## Claims

1. A method for saving IM chat records, wherein the method comprises processes carried out by a server comprising:

when an instant message input to an IM chat window of a client device and transmitted from the client device comprises non-text information, acquiring a content summary of the non-text information, wherein the content summary is searchable text; and

saving the instant message comprising the non-text information, the non-text information being saved as a data object comprising the non-text information and the content summary of the non-text information, and not as plain text information, with a display attri bute of the content summary set to be invisible.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the acquiring a content summary of the non-text information comprises:

when the non-text information includes a hyperlink, activating a browser to access a webpage corresponding to the hyperlink; and

generating, according to information of the webpage corresponding to the hyperlink, a content summary of the webpage corresponding to the hyperlink.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein the generating, according to the information of the webpage corresponding to the hyperlink, a content summary of the webpage corresponding to the hyperlink comprises:

acquiring caption information of the webpage corresponding to the hyperlink as the content summary of the webpage corresponding to the hyperlink;

or,

extracting at least one keyword with relatively high frequency of occurrence from the information of the webpage corresponding to the hyperlink, and using the keyword as the content summary of the webpage corresponding to the hyperlink.

4. The method according to claim 2, wherein the acquiring a content summary of the non-text information comprises:

when the non-text information includes no hyperlink, prompting a user to set a

content summary for the non-text information; and

receiving text information input by the user and using the text information as the content summary of the non-text information.

5. The method according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the method further comprises:

setting, in the data object, a display attribute of the non-text information to visible.

6. A device for saving IM chat records, wherein the device comprises:

an acquisition unit configured to acquire, when an instant message input to an IM chat window of a client device and transmitted from the client device comprises non-text information, a content summary of the non-text information, wherein the content summary is searchable text; and

a saving unit configured to save the instant message comprising the non-text information, such that the non-text information is saved as a data object comprising the non-text information and the content summary of the non-text information, and not as plain text information, with a display attribute of the content summary set to be invisible.

7. The device for saving IM chat records according to claim 6, wherein the acquisition unit comprises:

an activation sub-unit configured to activate, when the non-text information includes a hyperlink, a browser to access a webpage corresponding to the hyperlink; and

a generation sub-unit configured to generate, according to information of the webpage corresponding to the hyperlink, a content summary of the webpage corresponding to the hyperlink.

8. The device for saving IM chat records according to claim 7, wherein the generation sub-unit comprises:

a caption acquisition sub-unit configured to acquire caption information of the webpage corresponding to the hyperlink as the content summary of the webpage corresponding to the hyperlink;

or,

a keyword acquisition sub-unit configured to extract at least one keyword with

relatively high frequency of occurrence from the information of the webpage corresponding to the hyperlink, and use the keyword as the content summary of the webpage corresponding to the hyperlink.

9. The device for saving IM chat records according to claim 7, wherein the acquisition unit comprises:

a prompt sub-unit configured to prompt a user to set a content summary for the non-text information, when the non-text information includes no hyperlink; and

a receiving sub-unit configured to receive text information input by the user and use the text information as the content summary of the non-text information.

10. The device for saving IM chat records according to any one of claims 6 to 9, wherein the device further comprises:

a setting unit configured to set, in the data object, a display attribute of the non-text information to visible.