WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A terminal location obtaining method comprising:

a first terminal transmitting a location-obtaining request to a second terminal,

the second terminal starting a location-determining function to obtain current location information of the second terminal in response to the location-obtaining request, and transmitting the obtained location information of the second terminal to the first terminal, and

the first terminal using the location information of the second terminal as location information of the first terminal, and performing a location-based application operation in accordance with the location information of the first terminal.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first terminal transmitting the location-obtaining request to the second terminal comprises:

the first terminal obtaining communication address information associated with the second terminal from an mDNS server, and

the first terminal transmitting the location-obtaining request to the second terminal in accordance with the communication address information.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the second terminal starting the location-determining function to obtain the current location information of the second terminal in response to the location-obtaining request, and transmitting the obtained location information of the second terminal to the first terminal comprise:

after receiving the location-obtaining request, the second terminal starting a positioning application and obtaining the current location information of the second terminal using the positioning application, the positioning application comprising either a GPS application or a base station positioning application, and

the second terminal transmitting the obtained location information of the second terminal to the first terminal.

4. The method of either claims 2 or 3, comprising, before the first terminal transmitting the location-obtaining request to the second terminal,

the first terminal starting a desktop application, and

when detecting that a function for obtaining location information of the second terminal in a setting of the desktop application has been switched on, the first terminal transmitting the location-obtaining request to the second terminal.

5. A terminal location obtaining method performed by a first terminal, comprising:

transmitting a location-obtaining request to a second terminal so that the second terminal can obtain current location information of the second terminal in response to the location-obtaining request, and return the obtained location information of the second terminal,

receiving the location information of the second terminal and using the location information of the second terminal as location information of the first terminal, and

performing a location-based application operation in accordance with the location information.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein transmitting the location-obtaining request to the second terminal comprises:

obtaining communication address information associated with the second terminal from an mDNS server, and

transmitting the location-obtaining request to the second terminal in accordance with the communication address information.

7. The method of claim 5, comprising, before transmitting the location-obtaining request to the second terminal:

starting a desktop application, and

when detecting that a function for obtaining location information of the second terminal in a setting of the desktop application has been switched on, transmitting the location-obtaining request to the second terminal.

8. A terminal location obtaining method performed by a second terminal, comprising:

when receiving a location-obtaining request made by a first terminal, starting a positioning application to obtain current location information of the second terminal, and

transmitting the current location information of the second terminal to the first terminal so that the first terminal can use the location information of the second terminal as the location information of the first terminal and perform a location-based application operation based on the location terminal of the first terminal.

9. A terminal location obtaining device of a first terminal, comprising:

a transmitting module that transmits a location-obtaining request to a second terminal so that the second terminal can obtain current location information of the second terminal in response to the location-obtaining request and return the obtained location information of the second terminal,

a receiving module that receives the location information of the second terminal, and

a processing module that uses the location information of the second terminal as the location information of the first terminal and performs a location-based application operation based on the location information of the first terminal.

10. The device of claim 9, wherein the transmitting module comprises:

a first transmitting unit that obtains communication address information associated with the second terminal from an mDNS server, and

a second transmitting unit that transmits the location-obtaining request to the second terminal in accordance with the communication address information.

11. The device of claim 10, comprises:

a starting module that starts a desktop application,

wherein the starting module transmits the location-obtaining request to the second terminal when detecting that a function for obtaining location information of the second terminal in a setting of the desktop application has been switched on.

12. A terminal location obtaining device of a second terminal, comprising:

a positioning module that, when receiving a location-obtaining request from a first terminal, starts a positioning function to obtain current location information of the second terminal, and

a feedback module that transmits the obtained current location information of the second terminal to the first terminal so that the first terminal can use the current location information as the location information of the first terminal and perform a location-based application operation in accordance with the location information of the first terminal.

13. A terminal location obtaining system, comprising a first terminal and a second terminal, wherein:

the first terminal transmits a location-obtaining request to a second terminal,

the second terminal starts a location-determining function to obtain current location information of the second terminal in response to the location-obtaining request, and transmits the obtained location information of the second terminal to the first terminal, and

the first terminal uses the location information of the second terminal as location information of the first terminal, and performs a location-based application operation in accordance with the location information of the first terminal.

14. The system of claim 13, comprising an mDNS server, wherein the mDNS server stores at least a domain name and corresponding communication address information associated with the second terminal, and

the first terminal obtains from the mDNS server the communication address information associated with the second terminal, and transmits the location-obtaining request to the second terminal in accordance with the communication address information.

15. The system of claim 14, wherein the second terminal, after receiving the location-obtaining request, starts a positioning application, obtains current location information of the second terminal using the positioning application, the positioning

application comprising either a GPS application or a base station positioning application, and transmits the location information of the second terminal to the first terminal.

16. The system of either claim 14 or 15, wherein the first terminal starts a desktop application and, when detecting that a function for obtaining location information of the second terminal in a setting of the desktop application has been switched on, transmits the location-obtaining request to the second terminal.

17. A non-transitory computer-readable medium of a first terminal, the medium storing a program which, when executed by a processor, performs the steps of:

transmitting a location-obtaining request to a second terminal enabling the second terminal to obtain current location information of the second terminal in response to the location-obtaining request and return the obtained location information of the second terminal,

receiving the location information of the second terminal and using the location information of the second terminal as location information of the first terminal, and

performing a location-based application operation in accordance with the location information.

18. A non-transitory computer-readable medium of a second terminal, the medium storing a program which, when executed by a processor, performs the steps of:

receiving a location-obtaining request made by a first terminal,

starting a positioning application to obtain current location information of the second terminal, and

transmitting the current location information of the second terminal to the first terminal enabling the first terminal to use the location information of the second terminal as the location information of the first terminal and perform a location-based application operation based on the location terminal of the first terminal.

19. A messaging server in communication with a first messaging terminal and a second messaging terminal, the messaging server comprising:

an account log-in module that determines whether the first messaging terminal and the second messaging terminal are logged into a common user account,

a request-receiving module that receives a location-obtaining request from the first messaging terminal,

a location information obtaining module that receives location information uploaded from the second messaging terminal, and

a location information forwarding module that, if both the first messaging terminal and the second messaging terminal are logged into the common user account, forwards the received location information to the first messaging terminal.

20. The messaging server of claim 19, comprising:

a device-type determining module that determines a type of a messaging terminal logged into a user account and, based on the determined type, either obtains location information from the messaging terminal or transmits location information to the messaging terminal.

21. The messaging server of claim 19, wherein the location information obtaining module receives location information from the second messaging terminal either on a regular basis or when the second messaging terminal has moved for a significant distance from a previous location.

22. The messaging server of claim 19, wherein the messaging server communicates with the first messaging terminal and the second messaging terminal using a messaging application, and wherein the user account is associated with the messaging application.

What is claimed is:

1. A terminal location obtaining method performed by a first terminal, comprising:

starting an application on the first terminal, the application comprising a function for obtaining, in a setting of the application, location information of a second terminal;

when detecting that said function has been switched on, transmitting, by the first terminal, a location-obtaining request to the second terminal, so that the second terminal can obtain current location information of the second terminal in response to the location-obtaining request, and return the obtained location information of the second terminal to the first terminal;

receiving the location information of the second terminal, and using the location information of the second terminal as location information of the first terminal, and performing, by the first terminal, a location-based application operation in accordance with the location information.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the location-obtaining request to the second terminal comprises:

obtaining communication address information associated with the second terminal from a multicast Domain Name System (mDNS) server, and

transmitting the location-obtaining request to the second terminal in accordance with the communication address information.

3. The method of claim 1,

wherein the application comprises a desktop application.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the first terminal comprises a PC and the second terminal comprises a mobile communication device.

5. A terminal location obtaining method performed by a second terminal, comprising:

when receiving a location-obtaining request made by a first terminal, starting a positioning application to obtain current location information of the second terminal, and

transmitting the current location information of the second terminal to the first terminal so that the first terminal can use the location information of the second terminal as the location information of the first terminal and perform a location-based application operation based on the location information of the first terminal.

6. The terminal location obtaining method of claim 5, wherein the positioning application comprising either a GPS application or a base station positioning application.

7. A terminal location obtaining device of a first terminal, comprising:

a starting module that starts an application on the first terminal, the application comprising a function for obtaining, in a setting of the application, location information of a second terminal;

a transmitting module that, when the starting module detects that said function has been switched on, transmits a location-obtaining request to the second terminal, so that the second terminal can obtain current location information of the second terminal in response to the location-obtaining request, and return the obtained location information of the second terminal to the first terminal,

a receiving module that receives the location information of the second terminal, and

a processing module that uses the location information of the second terminal as the location information of the first terminal, and performs a location-based application operation based on the location information of the first terminal.

8. The device of claim 7, wherein the transmitting module comprises:

a first transmitting unit that obtains communication address information associated with the second terminal from a multicast Domain Name System (mDNS) server, and

a second transmitting unit that transmits the location-obtaining request to the second terminal in accordance with the communication address information.

9. The device of claim 7,

wherein the application comprises a desktop application.

10. A terminal location obtaining device of a second terminal, comprising:

a positioning module that, when receiving a location-obtaining request from a first terminal, starts a positioning function to obtain current location information of the second terminal, and

a feedback module that transmits the obtained current location information of the second terminal to the first terminal so that the first terminal can use the current location information as the location information of the first terminal and perform a location-based application operation in accordance with the location information of the first terminal.

11. The terminal location obtaining device of claim 10, wherein the positioning application comprising either a GPS application or a base station positioning application.