

prompting a subscriber to block the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

23. The computer-readable medium of claim 22, the instructions further comprising:

accepting the call when the subscriber does not block the call after being prompted.

24. The computer-readable medium of claim 22, the instructions further comprising:

sending the false ringing indication to the caller when the subscriber blocks the call after being prompted.

25. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the call is a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Invite.

26. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the false ringing indication is a Session Initiation Protocol 180 Ringing.

27. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, the instructions further comprising:

responding to the SIP Invite with a SIP 100 Trying.

28. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, the instructions further comprising:

receiving a SIP Cancel.

29. A computer-readable medium encoded with data and instructions, the data and instructions causing an apparatus executing the instructions to:

match caller identification information with an entry in a caller database;

accept a call when the caller identification matches the entry in the caller database;

sending a false ringing indication to the caller when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

30. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, the instructions further comprising:

prompting a subscriber to accept the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

31. The computer-readable medium of claim 30, the instructions further comprising:

sending a false ringing indication to the caller when the subscriber does not accept the call after being prompted.

32. The computer-readable medium of claim 30, the instructions further comprising:

accepting the call when the subscriber accepts the call after being prompted.

33. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the call is a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Invite.

34. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the false ringing indication is a Session Initiation Protocol 180 Ringing.

35. The computer-readable medium of claim 33, the instructions further comprising:

responding to the SIP Invite with a SIP 100 Trying.

36. The computer-readable medium of claim 33, the instructions further comprising:

receiving a SIP Cancel.

37. An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a call from a caller, the call including caller identification information;

means for sending a false ringing indication to the caller when the caller identification information matches an entry in a caller database.

38. The apparatus of claim 37, further comprising: means for accepting the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

39. The apparatus of claim 37, further comprising: means for prompting a subscriber to block the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database.

40. The apparatus of claim 39, further comprising: means for accepting the call when the subscriber does not block the call after being prompted.

41. The apparatus of claim 39, further comprising: means for sending the false ringing indication to the caller when the subscriber blocks the call after being prompted.

42. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the call is a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Invite.

43. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the false ringing indication is a Session Initiation Protocol 180 Ringing.

44. The apparatus of claim 42, further comprising: means for responding to the SIP Invite with a SIP 100 Trying.

45. The apparatus of claim 42, further comprising: means for receiving a SIP Cancel.

46. A method comprising:

receiving a call from a caller, the call including caller identification information;

accepting the call when the caller identification information matches an entry in a caller database;

prompting a subscriber to accept the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database;

sending a false ringing indication to the caller when the subscriber does not accept the call after being prompted.

47. The method of claim 46, further comprising: accepting the call when the subscriber accepts the call after being prompted.

48. The method of claim 46, wherein the call is a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Invite.

49. The method of claim 46, wherein the false ringing indication is a Session Initiation Protocol 180 Ringing.

50. The method of claim 48, further comprising: responding to the SIP Invite with a SIP 100 Trying.

51. The method of claim 48, further comprising: receiving a SIP Cancel.

52. A computer-readable medium encoded with data and instructions, the data and instructions causing an apparatus executing the instructions to:

receive a call from a caller, the call including caller identification information;

accept the call when the caller identification information matches an entry in a call database;

prompt a subscriber to accept the call when the caller identification information does not match the entry in the caller database;

sending a false ringing indication to the caller when the subscriber does not accept the call after being prompted.

53. The computer-readable medium of claim 52, the instructions further comprising:

accepting the call when the subscriber accepts the call after being prompted.

54. The computer-readable medium of claim 52, wherein the call is a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Invite.

55. The computer-readable medium of claim 52, wherein the false ringing indication is a Session Initiation Protocol 180 Ringing.

56. The computer-readable medium of claim 54, the instructions further comprising: responding to the SIP Invite with a SIP 100 Trying.