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1. A method for managing information content in a network-based communication system, the method comprising the steps of:	1. A method for managing information content in a network-based communication system, the method comprising the steps of:
providing a first web-based interface accessible to a first user, the first web-based interface being configured to permit the first user to activate a given mobile information channel for sharing content between the first user and one or more additional users; and	providing a first web-based interface accessible to a first user, the first web-based interface being configured to permit the first user to designate a plurality of other users that will share access to content with the first user, in accordance with accessibility rules established by the first user; and
generating a second web-based interface different than the first web-based interface, wherein the second web-based interface provides each of the one or more additional users access to at least a portion of the shared content via the given mobile information channel to thereby facilitate interaction between the first user and the one or more additional users;	generating a second web-based interface wherein access to the content via the second web-based interface is controlled in accordance with the accessibility rules established by the first user via the first web-based interface.
wherein the given mobile information channel supports messaging between the first user and the one or more additional users over a wireless network; and	
wherein the mobile information channel is configured to permit the first user to send messaging content to the one or more additional users and to receive messaging content from the one or more additional users.	

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11. An apparatus for use in managing information content in a network-based communication system, the apparatus comprising:	17. An apparatus for use in managing information content in a network-based communication system, the apparatus comprising:
a processing element comprising a processor coupled to a memory;	a processing element comprising a processor coupled to a memory;
the processing element providing at least a portion of a first web-based interface accessible to a first user, the first web-based interface being configured to permit the first user to activate a given mobile information channel for sharing content between the first user and one or more additional users;	the processing element providing at least a portion of a first web-based interface accessible to a first user, the first web-based interface being configured to permit the first user to designate a plurality of other users that will share access to content with the first user, in accordance with accessibility rules established by the first user;
the processing element generating a second web-based interface different than the first web-based interface, wherein the second web-based interface provides each of the one or more additional users access to at least a portion of the shared content via the given mobile information channel to thereby facilitate interaction between the first user and the one or more additional users;	the processing element generating a second web-based interface wherein access to the content via the second web-based interface is controlled in accordance with the accessibility rules established by the first user via the first web-based interface.
wherein the given mobile information channel supports messaging between the first user and the one or more additional users over a wireless network; and	
wherein the mobile information channel is configured to permit the first user to send messaging content to the one or more additional users and to receive messaging content from the one or more additional users.	

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15. A network-based communication system, comprising:	20. A network-based communication system, comprising:
a plurality of servers configured to communicate over a network;	a plurality of servers configured to communicate over a network;
at least one of the servers providing at least a portion of a first web-based interface accessible to a first user, the first web-based interface being configured to permit the first user to activate a given mobile information channel for sharing content between the first user and one or more additional users;	at least one of the servers providing at least a portion of a first web-based interface accessible to a first user, the first web-based interface being configured to permit the first user to designate a plurality of other users that will share access to content with the first user, in accordance with accessibility rules established by the first user;
wherein said at least one server generates a second web-based interface different than the first web-based interface, wherein the second web-based interface provides each of the one or more additional users access to at least a portion of the shared content via the given mobile information channel to thereby facilitate interaction between the first user and the one or more additional users;	wherein said at least one server generates a second web-based interface wherein access to the content via the second web-based interface is controlled in accordance with the accessibility rules established by the first user via the first web-based interface.
wherein the given mobile information channel supports messaging between the first user and the one or more additional users over a wireless network; and	
wherein the mobile information channel is configured to permit the first user to send messaging content to the one or more additional users and to receive messaging content from the one or more additional users.	

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27. A method comprising:	16. A method for managing information content in a network-based communication system, the method comprising the steps of:
generating a given mobile information channel for sharing content authored by a first user with one or more additional users; and	providing a first web site accessible to a user of the communication system, the first web site being configured to permit the user to designate at least one data source; and
providing each of the one or more additional users access to at least a portion of the shared content via the given mobile information channel to facilitate interaction between the first and additional users;	generating a second web site, the second web site being accessible independently of the first web site via one or more mobile devices, the second web site being configured to receive data automatically from the data source designated by the user at the first web site.
wherein the given mobile information channel supports messaging between the first user and the one or more additional users over a wireless network; and	
wherein the mobile information channel is configured to permit the first user to send messaging content to the one or more additional users and to receive messaging content from the one or more additional users.	