls for handling both the data channel and the voice channel. For example, after intercepting the call, the voice channel would remain open, and the platform application would completely
475 overlay the screen and display a user interface with the data channel where the interactive data content will appear without the need to switch to an outside additional application. Controls such as "mute" and "speaker phone" would now be available within the same user interface, and there would be no need to return to the original dialer application interface. If at any time during the call, the user would like to return to the original dialer application interface that
480 initiated the call, the user could hit an icon on the user interface and return to the original dialer screen.

[0015] The devices used in combination with the platform could also include a real-time interaction manager and call manager 508. The call manager 508 could support continuation of a voice call, and the voice call itself, allowing the users to access the dialer and phone controls
485 as needed. The call manager 508 could also support the voice channel independently of the data channel. The real-time interaction manager could continuously manage the interactions between a caller and receiver to make sure that all their interactions are logged in the cloud database 504. The real-time interaction manager could write and read data to and from the cloud database 504 and third-party external databases. The two components together could
490 support the simultaneous use of multiple devices for the voice and data channel. The

interaction manager could also manage and store all interaction threads 506 and activities during an ongoing communication over the data channel. The real-time interaction manager could include software stored on either device, including the interaction managers mentioned above, as well as software on the server of the platform. The interaction managers could
495 manage at least two interaction threads 506 between the dialer device and the receiver device and would likely manage many more depending upon the level of interactivity provided over the data channel. Alternatively and with respect to the embodiments described above, the functions of the interaction manager and the real-time interaction manager can be implemented in the commercial data platform system by an interaction management system
500 509. The interaction management system 509 can be operated remotely using a cloud-based system, and can be in communicative connection with both the dialer device 501 and the receiver device 502 to perform the interaction manager functions for both devices.

[0016] The software modules and components on the devices involved with the data channel that are described above, such as the display managers 503 and 505 and interaction manager,
505 could be administrated by a single application or multiple applications. In addition, the dialer and call manager 508 that are involved with the voice channel could be administrated by a single application or multiple applications. Furthermore, the components associated with either channel could be administrated by a single application or multiple applications. In one approach, a single application provided by the platform administrator and stored on a device,
510 such as a dialer's smartphone, could include an integrated dialer such that the application both initiated a phone call, alerted the platform to open the data channel, and administrated both channels during the call. The dialer, as a module of that application, could be programmed to receive the receiver phone number and/or other unique identifier prior to initiating the call and transmit the receiver phone number and/or other unique identifier to the server for purposes
515 of obtaining receiver content for display to the dialer, and setting up the data channel. In another approach, two separate applications could be involved with dialing and communicating with the platform. The dialer could be a built-in dialer application on a smartphone operating system. The dialer could alternatively be a module in another third-party application installed on a smartphone or other computing device's operating system such as an integrated dialer in a

520 social networking application. In a smartphone implementation, the separate application used to intercept the receiver phone number and/or unique identifier on behalf of the platform could be another application on the smartphone operating system with read phone state permission. The separate application could then receive a broadcast indicating that the dialer was initiating a call, obtain the receiver phone number from the broadcast, and transmit the
525 receiver phone number and/or other unique identifier to the server. In either case, the application that is used to pass the receiver phone number and/or other unique identifier to the platform could be provided by the platform administrator through a network content distribution system such as an application store.

[0017] The applications could be installed and maintained on the user's devices. In one
530 scenario, a potential user downloads the platform application to their mobile device and installs the application. At the same time the user could configure their mobile device to receive upgrades to the application over time. The user could then configure their platform application such as by setting their profile, customizing a storefront, configuring which profiles are shown to which users, and other options. The user can invite other users to join the platform using by
535 sending invitations out from within the application interface. The user can provide a command to send an invitation to specific people such as via the entry of their phone numbers in the application. The platform would then send out text messages to those users with a link to download the application.

[0018] Another way to invite users to join the platform is to simply call them. A user does not
540 need to have the platform application installed to receive a call from a user who is. The receiver can receive a call in the same way that they always do, and can then be invited to join the platform while on the call. However, the application on the dialer device could receive a response from the platform that the receiver was not yet in the system. A user interface element could then be presented on the display of the dialer device, possibly alongside a
545 temporary profile for the receiver that was generated dynamically, informing the dialer that they can invite the receiver. Upon selection of this user interface element, the platform could send a text message to the receiver device with a link to download the platform application. The dialer could be incentivized to invite the receiver through the user of incentives such as

currency with the platform, coupons, or other incentives. The platform could customize the
incentive and display it alongside the user interface element based on an identity of the
receiver or dialer. To assure adoption, the dialer could be provided with an auditory queue
over the phone to indicate that the receiver had indeed either received the text message, or
installed the application on their device. The auditory queue could be provided over the voice
channel to assure that both the dialer and receiver could hear when the receiver took steps to
join the platform.

[0019] The commercial data platform can, as mentioned above, be made extensible via access
to additional source of data such as third-party databases. Furthermore, the commercial data
platform can be made extensible through the use of APIs used to interact with entirely separate
platforms. In one particular example, the platform database can be used as a source of truth
for an external incentives platform. The real-time interaction manager of the commercial data
platform can be used to synchronize certain portions of the commercial data platforms
database with an external database through the use of APIs. One type of synchronizing API can
be distributed ledger technology. Distributed ledgers can comprise data sets that are stored
and synchronized over multiple storage locations. Distributed ledgers and, equivalently, the
data of which a distributed ledger is comprised, can be stored on a network of devices called a
distributed ledger network. One example of distributed ledger data can be a set of ledger
tables for an incentives platform where vendors and customers are able to exchange coins or
cards for goods and services. Another example of distributed ledger data can be a first set of
interaction data and a second set of interaction data that form a commercial transaction and
are stored in association with the two parties to the transaction. For example, the first and
second sets of interaction data can comprise a purchase order and an invoice. Interactions
taking place on the commercial data platform can involve these external incentives platforms in
the sense that data can be taken from those external platforms or pushed to those external
platforms. In this situation, a customer is rewarded with an incentive from a seller for referring
another customer to the seller. All of the many interactions associated with that set of
transactions are facilitated and recorded by the commercial data platform and are used to
update the external incentives platform. Therefore, through the use of APIs and the real-time

interaction manager any number of external services can be added as services to the commercial data platform essentially mining the data from all of the interactions that occur on that platform into a single frictionless system that ensures full commercial trackability and traceability as to which vendor merchant and referring customer added value to the chain of interactions to be compensated with agreed rewards payable for example in gold coins and accruable incentives.

[0020] The Simultaneous Voice and Data Content Driven Commercial Data Platform will track, to the greatest level of detail possible, the comprehensive set of all interactions that occur between the numerous entities transacting business, including interactions between networks of entities and themselves or other entities, in a reliable, secure, and above all trusted manner. Supporting these transactions, and any incentives and rewards system, will require support for any number of currencies including traditional country specific currencies, a platform proprietary currency, and any accepted externally recognized cryptocurrencies. The Commercial Data Platform will facilitate these currencies' inter-convertibility, for example through a series of sequential debit and credit transactions using different currencies, and act as a currency exchange. Currencies usable with the Commercial Data Platform can include stored bank account funds backed by various national entities in the global banking system, cryptocurrency funds, and credit card funds. The ledger of transactions representing all transactions, regardless of currency, must be tamper-proof and, therefore, the Commercial Data Platform will make full use of the repertoire of any current or future mechanisms, systems, processes, and technologies to construct and insure ongoing trusted, secure, scalable, and protected Commercial data platform integrity comprising of, but not limited to, the use of technologies such as a Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) like Blockchain and Holochain.

[0021] Through the use of the commercial data platform and techniques described above, a multitude of opportunities for enhanced consumer-to-consumer, business-to-consumer, and business-to-business commercial relationships are created. The flow of data between parties both enriches the current interactions from which that data is being mined and future interactions between the parties as they build stronger ties and commercial relationships. To further this goal, the data can be mined and further processed with big data analytics, artificial

intelligence, natural language processing (NLP,) machine learning, deep learning and deep artificial neural networks. These benefits are described below in multiple scenarios to illustrate some of the rich content and interactivity that the commercial data platform provides. The scenarios can, at a top level, be broken down between two sets of scenarios. In one set of scenarios, the dialer interacts with the receiver using both the voice and data channels described above. In the other set of scenarios, the dialer interacts with the receiver using only the data channels. The scenarios are specific examples of the use of a system in accordance with this disclosure and are not meant to limit the scope of the appended claims. Phonefully is provided as an example of a simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platform, the Phonefully proprietary data store (PPDS) is provided as an example of the database of the simultaneous voice and data content driven commercial data platform, the Phonefully App is provided as an example of a platform application, the caller is provided as an example of a customer-dialer, and Mario is provided as an example of a vendor-receiver.

[0022] While the specification has been described in detail with respect to specific embodiments of the invention, it will be appreciated that those skilled in the art, upon attaining an understanding of the foregoing, may readily conceive of alterations to, variations of, and equivalents to these embodiments. Any of the method steps discussed above can be conducted by a processor operating with a computer-readable non-transitory medium storing instructions for those method steps. The computer-readable medium may be memory within a personal user device or a network accessible memory. These and other modifications and variations to the present invention may be practiced by those skilled in the art, without departing from the scope of the present invention, which is more particularly set forth in the appended claims.

CLAIMS

1. A system comprising:
 - a dialer device with a dialer identifier;
 - a receiver device with a receiver identifier;
 - a dialer that is programmed to initiate a call on a voice channel between the dialer device and the receiver device using the receiver identifier;
 - a server;
 - a database;
 - a first interaction manager: (i) stored on the dialer device; and (ii) programmed to transmit, without using the voice channel, a first set of interaction data to the database during the call; and
 - a second interaction manager: (i) stored on the receiver device; and (ii) programmed to transmit, without using the voice channel, a second set of interaction data to the database during the call;wherein the server is programmed to:
 - obtain receiver content data from the database using the receiver identifier;
 - transmit the receiver content data to the dialer device;
 - obtain dialer content data from the database;
 - transmit the dialer content data to the receiver device; and
 - store data from both the first set of interaction data and the second set of interaction data in the database in association with both the receiver identifier and the dialer identifier.
2. The system of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a distributed ledger on a distributed ledger network;
 - wherein the server is communicatively connected to the distributed ledger network; and
 - wherein the distributed ledger includes the first set of interaction data and the second set of interaction data in association with both the receiver identifier and the dialer identifier using the server and distributed ledger technology.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein:
 - the first set of interaction data comprises a purchase order;
 - the second set of interaction data comprises an invoice; and
 - the server is programmed to: (i) obtain the purchase order from the database; (ii) obtain the invoice from the database; and (iii) generate a payment processing request using the purchase order and the invoice.
4. The system of claim 3, wherein:
 - the server is programmed to: (i) debit a dialer account in a first currency using the payment processing request; and (ii) credit a receiver account in a second currency using the payment processing request; and
 - the first currency and the second currency are selected from: stored bank account funds, cryptocurrency funds, and credit card funds.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein the server is further programmed to:
 - transmit at least a portion of the first set of interaction data to the receiver device during the call; and
 - transmit at least a portion of the second set of interaction data to the dialer device during the call.
6. The system of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a local database stored on the dialer device; and
 - a local database manager: (i) stored on the dialer device; and (ii) programmed to obtain data from both the first set of interaction data and the second set of interaction data in the database when the dialer initiates a new call between the dialer device and the receiver device.
7. The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a display manager: (i) stored on the dialer device; and (ii) programmed to generate display content for a display of the dialer device using at least a portion of the second set of interaction data.

8. The system of claim 7, wherein:

the portion of the second set of interaction data includes a sale offer generated on the receiver device for delivery to the dialer device;

the display content includes an image and the sale offer; and

the image is stored in the database in association with the receiver identifier.

9. The system of claim 7, wherein:

the server is programmed to: (i) obtain prior interaction data from the database using the dialer identifier and the receiver identifier; and (ii) transmit prior interaction data to the dialer device; and

the display manager is programmed to generate past interaction display content for the display of the dialer device using the prior interaction data.

10. The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a display manager: (i) stored on the receiver device; and (ii) programmed to generate display content for a display of the receiver device using at least a portion of the first set of interaction data.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein:

the portion of the first set of interaction data includes a purchaser order and a receipt generated on the dialer device for delivery to the receiver device.

12. The system of claim 10, wherein:

the server is programmed to: (i) obtain prior interaction data from the database using the dialer identifier; and (ii) transmit prior interaction data to the receiver device;

the display manager is programmed to generate past interaction display content for the display of the receiver device using the prior interaction data; and

the prior interaction data is a purchaser order placed with a third party by the dialer during a prior call to the third party.

13. The system of claim 10, further comprising:

a data channel connecting the dialer device and the receiver device, wherein the first set of interaction data and the second set of interaction data are provided over the data channel;

the voice channel connecting the dialer device and the receiver device, wherein the call is provided over the voice channel;

an overlay within a dialer application screen on the dialer device;

a second overlay within a receiver application screen on the receiver device;

wherein the display content is presented on the overlay;

wherein the display manager generates controls for the data channel on the overlay;

wherein the dialer application screen is presented by the dialer device upon a formation of the voice channel and independent of a formation of the data channel; and

wherein the receiver application screen is presented by the receiver device upon the formation of the voice channel and independent of the formation of the data channel.

14. The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a first display manager: (i) stored on the dialer device; and (ii) programmed to generate display content for a display of the dialer device using at least a portion of the second set of interaction data; and

a second display manager: (i) stored on the receiver device; and (ii) programmed to generate display content for a display of the receiver device using at least a portion of the first set of interaction data.

15. The system of claim 1, wherein:

- the receiver content data describes a receiver profile; and
- the receiver profile includes a company name, a profile image, and an assigned valuation of a relationship with and for the dialer identifier.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein:

- the dialer content data describes a dialer profile;
- the dialer profile includes a dialer name, a dialer profile image, and an assigned valuation of a relationship with and for the receiver identifier.

17. The system of claim 1, wherein:

- the server is programmed to obtain the receiver content data from the database using both the receiver identifier and the dialer identifier;
- the receiver content data describes a receiver profile; and
- the receiver profile is customized for the dialer.

18. The system of claim 1, wherein the server is programmed to:

- identify an absence of the receiver content data in the database; and
- dynamically generate the receiver content data using a web search or a third-party API using the receiver identifier.

19. The system of claim 1, wherein:

- the dialer content data describes a dialer profile;
- the dialer profile includes a user name, a profile image, and an assigned valuation of a relationship with and for the receiver device.

20. The system of claim 1, wherein:

- the server is programmed to obtain the receiver content data from the database using the receiver identifier and the dialer identifier;
- the dialer content data describes a dialer profile; and

the dialer profile is limited using a dialer-configurable setting and a confidence level associated with the receiver device.

21. The system of claim 1, further comprising:

- an application stored on the dialer device;
- wherein the dialer device is a mobile phone with an operating system;
- wherein the application has read phone state permission with the operating system; and
- wherein the application is programmed to:
 - receive a broadcast indicating the dialer is initiating a call;
 - obtain the receiver identifier from the broadcast; and
 - transmit the receiver identifier to the server.

22. The system of claim 1, further comprising:

- an application stored on the dialer device;
- wherein the dialer device is a mobile phone;
- wherein the dialer is a module of the application; and
- wherein the application is programmed to:
 - receive the receiver identifier prior to initiating the call; and
 - transmit the receiver identifier to the server.

23. The system of claim 1, wherein:

- the call is held over a circuit-switched network;
- the first set of interaction data, the second set of interaction data, the dialer content data, and the receiver content data are sent over a packet-switched network;
- and
- the first interaction manager and the second interaction manager manage at least two interaction threads between the dialer device and the receiver device.

24. The system of claim 1, wherein:

- the call is held over a packet-switched network;

the first set of interaction data, the second set of interaction data, the dialer content data, and the receiver content data are sent over one of the packet-switched network or a second packet-switched network; and

the first interaction manager and the second interaction manager manage at least two interaction threads between the dialer device and the receiver device.

25. The system of claim 1, wherein the server is further programmed to:

transmit a text message to the receiver device in response to a command from the dialer device;

wherein the text message includes a link to download an application to the receiver device.

26. The system of claim 24, further comprising:

an application stored on the dialer device;

wherein the application is programmed to: (i) present a user interface element on a display of the dialer device during the call; and (ii) transmit the command to the server in response to a selection of the user interface element.