CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An instant messaging group management method, wherein the method comprises:

determining a mandatory read message in group session messages;

determining whether a group dissolution condition is satisfied based on a reading status of the mandatory read message; and

dissolving a group based on a predetermined policy in response to determining that the group dissolution condition is satisfied.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the determining whether a group dissolution condition is satisfied based on a reading status of the mandatory read message comprises:

determining that the group dissolution condition is satisfied in response to determining that the mandatory read message is read by all group members.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the determining whether a group dissolution condition is satisfied based on a reading status of the mandatory read message comprises:

determining that the group dissolution condition is satisfied in response to determining that the mandatory read message is read by all group members and publishing duration of the mandatory read message reaches the first duration.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the determining whether a group dissolution condition is satisfied based on a reading status of the mandatory read message comprises:

determining that the group dissolution condition is satisfied in response to determining that the mandatory read message is not read by all group members but publishing duration of the mandatory read message reaches the second duration.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the determining whether a group dissolution condition is satisfied based on a reading status of the mandatory read

message comprises:

determining that the group dissolution condition is satisfied in response to determining that a quantity of group members that read the mandatory read message accounts for a predetermined proportion.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises:

obtaining a predetermined upper limit quantity of mandatory read messages; and

wherein the determining whether a group dissolution condition is satisfied based on a reading status of the mandatory read message comprises:

determining whether the group dissolution condition is satisfied based on a reading status of all mandatory read messages in response to determining that a quantity of mandatory read messages in the group session messages reaches the upper limit quantity of mandatory read messages.

7. The method according to claim 6, wherein

the upper limit quantity of mandatory read messages is set by a group owner or an administrator.

8. The method according to claim 1, wherein the dissolving a group based on a predetermined policy comprises:

sending a hiding notification to client device, so that the client device hides the group in a group list; and

dissolving the group in response to determining that a hidden duration of the group reaches the third duration.

9. The method according to claim 8, wherein the method further comprises:

instructing the client device to display the group in response to determining that a query instruction is received from a group owner or an administrator before the hidden duration of the group reaches the third duration; and

canceling dissolution of the group in response to determining that a new mandatory read message appears in the group.

10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the group is a temporary group.

11. The method according to claim 1, wherein the mandatory read message is marked by a group owner or an administrator.

12. An instant messaging group management apparatus, wherein the method comprises:

a mandatory read message determination unit, configured to determine a mandatory read message in group session messages;

a condition determination unit, configured to determine whether a group dissolution condition is satisfied based on a reading status of the mandatory read message; and

a group dissolution unit, configured to dissolve a group based on a predetermined policy in response to determining that the group dissolution condition is satisfied.

13. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein

the condition determination unit is configured to determine that the group dissolution condition is satisfied in response to determining that the mandatory read message is read by all group members.

14. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein

the condition determination unit is configured to determine that the group dissolution condition is satisfied in response to determining that the mandatory read message is read by all group members and publishing duration of the mandatory read message reaches the first duration.

15. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein

the condition determination unit is configured to determine that the group dissolution condition is satisfied in response to determining that the mandatory read message is not read by all group members but publishing duration of the mandatory read message reaches the second duration.

16. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein

the condition determination unit is configured to determine that the group dissolution condition is satisfied in response to determining that a quantity of group

members that read the mandatory read message accounts for a predetermined proportion.

17. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the condition determination unit is further configured to:

obtain a predetermined upper limit quantity of mandatory read messages; and

determine whether the group dissolution condition is satisfied based on a reading status of all mandatory read messages in response to determining that a quantity of mandatory read messages in the group session messages reaches the upper limit quantity of mandatory read messages.

18. The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein

the upper limit quantity of mandatory read messages is set by a group owner or an administrator.

19. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the group dissolution unit is configured to:

send a hiding notification to client device, so that the client device hides the group in a group list; and

dissolve the group in response to determining that a hidden duration of the group reaches the third duration.

20. The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the group dissolution unit is further configured to:

instruct the client device to display the group in response to determining that a query instruction is received from a group owner or an administrator before the hidden duration of the group reaches the third duration; and

cancel dissolution of the group in response to determining that a new mandatory read message appears in the group.

21. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the group is a temporary group.

22. The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the mandatory read message is

marked by a group owner or an administrator.