Claims

1. A method for group management, the method comprising:

adding a user to a target group according to a group joining request for the target group by the user;

prompting the user to enter a group retention time for the target group;

detecting whether a current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time when the user participates in a communication of the target group;

in response to detecting that the current group dwell time equals to or is greater than the group retention time, presenting group retention selection information of the target group to the user on a user equipment of the user, wherein the user selects whether to retain the target group based on the group retention selection information; and

if the user selects to retain the target group, retaining the user in the target group.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein if the user selects to retain the target group, retaining the user in the target group further comprising:

if the user selects to drop the target group, moving the user out of the target group.

3. The method of any of claims 1 to 2, wherein adding the user to the target group according to a group joining request for the target group by the user comprises:

adding the user to the target group according to the group joining request for the target group by the user and initiating a corresponding group retention timer according to the group retention time of the target group;

wherein detecting whether the current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time comprises:

detecting whether the group retention timer expires at the current time instant.

4. A method for group management, the method comprising:

obtaining one or more groups matching a group search request according to the group search request by a user;

adding the user to a target group in the one or more groups according to a group joining request for the target group by the user;

prompting the user to enter a group retention time for the target group;

detecting whether a current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time when the user participates in a communication of the target group;

in response to detecting that the current group dwell time equals to or is greater than the group retention time, presenting group retention selection information of the target group to the user on a user equipment of the user, wherein the user selects whether to retain the target group based on the group retention selection information; and

if the user selects to retain the target group, retaining the user in the target group.

5. A method for group management, the method comprising:

obtaining one or more groups recommended for a user when a user equipment of the user accesses a wireless access point;

adding the user to a target group of the one or more groups according to a group joining request for the target group by the user;

prompting the user to enter a group retention time for the target group;

detecting whether a current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time when the user participates in a communication of the target group;

in response to detecting that the current group dwell time equals to or is greater than the group retention time, presenting group retention selection information of the target group to the user on a user equipment of the user, wherein the user selects whether to retain the target group based on the group retention selection information; and

if the user selects to retain the target group, retaining the user in the target group.

6. An apparatus for group management, the apparatus comprising:

a first module for adding a user to a target group according to a group joining request for the target group by the user and prompting the user to enter a group retention time for the target group;

a second module for detecting whether a current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time when the user participates in a communication of the target group;

a third module for presenting group retention selection information of the target group to the user on a user equipment of the user in response to detecting that the current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time wherein the user selects whether to retain the target group based on the group retention selection information; and

a fourth module for retaining the user in the target group if the user selects to retain the target group.

7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the fourth module is further for

moving the user out of the target group if the user selects to drop the target group.

8. The apparatus of any of claims 6 to 7, wherein the first module is for

adding the user to the target group according to the group joining request for the target group by the user and initiating a corresponding group retention timer according to the group retention time of the target group;

wherein the second module is for

detecting whether the group retention timer expires at the current time instant.

9. An apparatus for group management, the apparatus comprising:

a seventh module for obtaining one or more groups matching a group search request according to the group search request by the user;

an eighth module for adding the user to a target group in the one or more groups

according to a group joining request for the target group by the user and prompting the user to enter a group retention time for the target group;

a ninth module for detecting whether the current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time when the user participates in a communication of the target group;

a tenth module for presenting group retention selection information of the target group to the user on a user equipment of the user in response to detecting that the current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time, wherein the user selects whether to retain the target group based on the group retention selection information; and

an eleventh module for retaining the user in the target group if the user selects to retain the target group.

10. An apparatus for group management, the apparatus comprising:

a twelfth module for obtaining one or more groups recommended for a user when a user equipment of the user accesses a wireless access point;

a thirteenth module for adding the user to a target group of the one or more groups according to a group joining request for the target group by the user and prompting the user to enter a group retention time for the target group;

a fourteenth module for detecting whether a current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time when the user participates in a communication of the target group;

a fifteenth module for presenting group retention selection information of the target group to the user on a user equipment of the user in response to detecting that the current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time, wherein the user selects whether to retain the target group based on the group retention selection information; and

a sixteenth module for retaining the user in the target group if the user selects to retain the target group.

11. A computer readable medium comprising instructions, when executed, cause a system to:

add a user to a target group according to a group joining request for the target group by the user;

prompt the user to enter a group retention time for the target group;

detect whether a current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time when the user participates in a communication of the target group;

in response to detecting that the current group dwell time equals to or is greater than the group retention time, present group retention selection information of the target group to the user on a user equipment of the user, wherein the user selects whether to retain the target group based on the group retention selection information; and

if the user selects to retain the target group, retain the user in the target group.

12. A computer readable medium comprising instructions, when executed, cause a system to:

obtain one or more groups matching a group search request according to the group search request by a user;

add the user to a target group of the one or more groups according to a group joining request for the target group by the user;

prompt the user to enter a group retention time for the target group;

detect whether a current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time when the user participates in a communication of the target group;

in response to detecting that the current group dwell time equals to or is greater than the group retention time, present group retention selection information of the target group to the user on a user equipment of the user, wherein the user selects whether to retain the target group based on the retention selection information; and

if the user selects to retain the target group, retain the user in the target group.

13. A computer readable medium comprising instructions, when executed, cause a system to:

obtain one or more groups recommended for a user when a user equipment of the user accesses a wireless access point;

add the user to a target group of the one or more groups according to a group joining request for the target group by the user;

prompt the user to enter a group retention time for the target group;

detect whether a current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time when the user participates in a communication of the target group;

in response to detecting that the current group dwell time equals to or is greater than the group retention time, present group retention selection information of the target group to the user on a user equipment of the user, wherein the user selects whether to retain the target group based on the group retention selection information; and

if the user selects to retain the target group, retain the user in the target group.

14. A device for group management, the device comprising:

a processor; and

a memory arranged to store computer executable instructions, when executed, cause the processor to:

add a user to a target group according to a group joining request for the target group by the user;

prompt the user to enter a group retention time for the target group;

detect whether a current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time when the user participates in a communication of the target group;

in response to detecting that the current group dwell time equals to or is greater than the group retention time, present group retention selection information of the target group to the user on a user equipment of the user, wherein the user selects whether to retain the target group based on the retention selection information; and

if the user selects to retain the target group, retain the user in the target group.

15. A device for group management, the device comprising:

a processor; and

a memory arranged to store computer executable instructions, when executed, cause the processor to:

obtain one or more groups matching a group search request according to the group search request by a user;

add the user to a target group of the one or more groups according to a group joining request for the target group by the user;

prompt the user to enter a group retention time for the target group;

detect whether a current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or is greater than the group retention time when the user participates in a communication of the target group;

in response to detecting that the current group dwell time equals to or is greater than the group retention time, present group retention selection information of the target group to the user on a user equipment of the user, wherein the user selects whether to retain the target group based on the group retention selection information; and

if the user selects to retain the target group, retain the user in the target group.

16. A device for group management, the device comprising:

a processor; and

a memory arranged to store computer executable instructions, when executed, cause the processor to:

obtain one or more groups recommended for a user when a user equipment of the user accesses a wireless access point;

add the user to a target group of the one or more groups according to a group joining request for the target group by the user;

prompt the user to enter a group retention time for the target group;

detect whether a current group dwell time of the user in the target group equals to or

is greater than the group retention time when the user participates in a communication of the target group;

in response to detecting that the current group dwell time equals to or is greater than the group retention time, present group retention selection information of the target group to the user on a user equipment of the user, wherein the user selects whether to retain the target group based on the group retention selection information; and

if the user selects to retain the target group, retain the user in the target group.