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(57) Abstract

A system (800) includes an e-mail engine which uses a proper protocol to retrieve an e-mail (875) from a first mail store (850) and to store the e-mail (875) in one or more folder structures (138, 140, 142, 144). Upon request, the first mail store (850) may send configuration data indicating the proper protocol to the e-mail engine, which can then properly configure itself. An e-mail synchronization module (885) uses a predetermined criterion to determine whether the e-mail (875) was previously sent and whether to synchronize the e-mail (875) with a second mail store (895). The e-mail synchronization module (885) may also synchronize the e-mail to specified folder structures. The second mail store (895) may be located on a global server (830), which upon proper identification and authentication provides roaming users (805) with access to its contents. A communications module establishes a communications channel through any firewalls (880) with the second mail store. A web engine (890) sends the e-mail via the communications channel to the second mail store (895).

