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Digital financial management with account balance preview by paired user-authorized second client device without user authentication

Abstract

An apparatus, computing device, computer program product, and a computer-implemented method for delivering financial services and, more particularly, for facilitating enhanced network communication between a user and a financial institution. The computing device is operable to detect a first client device executing a mobile application associated with a financial institution over a communication network. The computing device is then operable to cause, based on the detection and without user authentication, display of a graphical user interface to visually display on a user interface of a paired, user-authorized client device, an account balance preview of one or more financial accounts held by the user at the financial institution.

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Background/Summary

TECHNICAL FIELD

(1) The present disclosure relates to an apparatus, computing device, computer program product, and computer-implemented method for delivering financial services and, more particularly, for facilitating enhanced network communication between a user and a financial institution in a manner that enables selective preview of one or more user account balances by a paired user-authorized second client device without receipt of user authentication credentials.

BACKGROUND

(2) Financial institutions that provide mobile financial services require that a user, upon launching a financial institution mobile application on a client device, under a user authentication process to gain entry and have access to one or more account balances at the financial institution. Completion

of the authentication process generally requires that the user provide one or more user credentials (PIN, biometric data, etc.).

SUMMARY

(3) One or more embodiments of the present disclosure relate to a communication environment that facilitates enhanced communication between a financial institution, a first client device, and a paired, second client device over a communication network. Such enhanced communication is in support of user access and user management of one or more financial accounts at the financial institution.

(4) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, illustrated, and described herein, upon a detection, by one or more financial institution servers associated with a financial institution, of a launching or execution of a mobile application associated with the financial institution (“financial institution mobile application”) by a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at the financial institution, the user may enable selective preview of one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts. The selective preview is enabled not only for the first client device, but also any user-authorized second client device that is actively paired with the first client device. Such selective preview of account balances by the first client device and the user-authorized second client device is accomplished without entering user authentication credentials or otherwise logging into the financial institution mobile application.

(5) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, illustrated, and described herein, an apparatus comprises one or more of the following: one or more processors; and a non-transitory memory coupled to the one or more processors, the non-transitory memory including a set of instructions of computer-executable program code, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the apparatus to: detect execution of a mobile application associated with a financial institution on a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at the financial institution; detect, responsive to the detection of the execution of the mobile application, a pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized second client device; and cause, based on the detection of the pairing, display of a graphical user interface on a user interface of the user-authorized second client device to visually display one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts.

(6) In accordance with the apparatus, the set of instructions, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the apparatus to concurrently detect execution of the mobile application and detect the pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized second client device.

(7) In accordance with the apparatus, the user-authorized second client device comprises a wearable electronic device worn by the user.

(8) In accordance with the apparatus, the wearable electronic device comprises a smartwatch.

(9) In accordance with the apparatus, the set of instructions, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the apparatus to conduct, temporally before displaying the graphical user interface, user profile analysis of user profile data that is stored in the non-transitory memory to determine whether the account balance preview is enabled by the user.

(10) In accordance with the apparatus, the graphical user interface is displayed in response to a determination that the account balance preview is enabled.

(11) In accordance with the apparatus, the graphical user interface is displayed on the user-authorized second client device without receipt of user authentication credentials.

(12) In accordance with the apparatus, the apparatus comprises a computing device.

(13) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, illustrated, and described herein, a computer program product comprising at least one non-transitory computer readable medium having with a set of instructions of computer-executable program code, which when executed by one or more processors of a computing device, cause the computing device to perform one or more of the following: detect execution of a mobile application associated with a financial institution on a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at the financial institution;

detect, responsive to the detection of the execution of the mobile application, a pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized second client device; and cause, based on the detection of the pairing, display of a graphical user interface on a user interface of the user-authorized second client device to visually display one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts.

(14) In accordance with the computer program product, the set of instructions, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to concurrently detect execution of the mobile application and detect the pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized second client device.

(15) In accordance with the computer program product, the user-authorized second client device comprises a wearable electronic device worn by the user.

(16) In accordance with the computer program product, the wearable electronic device comprises a smartwatch.

(17) In accordance with the computer program product, the set of instructions, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to conduct, temporally before displaying the graphical user interface, user profile analysis of user profile data that is stored in the non-transitory memory to determine whether the account balance preview is enabled by the user.

(18) In accordance with the computer program product, the graphical user interface is displayed in response to a determination that the account balance preview is enabled.

(19) In accordance with the computer program product, the graphical user interface is displayed on the user-authorized second client device without receipt of user authentication credentials.

(20) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, illustrated, and described herein, a computer-implemented method comprises one or more of the following: detecting, by one or more financial institution servers associated with a financial institution, execution of a mobile application associated with a financial institution on a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at the financial institution; detecting, by the one or more financial institution servers in response to the detection of the execution of the mobile application, a pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized second client device; and causing, by the one or more financial institution servers based on the detection of the pairing, display of a graphical user interface on a user interface of the user-authorized second client device to visually display one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts.

(21) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, further comprising concurrently detecting, by the one or more financial institution servers, execution of the mobile application and detect the pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized second client device.

(22) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, the user-authorized second client device comprises a wearable electronic device worn by the user.

(23) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, the wearable electronic device comprises a smartwatch.

(24) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, further comprising conducting, by the one or more financial institution servers temporally before displaying the graphical user interface, user profile analysis of user profile data that is stored in the non-transitory memory to determine whether the account balance preview is enabled by the user.

(25) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, the graphical user interface is displayed in response to a determination that the account balance preview is enabled.

(26) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, the graphical user interface is displayed on the user-authorized second client device without receipt of user authentication credentials.

(27) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, illustrated, and described herein, an apparatus comprises one or more of the following: one or more processors; and a non-transitory memory coupled to the one or more processors, the non-transitory memory including a set of

instructions of computer-executable program code, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the apparatus to: detect execution of a mobile application associated with the financial institution on a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at the financial institution; detect upon a determination that the user has enabled account balance preview without user authentication, pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized, second client device; cause in response to the detection of the pairing and without receipt of user authentication credentials, display of a GUI on a user interface of the user-authorized second client device to visually display one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts.

(28) In accordance with the apparatus, the set of instructions, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the apparatus to concurrently detect execution of the mobile application and detect the pairing between the first client device and the user-authorized second client device.

(29) In accordance with the apparatus, the user-authorized second client device comprises a wearable electronic device worn by the user.

(30) In accordance with the apparatus, the wearable electronic device comprises a smartwatch.

(31) In accordance with the apparatus, the set of instructions, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the apparatus to conduct, temporally before displaying the graphical user interface, user profile analysis of user profile data that is stored in the non-transitory memory to determine whether the account balance preview is enabled by the user.

(32) In accordance with the apparatus, the graphical user interface is displayed in response to a determination that the account balance preview is enabled.

(33) In accordance with the apparatus, the graphical user interface is displayed on the user-authorized second client device without receipt of user authentication credentials.

(34) In accordance with the apparatus, the apparatus comprises a computing device.

(35) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, illustrated, and described herein, a computer program product comprising at least one non-transitory computer readable medium having with a set of instructions of computer-executable program code, which when executed by one or more processors of a computing device, cause the computing device to perform one or more of the following: detect execution of a mobile application associated with the financial institution on a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at the financial institution; detect upon a determination that the user has enabled account balance preview without user authentication, pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized, second client device; cause in response to the detection of the pairing and without receipt of user authentication credentials, display of a GUI on a user interface of the user-authorized second client device to visually display one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts.

(36) In accordance with the computer program product, the set of instructions, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to concurrently detect execution of the mobile application and detect the pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized second client device.

(37) In accordance with the computer program product, the user-authorized second client device comprises a wearable electronic device worn by the user.

(38) In accordance with the computer program product, the wearable electronic device comprises a smartwatch.

(39) In accordance with the computer program product, the set of instructions, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to conduct, temporally before displaying the graphical user interface, user profile analysis of user profile data that is stored in the non-transitory memory to determine whether the account balance preview is enabled by the user.

(40) In accordance with the computer program product, the graphical user interface is displayed in response to a determination that the account balance preview is enabled.

(41) In accordance with the computer program product, the graphical user interface is displayed on

the user-authorized second client device without receipt of user authentication credentials.

(42) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, illustrated, and described herein, a computer-implemented method comprises one or more of the following: detecting, by one or more financial institution servers associated with a financial institution, execution of a mobile application associated with the financial institution on a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at the financial institution; detecting, by the one or more financial institution servers when the one or more financial institution servers determine that the user has enabled account balance preview without user authentication, pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized, second client device; and causing, by the one or more financial institution servers in response to the detection of the pairing and without receipt of user authentication credentials, display of a GUI on a user interface of the user-authorized second client device to visually display one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts.

(43) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, further comprising concurrently detecting, by the one or more financial institution servers, execution of the mobile application and detect the pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized second client device.

(44) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, the user-authorized second client device comprises a wearable electronic device worn by the user.

(45) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, the wearable electronic device comprises a smartwatch.

(46) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, further comprising conducting, by the one or more financial institution servers temporally before displaying the graphical user interface, user profile analysis of user profile data that is stored in the non-transitory memory to determine whether the account balance preview is enabled by the user.

(47) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, the graphical user interface is displayed in response to a determination that the account balance preview is enabled.

(48) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, the graphical user interface is displayed on the user-authorized second client device without receipt of user authentication credentials.

(49) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, illustrated, and described herein, an apparatus comprises one or more of the following: one or more processors; and a non-transitory memory coupled to the one or more processors, the non-transitory memory including a set of instructions of computer-executable program code, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the apparatus to: detect a current geographic location of a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at a financial institution, and a user-authorized second client device; conduct analysis of sensor data, wireless network data, and stored data; calculate, based on the detected current geographic position of the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device, a current distance (D_c) between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device; conduct a comparison between the calculated distance (D_c) and the predetermined threshold distance (D_t) between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device; determine whether the calculated distance (D_c) is maintained for a predetermined threshold time period (T_t) when the calculated distance (D_c) is less than or equal to the predetermined threshold distance (D_t); cause a pairing between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device when the calculated distance (D_c) is maintained for the predetermined threshold time period (T_t); and cause, in response to the pairing and without receipt of user authentication credentials, display of a GUI on a user interface of the user-authorized second client device to visually display one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts.

(50) In accordance with the apparatus, the set of instructions, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the apparatus to concurrently detect execution of the mobile application and detect the pairing between the first client device and the user-authorized second client device.

- (51) In accordance with the apparatus, the user-authorized second client device comprises a wearable electronic device worn by the user.
- (52) In accordance with the apparatus, the wearable electronic device comprises a smartwatch.
- (53) In accordance with the apparatus, the set of instructions, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the apparatus to conduct, temporally before displaying the graphical user interface, user profile analysis of user profile data that is stored in the non-transitory memory to determine whether the account balance preview is enabled by the user.
- (54) In accordance with the apparatus, the graphical user interface is displayed in response to a determination that the account balance preview is enabled.
- (55) In accordance with the apparatus, the graphical user interface is displayed on the user-authorized second client device without receipt of user authentication credentials.
- (56) In accordance with the apparatus, the apparatus comprises a computing device.
- (57) In accordance with the apparatus, the analysis comprises determining, by the one or more financial institution servers, a current spatial proximity between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device.
- (58) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, illustrated, and described herein, a computer program product comprising at least one non-transitory computer readable medium having with a set of instructions of computer-executable program code, which when executed by one or more processors of a computing device, cause the computing device to perform one or more of the following: detect a current geographic location of a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at a financial institution, and a user-authorized second client device; conduct analysis of sensor data, wireless network data, and stored data; calculate, based on the detected current geographic position of the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device, a current distance (D_c) between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device; conduct a comparison between the calculated distance (D_c) and the predetermined threshold distance (D_t) between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device; determine whether the calculated distance (D_c) is maintained for a predetermined threshold time period (T_t) when the calculated distance (D_c) is less than or equal to the predetermined threshold distance (D_t); cause a pairing between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device when the calculated distance (D_c) is maintained for the predetermined threshold time period (T_t); and cause, in response to the pairing and without receipt of user authentication credentials, display of a GUI on a user interface of the user-authorized second client device to visually display one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts.
- (59) In accordance with the computer program product, the set of instructions, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to concurrently detect execution of the mobile application and detect the pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized second client device.
- (60) In accordance with the computer program product, the user-authorized second client device comprises a wearable electronic device worn by the user.
- (61) In accordance with the computer program product, the wearable electronic device comprises a smartwatch.
- (62) In accordance with the computer program product, the set of instructions, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the computing device to conduct, temporally before displaying the graphical user interface, user profile analysis of user profile data that is stored in the non-transitory memory to determine whether the account balance preview is enabled by the user.
- (63) In accordance with the computer program product, the graphical user interface is displayed in response to a determination that the account balance preview is enabled.
- (64) In accordance with the computer program product, the graphical user interface is displayed on the user-authorized second client device without receipt of user authentication credentials.
- (65) In accordance with the apparatus, the analysis comprises determining, by the one or more

financial institution servers, a current spatial proximity between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device.

(66) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, illustrated, and described herein, a computer-implemented method comprises one or more of the following: detecting, by one or more financial institution servers associated with a financial institution, a current geographic location of a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at the financial institution, and a user-authorized second client device; conducting, by the one or more financial institution servers, analysis of sensor data, wireless network data, and stored data; calculating, by the one or more financial institution servers based on the detected current geographic position of the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device, a current distance (D_c) between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device; conducting, by the one or more financial institution servers, a comparison between the calculated distance (D_c) and the predetermined threshold distance (D_t) between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device; determining whether the calculated distance (D_c) is maintained for a predetermined threshold time period (T_t) when the calculated distance (D_c) is less than or equal to the predetermined threshold distance (D_t); causing, by the one or more financial institution servers, a pairing between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device when the calculated distance (D_c) is maintained for the predetermined threshold time period (T_t); and causing, by the one or more financial institution servers in response to the pairing and without receipt of user authentication credentials, display of a GUI on a user interface of the user-authorized second client device to visually display one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts.

(67) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, further comprising concurrently detecting, by the one or more financial institution servers, execution of the mobile application and detect the pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized second client device.

(68) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, the user-authorized second client device comprises a wearable electronic device worn by the user.

(69) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, the wearable electronic device comprises a smartwatch.

(70) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, further comprising conducting, by the one or more financial institution servers temporally before displaying the graphical user interface, user profile analysis of user profile data that is stored in the non-transitory memory to determine whether the account balance preview is enabled by the user.

(71) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, the graphical user interface is displayed in response to a determination that the account balance preview is enabled.

(72) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, the graphical user interface is displayed on the user-authorized second client device without receipt of user authentication credentials.

(73) In accordance with the computer-implemented method, the analysis comprises determining, by the one or more financial institution servers, a current spatial proximity between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device.

Description

DRAWINGS

(1) The various advantages of the exemplary embodiments will become apparent to one skilled in the art by reading the following specification and appended claims, and by referencing the following drawings, in which:

(2) FIG. 1 illustrates a communication environment, in accordance with one or more embodiments set forth and described herein.

- (3) FIG. 2 illustrates a block diagram of the client device of FIG. 1.
- (4) FIG. 3 illustrates a block diagram of the one or more financial institution servers of FIG. 1.
- (5) FIG. 4 illustrates a user interface of the client device of FIG. 1.
- (6) FIG. 5 illustrates a user profile registration dashboard for visual display on the user interface of FIG. 4.
- (7) FIGS. 6 and 7 respectively illustrate a user profile settings dashboard for visual display on the user interface of FIG. 4.
- (8) FIG. 8 illustrates a user account dashboard for visual display on the user interface of FIG. 4.
- (9) FIG. 9 illustrates a user profile settings dashboard for visual display on the user interface of FIG. 4.
- (10) FIG. 10 illustrates a user interface of the client device of FIG. 1 that includes a financial institution home dashboard, in accordance with one or more embodiments set forth and described herein.
- (11) FIG. 11 illustrates a balance preview dashboard having one or more tiles that visually display one or more user account balances without user authentication, in accordance with one or more embodiments set forth and described herein.
- (12) FIGS. 12 through 15 respectively illustrate a computer-implemented method, in accordance with one or more embodiments set forth and described herein.

DESCRIPTION

- (13) Hereinbelow are example definitions that are provided only for illustrative purposes in this disclosure, and should not be construed to limit the scope of the one or more embodiments disclosed herein in any manner. Some terms are defined below for purposes of clarity. These terms are not rigidly restricted to these definitions. This disclosure contemplates that these terms and other terms may also be defined by their use in the context of this description.
- (14) As used herein, “application” relates to software used on a computer (usually by a client and/or client device and can be applications that are targeted or supported by specific classes of machine, such as a mobile application, desktop application, tablet application, and/or enterprise application (e.g., client device application(s) on a client device). Applications may be separated into applications which reside on a client device (e.g., VPN, PowerPoint, Excel) and cloud applications which may reside in the cloud (e.g., Gmail, GitHub). Cloud applications may correspond to applications on the client device or may be other types such as social media applications (e.g., Facebook).
- (15) As used herein, “artificial intelligence (AI)” relates to one or more computer system operable to perform one or more tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages.
- (16) As used herein, “dynamically” relates to events or actions that can be caused, triggered, or otherwise occur without human intervention.
- (17) As used herein, “machine learning” relates to an application of AI that provides computer systems the ability to automatically learn and improve from data and experience without being explicitly programmed.
- (18) As used herein, “computer” relates to a single computer or to a system of interacting computers. A computer is a combination of a hardware system, a software operating system and perhaps one or more software application programs. Examples of a computer include without limitation a personal computer (PC), laptop computer, a smart phone, a cell phone, or a wireless tablet.
- (19) As used herein, “client device” relates to any device associated with a user, including personal computers, laptops, tablets, and/or mobile smartphones.
- (20) As used herein, “modules” relates to either software modules (e.g., code embodied on a machine-readable medium or in a transmission signal) or hardware modules. Certain embodiments are described herein as including logic or a number of components, modules, or mechanisms. A

“hardware module” (or just “hardware”) as used herein is a tangible unit capable of performing certain operations and may be configured or arranged in a certain physical manner. In various example embodiments, one or more computer systems (e.g., a standalone computer system, a client computer system, or a server computer system) or one or more hardware modules of a computer system (e.g., a processor or a group of processors) may be configured by software (e.g., an application or application portion) as a hardware module that operates to perform certain operations as described herein. In some embodiments, a hardware module may be implemented mechanically, electronically, or any suitable combination thereof. For example, a hardware module may include dedicated circuitry or logic that is permanently configured to perform certain operations. For example, a hardware module may be a special-purpose processor, such as an FPGA or an ASIC. A hardware module may also include programmable logic or circuitry that is temporarily configured by software to perform certain operations. A hardware module may include software encompassed within a general-purpose processor or other programmable processor. It will be appreciated that the decision to implement a hardware module mechanically, in dedicated and permanently configured circuitry, or in temporarily configured circuitry (e.g., configured by software) may be driven by cost and time considerations. Accordingly, the phrase “hardware module” should be understood to encompass a tangible entity, be that an entity that is physically constructed, permanently configured (e.g., hardwired), or temporarily configured (e.g., programmed) to operate in a certain manner or to perform certain operations described herein. As used herein, “hardware-implemented module” refers to a hardware module. Considering embodiments in which hardware modules are temporarily configured (e.g., programmed), each of the hardware modules need not be configured or instantiated at any one instance in time. For example, where a hardware module comprises a general-purpose processor configured by software to become a special-purpose processor, the general-purpose processor may be configured as respectively different special-purpose processors (e.g., comprising different hardware modules) at different times. Software may accordingly configure a processor, for example, to constitute a particular hardware module at one instance of time and to constitute a different hardware module at a different instance of time. Hardware modules can provide information to, and receive information from, other hardware modules. Accordingly, the described hardware modules may be regarded as being communicatively coupled. Where multiple hardware modules exist contemporaneously, communications may be achieved through signal transmission (e.g., over appropriate circuits and buses) between or among two or more of the hardware modules. In embodiments in which multiple hardware modules are configured or instantiated at different times, communications between such hardware modules may be achieved, for example, through the storage and retrieval of information in memory structures to which the multiple hardware modules have access.

(21) As used herein, “network” or “networks” relates to any combination of electronic communication networks, including without limitation the Internet, a local area network (LAN), a wide area network, a wireless network, and a cellular network (e.g., 4G, 5G).

(22) As used herein, “processes” or “methods” are presented in terms of processes (or methods) or symbolic representations of operations on data stored as bits or binary digital signals within a machine memory (e.g., a computer memory). These processes or symbolic representations are examples of techniques used by those of ordinary skill in the data processing arts to convey the substance of their work to others skilled in the art. As used herein, a “process” is a self-consistent sequence of operations or similar processing leading to a desired result. In this context, processes and operations involve physical manipulation of physical quantities. Typically, but not necessarily, such quantities may take the form of electrical, magnetic, or optical signals capable of being stored, accessed, transferred, combined, compared, or otherwise manipulated by a machine. It is convenient at times, principally for reasons of common usage, to refer to such signals using words such as “data,” “content,” “bits,” “values,” “elements,” “symbols,” “characters,” “terms,” “numbers,” “numerals,” or the like. Unless specifically stated otherwise, discussions herein using

words such as “processing,” “computing,” “calculating,” “determining,” “presenting,” “displaying,” or the like may refer to actions or processes of a machine (e.g., a computer) that manipulates or transforms data represented as physical (e.g., electronic, magnetic, or optical) quantities within one or more memories (e.g., volatile memory, non-volatile memory, or any suitable combination thereof), registers, or other machine components that receive, store, transmit, or display information.

(23) As used herein, “processor-Implemented module” relates to a hardware module implemented using one or more processors. The various operations of example methods described herein may be performed, at least partially, by one or more processors that are temporarily configured (e.g., by software) or permanently configured to perform the relevant operations. Whether temporarily or permanently configured, such processors may constitute processor-implemented modules that operate to perform one or more operations or functions described herein.

(24) As used herein, “server” relates to a server computer or group of computers that acts to provide a service for a certain function or access to a network resource. A server may be a physical server, a hosted server in a virtual environment, or software code running on a platform.

(25) As used herein, “service” or “application” relates to an online server (or set of servers), and can refer to a web site and/or web application.

(26) As used herein, “software” relates to a set of instructions and associated documentations that tells a computer what to do or how to perform a task. Software includes all different software programs on a computer, such as applications and the operating system. A software application could be written in substantially any suitable programming language, which could easily be selected by one of ordinary skill in the art. The programming language chosen should be compatible with the computer by which the software application is to be executed and, in particular, with the operating system of that computer. Examples of suitable programming languages include without limitation Object Pascal, C, C++, CGI, Java, and Java Scripts. Further, the functions of some embodiments, when described as a series of steps for a method, could be implemented as a series of software instructions for being operated by a processor, such that the embodiments could be implemented as software, hardware, or a combination thereof.

(27) As used herein, “sensor” relates to any device, component and/or system that can perform one or more of detecting, determining, assessing, monitoring, measuring, quantifying, and sensing something.

(28) As used herein, “real-time” relates to a level of processing responsiveness that a user, module, or system senses as sufficiently immediate for a particular process or determination to be made, or that enables the processor to keep up with some external process.

(29) As used herein, “user” relates to a consumer, machine entity, and/or requesting party, and may be human or machine.

(30) As used herein, “widget” relates to a graphical user interface (GUI) comprising electronic visual tiles that may be added to a home screen dashboard that are bigger than a regular application icon and have additional functionality. The widget may include shortcuts directly to popular features within a financial application.

(31) A communication that facilitates enhanced user environment communication with a financial institution in support of user access and user management of one or more financial accounts at the financial institution. Upon the launching of a dashboard of financial institution on a client device, a user may transmit data related to the one or more financial accounts, and also receive data and information on one or more branch employees based on the geographic location of the user, or a user request or query for one or more financial services that are offered by the financial institution. Such data may be encrypted during communications between the first client device, the user-authorized, second client device, and the one or more financial services.

(32) Turning to the figures, in which FIG. 1 illustrates a communication environment in which a user communicates with a financial institution over a communications network. A client device **100**

that may include a first client device **100a** and a second client device **100b** operating in the communication environment facilitates user access to and user management of one or more financial accounts at one or more financial institution servers **200** of the financial institution. The communication environment includes the first client device **100b**, the second client device **100b**, the one or more financial institution servers **200**, and a communication network **300** through which communication is facilitated between the first client device **100a**, the second client device **100b**, and the one or more financial institution servers **200**.

(33) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, the first client device **100a** and the second client device **100b** respectively comprises a computing device, including but not limited to a desktop computer, a laptop computer, a smart phone, a handheld personal computer, a workstation, a game console, a cellular phone, a mobile device, a personal computing device, a wearable electronic device, a smartwatch, smart eyewear, a tablet computer, a convertible tablet computer, or any other electronic, microelectronic, or micro-electromechanical device for processing and communicating data. This disclosure contemplates the first client device **100a** and the second client device **100b** respectively comprising any form of electronic device that optimizes or otherwise transforms the performance and functionality of the one or more embodiments in a manner that falls within the spirit and scope of the principles of this disclosure.

(34) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, each server in the one or more financial institution servers **200** comprises a computing device, including but not limited to a desktop computer, a laptop computer, a smart phone, a handheld personal computer, a workstation, a game console, a cellular phone, a mobile device, a personal computing device, a wearable electronic device, a smartwatch, smart eyewear, a tablet computer, a convertible tablet computer, or any other electronic, microelectronic, or micro-electromechanical device for processing and communicating data. This disclosure contemplates the one or more financial institution servers **200** comprising any form of electronic device that optimizes or otherwise transforms the performance and functionality of the one or more embodiments in a manner that falls within the spirit and scope of the principles of this disclosure.

(35) In the illustrated example embodiment of FIGS. **1** through **3**, the first client device **100a** comprises a mobile device, and the second client device **100b** comprises a wearable device worn by the user, such as, for example, a smartwatch. Some of the possible operational elements of the first client device **100a** and the second client device **100b** are illustrated in FIGS. **2** and **3** and will now be described herein. It will be understood that it is not necessary for the first client device **100a** to have all the elements illustrated in FIG. **2**, or the second client device **100b** to have all the elements illustrated in FIG. **3**. For example, the first client device **100a** may have any combination of the various elements illustrated in FIG. **2**, and the second client device **100b** may have any combination of the various elements illustrated in FIG. **3**. Moreover, the first client device **100a** may have additional elements to those illustrated in FIG. **2**, and the second client device **100b** may have additional elements to those illustrated in FIG. **3**.

(36) The first client device **100a** and the second client device **100b** respectively include one or more processors **110a**, **110b**, a non-transitory memory **120a**, **120b** operatively coupled to the one or more processors **110a**, **110b**, an I/O hub **130a**, **130b**, a network interface **140a**, **140b**, and a power source **150a**, **150b**.

(37) The non-transitory memory **120a**, **120b** comprises a set of instructions of computer-executable program code. The set of instructions are executable by the one or more processors **110a**, **110b** to cause execution of an operating system **121a**, **121b** and one or more software applications of a software application module **122a**, **122b** that reside in the non-transitory memory **120a**, **120b**. The one or more software applications residing in the non-transitory memory **120a**, **120b** may include, but is not limited to, a financial institution application that is associated with the financial institution. The financial institution application comprises a mobile application that facilitates

establishment of a secure connection between the first client device **100a**, the second client device **100b**, and the one or more financial institution servers **200**. The one or more processors **110a**, **110b** are operable to execute the mobile application to facilitate user access to the one or more financial accounts and user management of the one or more financial accounts.

(38) The non-transitory memory **120a**, **120b** also includes one or more data stores **123a**, **123b** that are operable to store one or more types of data. The first client device **100a** and the second client device **100b** may respectively include one or more interfaces that facilitate one or more systems or modules thereof to transform, manage, retrieve, modify, add, or delete, the data residing in the data stores **123a**, **123b**. The one or more data stores **123a**, **123b** may comprise volatile and/or non-volatile memory. Examples of suitable data stores **123** include, but are not limited to RAM (Random Access Memory), flash memory, ROM (Read Only Memory), PROM (Programmable Read-Only Memory), EPROM (Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory), EEPROM (Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory), registers, magnetic disks, optical disks, hard drives, or any other suitable non-transitory storage medium, or any combination thereof. The one or more data stores **123a**, **123b** may be a component of the one or more processors **110a**, **110b**, or alternatively, may be operatively connected to the one or more processors **110a**, **110b** for use thereby. As set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, “operatively connected” may include direct or indirect connections, including connections without direct physical contact.

(39) The non-transitory memory **120a**, **120b** also includes an SMS module **124a**, **124b** operable to facilitate user transmission and receipt of text messages via the first client device **100a** and the second client device **100b** through the communication network **300**. In one example embodiment, a user may receive text messages from the financial institution that are associated with the user access and the user management of the one or more financial accounts. An email module **125a**, **125b** is operable to facilitate user transmission and receipt of email messages via the first client device **100a** and the second client device **100b** through the communication network **300**. In one example embodiment, a user may receive email messages from the financial institution that are associated with the user access and the user management of the one or more financial accounts. A user may utilize a web browser module **126a**, **126b** that is operable to facilitate user access to one or more websites associated with the financial institution through the communication network **300**.

(40) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, the first client device **100a** and the second client device **100b** includes an I/O hub **130a**, **130b** operatively connected to other systems and subsystems of the first client device **100a** and the second client device **100b**. The I/O system **130a**, **130b** may include one or more of an input interface, an output interface, and a network controller to facilitate communications between the first client device **100a**, the second client device **100b**, and the server **200**. The input interface and the output interface may be integrated as a single, unitary user interface **131a**, **131b**, or alternatively, be separate as independent interfaces that are operatively connected.

(41) As used herein, the input interface is defined as any device, software, component, system, element, or arrangement or groups thereof that enable information and/or data to be entered as input commands by a user in a manner that directs the one or more processors **110a**, **110b** to execute instructions. The input interface may comprise a user interface (UI), a GUI, such as, for example, display, human-machine interface (HMI), or the like. Embodiments, however, are not limited thereto, and thus, this disclosure contemplates the input interface comprising a keypad, touch screen, multi-touch screen, button, joystick, mouse, trackball, microphone and/or combinations thereof.

(42) As used herein, the output interface is defined as any device, software, component, system, element or arrangement or groups thereof that enable information/data to be presented to a user. The output interface may comprise one or more of a visual display or an audio display, including, but not limited to, a microphone, earphone, and/or speaker. One or more components of the client device **100** may serve as both a component of the input interface and a component of the output

interface.

(43) The first client device **100a** and the second client device **100b** includes a network interface **140a**, **140b** operable to facilitate connection to the communication network **300**. The first client device **100a** and the second client device **100b** also include a power source **150a**, **150b** that comprises a wired powered source, a wireless power source, a replaceable battery source, or a rechargeable battery source. A wireless communication module **160a** facilitates wireless communication and wireless pairing between the first client device **100a** and another, third-party mobile device in a manner that facilitates a wireless exchange of data and information between the first client device **100a** and a paired third-party mobile device. The wireless communication module **160b** facilitates wireless communication and wireless pairing between the second client device **100b** and another, third-party mobile device in a manner that facilitates a wireless exchange of data and information between the second client device **100b** and a paired third-party mobile device.

(44) As illustrated in FIG. 4, the one or more financial institution servers **200** includes one or more processors **210**, a non-transitory memory **220** operatively coupled to the one or more processors **210**, a network interface **230**, a sensor module **240**, and a machine learning (ML) module **250**. Some of the possible operational elements of each server in the one or more financial institution servers **200** are illustrated in FIG. 4 and will now be described herein. It will be understood that it is not necessary for each server in the one or more financial institution servers **200** to have all the elements illustrated in FIG. 4. For example, each server in the one or more financial institution servers **200** may have any combination of the various elements illustrated in FIG. 4. Moreover, each server in the one or more financial institution servers **200** may have additional elements to those illustrated in FIG. 4.

(45) The one or more financial institution servers **200** may be controlled by a system manager (or policy manager) of the financial institution.

(46) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, the one or more financial institution servers **200** may comprise a computing device, including but not limited to a server computer, a desktop computer, a laptop computer, a smart phone, a handheld personal computer, a workstation, a game console, a cellular phone, a mobile device, a personal computing device, a wearable electronic device, a smartwatch, smart eyewear, a tablet computer, a convertible tablet computer, or any other electronic, microelectronic, or micro-electromechanical device for processing and communicating data. This disclosure contemplates the one or more financial institution servers **200** comprising any form of electronic device that optimizes or otherwise transforms the performance and functionality of the one or more embodiments in a manner that falls within the spirit and scope of the principles of this disclosure. The memory **220** comprises a set of instructions of computer-executable program code. The set of instructions are executable by the one or more processors **210** in manner that facilitates control of a user authentication module **222** and a mobile financial institution application module **223** having one or more mobile financial institution applications that reside in the memory **220**. In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, the one or more financial institution servers **200** may individually or collectively execute the instructions to perform any one or more of the methodologies set forth, described, and illustrated herein.

(47) The memory **220** also includes one or more data stores **221** that are operable to store one or more types of data, including but not limited to, user account data, user authentication data, sensor data, etc. The one or more data stores **221** may comprise volatile and/or non-volatile memory. Examples of suitable data stores **221** include, but are not limited to RAM (Random Access Memory), flash memory, ROM (Read Only Memory), PROM (Programmable Read-Only Memory), EPROM (Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory), EEPROM (Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory), registers, magnetic disks, optical disks, hard drives, or any other suitable non-transitory storage medium, or any combination thereof. The one or more

data stores **221** may be a component of the one or more processors **210**, or alternatively, may be operatively connected to the one or more processors **210** for use thereby. As set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, “operatively connected” may include direct or indirect connections, including connections without direct physical contact.

(48) The memory **220** may include a single machine-readable medium, or a plurality of media (e.g., a centralized or distributed database, or associated caches and servers) operable to store the instructions. The term “machine-readable medium” shall also be taken to include any medium, or combination of multiple media, that is capable of storing instructions (e.g., software) for execution by a server (e.g., server), such that the instructions, when executed by the one or more processors **210**, cause the server(s) to perform any one or more of the methodologies set forth, described, and illustrated herein. Accordingly, a “machine-readable medium” refers to a single storage apparatus or device, as well as “cloud-based” storage systems or storage networks that include multiple storage apparatus or devices. The term “machine-readable medium” shall accordingly be taken to include, but not be limited to, one or more data repositories in the form of a solid-state memory, an optical medium, a magnetic medium, or any suitable combination thereof.

(49) The computer-executable program code may instruct the one or more processors **210** to execute certain logic, data-processing, and data-storing functions of the one or more financial institution servers **200**, in addition to certain communication functions of the one or more financial institution servers **200**. The one or more mobile financial institution applications of the mobile financial institution application module **223** are operable to communicate with the first client device **100a** and/or the second client device **100b** in a manner which facilitates user access to the one or more financial accounts in addition to user management of the one or more financial accounts based on successful user authentication. The data and information exchanged between the first client device **100a**, the user-authorized second client device **100b**, and the one or more financial institution servers **200** may be encrypted during communications therebetween.

(50) The sensor module **240** is operable, at least during execution of the mobile application by the client device **100**, to dynamically detect, determine, assess, monitor, measure, quantify, and/or sense information about the first client device **100a** and the second client device **100b**. The sensor module **240** may be operable to detect, determine, assess, monitor, measure, quantify and/or sense in real-time. The sensor module **240** may be operable to detect, determine, assess, monitor, measure, quantify, and/or sense geographic location information about the geographic location of the first client device **100a** and the second client device **100b**.

(51) The ML module **250** may include one or more ML algorithms to train one or more machine learning models of the one or more financial institution servers **200** based on data and/or information resided in the memory **220**. The ML algorithms may include one or more of a linear regression algorithm, a logical regression algorithm, or a combination of different algorithms. A neural network may also be used to train the system based on the received data. The ML module **250** may analyze the received data and/or information, and transform the data and/or information in a manner which provides enhanced communication between the first client device **100a**, the second client device **100b**, and the one or more financial institution servers **200**, while also enhancing user access and user management of the one or more financial accounts. The data and/or information may also be up-linked to other systems and modules in the one or more financial institution servers **200** for further processing to discover additional information that may be used to enhance the understanding of the information.

(52) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, the communication network **300** may comprise a wireless network, a wired network, or any suitable combination thereof. For example, the communication network **300** is operable to support connectivity using any protocol or technology, including, but not limited to wireless cellular, wireless broadband, wireless local area network (WLAN), wireless personal area network (WPAN), wireless short distance communication, Global System for Mobile Communication

(GSM), or any other suitable wired or wireless network operable to transmit and receive a data signal.

(53) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, the first client device **100a**, the second client device **100b**, and the one or more financial institution server(s) **200** could function in a fully virtualized environment. A virtual machine is where all hardware is virtual and operation is run over a virtual processor. The benefits of computer virtualization have been recognized as greatly increasing the computational efficiency and flexibility of a computing hardware platform. For example, computer virtualization facilitates multiple virtual computing machines to execute on a common computing hardware platform. Similar to a physical computing hardware platform, virtual computing machines include storage media, such as virtual hard disks, virtual processors, and other system components associated with a computing environment. For example, a virtual hard disk can store the operating system, data, and application files for a virtual machine. Virtualized computer system includes computing device or physical hardware platform, virtualization software running on hardware platform, and one or more virtual machines running on hardware platform by way of virtualization software.

Virtualization software is therefore logically interposed between the physical hardware of hardware platform and guest system software running “in” virtual machine. Memory of the hardware platform may store virtualization software and guest system software running in virtual machine.

Virtualization software performs system resource management and virtual machine emulation.

Virtual machine emulation may be performed by a virtual machine monitor (VMM) component. In typical implementations, each virtual machine (only one shown) has a corresponding VMM instance. Depending on implementation, virtualization software may be unhosted or hosted. Unhosted virtualization software generally relies on a specialized virtualization kernel for managing system resources, whereas hosted virtualization software relies on a commodity operating system: the “host operating system,” such as Windows or Linux to manage system resources. In a hosted virtualization system, the host operating system may be considered as part of virtualization software.

(54) Any apparatus, computing device, computer program product, and computer-implemented method described herein may be at least partially processor-implemented, the one or more processors **210** being an example of hardware. For example, at least some of the operations of a method may be performed by one or more processors **210** or processor-implemented modules. Moreover, the one or more processors may also operate to support performance of the relevant operations in a “cloud computing” environment or as a “software as a service” (SaaS). For example, at least some of the operations may be performed by a group of computers (as examples of machines including processors), with these operations being accessible via a network (e.g., the Internet) and via one or more appropriate interfaces (e.g., an application program interface (API)).

(55) The performance of certain of the operations may be distributed among the one or more processors **210**, not only residing within a single machine, but deployed across a plurality of machines. In some example embodiments, the one or more processors **210** or processor-implemented modules may be located in a single geographic location (e.g., within a home environment, an office environment, or a server farm). In other example embodiments, the one or more processors or processor-implemented modules may be distributed across a plurality of geographic locations.

(56) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, a user may, via the I/O hub **130a** of the first client device **100a**, launch or initialize execution of a financial institution mobile application over the communication network **300** for the purpose of registering a user profile. The user may already have one or more accounts with the financial institution, or otherwise seek to open one or more new accounts with the financial institution.

(57) As illustrated in FIGS. 5 and 6, the computer-executable program code may instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause (e.g., via the user authentication module **222**) the display, generation,

or rendering of a GUI comprising a user profile registration dashboard **400** for visual display on a user interface **132a** of the first client device **100a**. The computer-executable program code may instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause the user authentication module **222** to generate or otherwise render a plurality of user input fields on the user profile registration dashboard **400** to be populated by the user to facilitate registration of a user profile and authentication credentials with the financial institution. The plurality of user input fields includes, but is not limited to, a username input field **401**, a user password input field **402**, a user identification (ID) input field **403**, a user email input field **404**, a user address input field **405**, a user profile settings input field **406**, and a user biometric data field **407** (facial, fingerprint, voice, ocular, etc.). This disclosure contemplates visual presentation of the plurality of user input fields in any relevant combination.

(58) As illustrated in FIG. 7, the computer-executable program code may instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause (e.g., via the user authentication module **222**) the display, generation, or rendering of a GUI comprising a user profile settings dashboard **500** for visual display on the user interface **132a** of the first client device **100a**. The dashboard **500** may include a widget having a tile **501** with a user-engageable toggle switch to selectively enable or disable account balance preview by a user, and a user-engageable icon **502** to save the setting.

(59) As illustrated in FIG. 8, responsive to the user selectively enabling the account balance preview, the computer-executable program code may instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause the display, generation, or rendering of a tile **503** having a user engageable arrowhead that allows the user to expand the list of financial accounts to enable or disable account balance preview without undergoing or otherwise bypassing the general user authentication protocols of the financial institution mobile application. In the illustrated embodiment, a threshold maximum limit of financial accounts that may be enabled for account balance preview without user authentication is five. This disclosure contemplates, however, the threshold maximum limit of financial accounts to be any number which optimizes or otherwise transforms the performance and functionality of the one or more embodiments in a manner that falls within the spirit and scope of the principles of this disclosure. The types of financial accounts subject to account balance preview without user authentication include, but is not limited to, any user account associated with a personal account, a commercial account, and a wealth management account. Example accounts may include, but is not limited to, checking accounts, savings accounts, credit accounts, money market accounts (MMA), certificates of deposit (CD), lines-of-credit, etc.

(60) As illustrated in FIG. 9, responsive to the user selectively engaging the tile **502**, the computer-executable program code may instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause the display, generation, or rendering of a GUI comprising a financial accounts dashboard **600** for visual display on the user interface **132a** of the first client device **100a**. The financial accounts dashboard **600** may comprise a widget having a plurality of tiles **601-606** that visually displays the financial accounts at the financial institution. Each tile **601-606** includes a user-engageable toggle switch to permit a user to selectively enable or disable account one or more financial accounts (up to the threshold maximum amount) that will be subject to balance preview without undergoing or otherwise bypassing the general user authentication process for the financial institution mobile application. The financial accounts dashboard **600** also includes a user-engageable icon **602** to save the settings, and a user-engageable icon **603** to reset the settings.

(61) As illustrated in FIG. 10, responsive to the user enabling and saving the financial accounts intended to be subject to account balance preview, the computer-executable program code may instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause the display, generation, or rendering of the profile settings dashboard **500** for visual display on the user interface **132a** of the first client device **100a**, and includes a widget **504** that visually indicates or confirms that the account balance preview settings have been saved. The tile **503** has also been changed to visually indicate the overall number of financial accounts **601-606** that have been enabled to permit account balance preview.

(62) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, the

computer-executable program code may also instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause storage in the one or more data stores **221** the data, information, and authentication credentials in the user profile registration dashboard **400**, the user profile settings dashboard **500**, and the financial accounts dashboard **600**.

(63) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, the computer-executable program code may, subsequent to a user completing user profile registration, instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause the sensor module **240** to detect the financial institution mobile application running on or installed in the first client device **100a**. Such detection may occur in instances where the financial institution mobile application running in the background of the first client device **100a**. Such detection may be conducted based on a detection of metadata that includes one or more of: the electronic footprint of the financial institution mobile application, and the client device information (e.g., hardware type, OS, and client device name, etc.). This disclosure contemplates other forms of software detection that optimizes or otherwise transforms the performance and functionality of the one or more embodiments in a manner that falls within the spirit and scope of the principles of this disclosure.

(64) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, the computer-executable program code may, responsive to the detection, instruct the one or more processors **210** to determine whether the account balance preview for display on the first client device **100a** is enabled by the user. This determination may occur based on analysis of the user profile data stored in the one or more data stores **221**. This disclosure contemplates the detection of the financial institution mobile application running on or installed in the first client device **100a** and the determination of user-enablement of the account balance preview to be executed concurrently or otherwise in parallel to each other.

(65) As illustrated in FIG. **11**, the computer-executable program code may, responsive to the detection of the financial institution mobile application running on or installed in the first client device **100a** and the determination of user-enablement of the account balance preview, instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause, on a GUI comprising a financial institution home dashboard **700** of the financial institution mobile application, the display, generation, or rendering of a widget for visual display on the user interface **132a** of the first client device **100a**. The widget includes a sign-in icon **701** that includes a user-engageable arrowhead that allows the user log into an existing user account, or create a new user account. The widget also includes a biometric data field **702** that permits a user to authenticate using biometric data.

(66) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, the computer-executable program code may, responsive to the detection of the financial institution mobile application running on or installed in the first client device **100a** and the determination of user-enablement of the account balance preview, instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause, on the financial institution home dashboard **700**, the generation or rendering of a user-engageable icon **703** for visual display on the user interface **132a** of the first client device **100a**.

(67) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, the computer-executable program code may also instruct the one or more processors **210** to detect a wireless pairing between the first client device **100a** and a user-authorized, third-party device. The third-party device becomes a user-authorized third-party device by virtue of its registration with the financial institution mobile application. In the illustrated embodiment, the user-authorized, third-party device comprises the second client device **100b**. The detection may be based upon receipt of, via the communications network **300**, pairing information associated with the first client device **100a** and the user-authorized, third-party device (i.e., the second client device **100b**). The pairing information may include, but is not limited to, geographic location information (e.g., using Global Positioning System (GPS) data received from the first client device **100a** and the user-authorized, third-party device).

(68) As illustrated in FIG. **12**, the computer-executable program code may, responsive to user

engagement of the icon **703** and the detection of the pairing between the first client device **100a** and the user-authorized, third-party device (i.e., the second client device **100b**), instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause the one or more financial institution servers **200** to cause a display, generation, or rendering of a GUI comprising a balance preview dashboard **800** for visual display on the user interface **132b** of the second client device **100b**. The balance preview dashboard **800** may comprise a widget having one or more tiles **801**, **802**, **803** that visually displays a balance preview of the enabled financial accounts without undergoing or otherwise bypassing the general user authentication protocols of the financial institution mobile application. Accordingly, a user, having previously enabled account preview on the first client device **100a**, may enable preview of one or account balances at the financial institution on a paired, user-authorized, third-party device (i.e., the second client device **100b**) without providing user profile credentials or user authentication credentials.

(69) As illustrated in FIG. **13**, in accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, one or more servers in the one or more financial institution servers **200** may comprise surrogate servers that also facilitate the pairing between the first client device **100a** and a user-authorized, third-party device (i.e., the second client device **100b**). The computer-executable program code may instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause, via the sensor module **240**, the one or more financial institution servers **200** to detect a current geographic position of the first client device **100a** and the user-authorized, third-party device (i.e., the second client device **100b**). The geographic position data is acquired as a data input signal **902**. The detection may be based on sensor data, wireless network data, and stored data. The sensor data includes, but is not limited to, geographic location data acquired using Global Positioning System (GPS) data received from the first client device **100a** and the user-authorized, third-party device. The geographic positions of the first client device **100a** and the user-authorized, third-party device (i.e., the second client device **100b**) may be based on access point geolocation services, such as using the W3C Geolocation Application Programming Interface (API). With such a system, the location of the first client device **100a** and the user-authorized, third-party device (i.e., the second client device **100b**) may be determined through the consulting of location information servers, including, for example, Internet protocol (IP) address, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth Media Access Control (MAC) address, radio-frequency identification (RFID), Wi-Fi connection location, or device GPS and Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM)/code division multiple access (CDMA) cell IDs. This disclosure contemplates the specific manner in which the geographic position is determined comprising any suitable process or system that optimizes or otherwise transforms the performance and functionality of the one or more embodiments in a manner that falls within the spirit and scope of the principles of this disclosure.

(70) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, the computer-executable program code may instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause the one or more financial institution servers **200** to conduct analysis **910** of the sensor data, the wireless network data, and the stored data. The analysis may include determining a current spatial proximity between the first client device **100a** and the user-authorized, third-party device (i.e., the second client device **100b**). Determining the spatial proximity may comprise calculating, based on the detected current geographic position of the first client device **100a** and the user-authorized, third-party device (i.e., the second client device **100b**), a current distance (D_c) between the first client device **100a** and the user-authorized, third-party device (i.e., the second client device **100b**). The analysis may also include conducting a comparison between the calculated distance (D_c) and a predetermined threshold distance (D_t). The predetermined threshold distance can be in a range between 5 to 10 feet. Embodiments, however, are not limited thereto. This disclosure contemplates the use of any suitable predetermined threshold distance that optimizes or otherwise transforms the performance and functionality of the one or more embodiments in a manner that falls within the spirit and scope of the principles of this disclosure.

(71) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, in response to a comparison that the calculated distance is within the predetermined threshold distance, the computer-executable program code may instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause the one or more financial institution servers **200** to determine whether the calculated distance is maintained for a predetermined threshold time period. The predetermined threshold time period (T_t) can be in a range between 5 to 10 seconds. Embodiments, however, are not limited thereto. This disclosure contemplates the use of any suitable predetermined threshold time period that optimizes or otherwise transforms the performance and functionality of the one or more embodiments in a manner that falls within the spirit and scope of the principles of this disclosure.

(72) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, responsive to a determination that comparison that the calculated distance is maintained for the predetermined time period, the computer-executable program code may instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause (via one or more command output signals **910**) the one or more financial institution servers **200** to pair **922** the first client device **100a** and the user-authorized, third-party device (i.e., the second client device **100b**). This disclosure contemplates performing pairing between the first client device **100a** and the user-authorized, third-party device (i.e., the second client device **100b**) using suitable any wireless standard that optimizes or otherwise transforms the performance and functionality of the one or more embodiments in a manner that falls within the spirit and scope of the principles of this disclosure.

(73) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, responsive to the pairing of the first client device **100a** and the user-authorized, third-party device (i.e., the second client device **100b**), the computer-executable program code may instruct the one or more processors **210** to cause (via one or more command output signals **910**) the one or more financial institution servers **200** to cause the visually display of the balance preview **924** of the enabled financial accounts on the user interface **132b** of the paired, user-authorized, third-party device (i.e., the second client device **100b**) without undergoing or otherwise bypassing the general user authentication protocols of the financial institution mobile application.

(74) Illustrated examples shown in FIGS. **14** to **16** set forth computer-implemented methods **1400**, **1500**, and **1600**. In one or more examples, the respective flowcharts of the computer-implemented methods **1400**, **1500**, and **1600** may be implemented by the one or more processors **210** of the one or more financial institution servers **200**. In particular, the computer-implemented methods **1400**, **1500**, and **1600** may be implemented as one or more modules in a set of logic instructions stored in a non-transitory machine- or computer-readable storage medium such as random access memory (RAM), read only memory (ROM), programmable ROM (PROM), firmware, flash memory, etc., in configurable logic such as, for example, programmable logic arrays (PLAs), field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs), complex programmable logic devices (CPLDs), in fixed-functionality hardware logic using circuit technology such as, for example, application specific integrated circuit (ASIC), complementary metal oxide semiconductor (CMOS) or transistor-transistor logic (TTL) technology, or any combination thereof.

(75) In accordance with one or more embodiments set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, software executed by the one or more financial institution servers **200** provides functionality described or illustrated herein. In particular, software executed by the one or more processors **210** is operable to perform one or more processing blocks of the computer-implemented methods **1400**, **1500**, and **1600** set forth, described, and/or illustrated herein, or provides functionality set forth, described, and/or illustrated.

(76) As illustrated in FIG. **14**, illustrated process block **1402** includes detecting, by one or more financial institution servers associated with a financial institution, execution of a mobile application associated with the financial institution on a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at the financial institution.

(77) The computer-implemented method **1400** may then proceed to illustrated process block **1404**,

which includes detecting, by the one or more financial institution servers, pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized, second client device.

(78) The computer-implemented method **1400** may then proceed to illustrated process block **1406**, which includes causing, by the one or more financial institution servers in response to the detection of the pairing and without receipt of user authentication credentials, display of a GUI on a user interface of the user-authorized second client device to visually display one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts.

(79) The computer-implemented method **1400** may terminate or end after execution of process block **1406**.

(80) As illustrated in FIG. **15**, illustrated process block **1502** includes detecting, by one or more financial institution servers associated with a financial institution, execution of a mobile application associated with the financial institution on a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at the financial institution.

(81) The computer-implemented method **1500** may then proceed to illustrated process block **1504**, which includes determining, by the one or more financial institution servers, whether the user has enabled account balance preview without user authentication.

(82) If “No,” i.e., should the one or more financial institution servers determine that the user has not enabled account balance preview without user authentication, the computer-implemented method **1500** then may terminate or end.

(83) If “Yes,” i.e., should the one or more financial institution servers determine that the user has enabled account balance preview without user authentication, the computer-implemented method **1500** then proceeds to process block **1506**, which includes detecting, by the one or more financial institution servers, pairing between the first client device and a user-authorized, second client device.

(84) The computer-implemented method **1500** may then proceed to illustrated process block **1508**, which includes causing, by the one or more financial institution servers in response to the detection of the pairing and without receipt of user authentication credentials, display of a GUI on a user interface of the user-authorized second client device to visually display one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts.

(85) The method **1500** may terminate or end after execution of process block **1508**.

(86) As illustrated in FIG. **16**, illustrated process block **1602** includes detecting, by one or more financial institution servers associated with a financial institution, a current geographic location of a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at the financial institution, and a user-authorized second client device.

(87) The computer-implemented method **1600** may then proceed to illustrated process block **1604**, which includes conducting, by the one or more financial institution servers, analysis of sensor data, wireless network data, and stored data.

(88) In accordance with illustrated process block **1604**, the analysis comprises determining, by the one or more financial institution servers, a current spatial proximity between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device.

(89) In accordance with illustrated process block **1604**, determining the spatial proximity may comprise calculating, by the one or more financial institution servers based on the detected current geographic position of the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device, a current distance (D_c) between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device.

(90) The computer-implemented method **1600** may then proceed to illustrated process block **1606**, which includes conducting, by the one or more financial institution servers, a comparison between the calculated distance (D_c) and a predetermined threshold distance (D_t).

(91) If “No,” i.e., should the comparison result in the calculated distance (D_c) being greater than the predetermined threshold distance (D_t), the computer-implemented method **1600** then may terminate or end.

(92) If “Yes,” i.e., should the comparison result in the calculated distance (Dc) being less than or equal to the predetermined threshold distance (Dt), the computer-implemented method **1600** then proceeds to process block **1608**, which includes determining whether the calculated distance (Dc) is maintained for a predetermined threshold time period (Tt).

(93) If “No,” i.e., should the determination result in the calculated distance (Dc) being maintained for less than the predetermined threshold time period (Tt), the computer-implemented method **1600** then may terminate or end.

(94) If “Yes,” i.e., should the determination result in the calculated distance (Dc) being maintained for the predetermined threshold time period (Tt), the computer-implemented method **1600** then proceeds to process block **1610**, which includes causing, by the one or more financial institution servers, a pairing between the first client device and the user-authorized, second client device.

(95) The computer-implemented method **1600** may then proceed to illustrated process block **1612**, which includes causing, by the one or more financial institution servers in response to the pairing and without receipt of user authentication credentials, display of a GUI on a user interface of the user-authorized second client device to visually display one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts.

(96) The method **1600** may terminate or end after execution of process block **1612**.

(97) Devices that are described as in “communication” with each other or “coupled” to each other need not be in continuous communication with each other or in direct physical contact, unless expressly specified otherwise. On the contrary, such devices need only transmit to each other as necessary or desirable, and may actually refrain from exchanging data most of the time. For example, a machine in communication with or coupled with another machine via the Internet may not transmit data to the other machine for long period of time (e.g. weeks at a time). In addition, devices that are in communication with or coupled with each other may communicate directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries.

(98) The terms “coupled,” “attached,” or “connected” may be used herein to refer to any type of relationship, direct or indirect, between the components in question, and may apply to electrical, mechanical, fluid, optical, electromagnetic, electromechanical, or other connections. Additionally, the terms “first,” “second,” etc. are used herein only to facilitate discussion, and carry no particular temporal or chronological significance unless otherwise indicated. The terms “cause” or “causing” means to make, force, compel, direct, command, instruct, and/or enable an event or action to occur or at least be in a state where such event or action may occur, either in a direct or indirect manner.

(99) Those skilled in the art will appreciate from the foregoing description that the broad techniques of the exemplary embodiments may be implemented in a variety of forms. Therefore, while the embodiments have been described in connection with particular examples thereof, the true scope of the embodiments should not be so limited since other modifications will become apparent to the skilled practitioner upon a study of the drawings, specification, and following claims.

Claims

1. A server computing system, comprising: one or more processors; and a non-transitory memory coupled to the one or more processors, the non-transitory memory including a set of instructions of computer-executable program code, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the one or more processors of the server computing system to perform actions including: detecting, by the server computing system, launching of a financial institution mobile application on a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at the financial institution; authenticating, by the server computing system, the first client device; analyzing, by the server computing system, in response to authenticating the first client device, proximity data between the first client device and a user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device; determining, by the server computing

system, responsive to the analysis, that a spatial proximity between the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device is within a threshold proximity; facilitating pairing, by the server computing system, responsive to the detection of the launching of the financial institution mobile application having the spatial proximity between the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device within the threshold proximity, between the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device; receiving, by the server computing system from one of the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device, pairing information of the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device; concurrently detecting launching of the financial institution mobile application and detecting the pairing between the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device based upon, at least in part, an electronic footprint of the first client device; and generating, based on receiving the pairing information of the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device, a graphical user interface on a user interface of the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device to visually display one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts while bypassing, by the server computing system, authentication protocols of the financial institution mobile application for the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device.

2. The server computing system of claim 1, wherein the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device comprises a wearable electronic device worn by the user.

3. The server computing system of claim 2, wherein the wearable electronic device comprises a smartwatch.

4. The server computing system of claim 1, wherein the set of instructions, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform actions including conducting, temporally before generating the graphical user interface, user profile analysis of user profile data that is stored in the non-transitory memory to determine whether an account balance preview is enabled by the user.

5. The server computing system of claim 4, wherein the graphical user interface is generated in response to a determination that the account balance preview is enabled.

6. A computer program product comprising at least one non-transitory computer readable medium having with a set of instructions of computer-executable program code, which when executed by one or more processors of a computing device, cause the one or more processors of the computing device to perform actions comprising: detecting launching of a financial institution mobile application on a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at the financial institution; authenticating the first client device; analyzing, in response to authenticating the first client device, proximity data between the first client device and a user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device; determining, responsive to the analysis, that a spatial proximity between the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device is within a threshold proximity; facilitating pairing, by the server computing system, responsive to the detection of the launching of the financial institution mobile application having the spatial proximity between the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device within the threshold proximity, between the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device; receiving, by the server computing system from one of the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device, pairing information of the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device; concurrently detecting launching of the financial institution mobile application and detecting the pairing between the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device based upon, at least in part, an electronic footprint of the first client device; and generating, based on receiving the pairing information of the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device, a graphical user interface on a user interface of the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device to visually display one or more account balances

associated with the one or more financial accounts while bypassing, by the server computing system, authentication protocols of the financial institution mobile application for the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device.

7. The computer program product of claim 6, wherein the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device comprises a wearable electronic device worn by the user.

8. The computer program product of claim 7, wherein the wearable electronic device comprises a smartwatch.

9. The computer program product of claim 6, wherein the set of instructions, which when executed by the one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform actions comprising conducting, temporally before generating the graphical user interface, user profile analysis of user profile data that is stored in the non-transitory computer readable medium to determine whether an account balance preview is enabled by the user.

10. The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the graphical user interface is generated in response to a determination that the account balance preview is enabled.

11. A computer-implemented method, comprising: detecting, by a server computing system launching of a financial institution mobile application on a first client device of a user having one or more financial accounts at the financial institution; authenticating, by the server computing system, the first client device; analyzing, by the server computing system in response to authenticating the first client device, proximity data between the first client device and a user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device; determining, by the server computing system responsive to the analysis, that a spatial proximity between the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device is within a threshold proximity; facilitating pairing, by the server computing system, responsive to the detection of the launching of the financial institution mobile application having the spatial proximity between the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device within the threshold proximity, between the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device; receiving, by the server computing system from one of the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device, pairing information of the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device; concurrently detecting launching of the financial institution mobile application and detecting the pairing between the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device based upon, at least in part, an electronic footprint of the first client device; and generating, based on receiving the pairing information of the first client device and the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device, a graphical user interface on a user interface of the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device to visually display one or more account balances associated with the one or more financial accounts while bypassing, by the server computing system, authentication protocols of the financial institution mobile application for the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device.

12. The computer-implemented method of claim 11, wherein the user-authorized, unauthenticated second client device comprises a wearable electronic device worn by the user.

13. The computer-implemented method of claim 12, wherein the wearable electronic device comprises a smartwatch.

14. The computer-implemented method of claim 11, further comprising conducting, by the server computing system temporally before generating the graphical user interface, user profile analysis of user profile data that is stored in non-transitory memory to determine whether an account balance preview is enabled by the user.

15. The computer-implemented method of claim 14, wherein: the graphical user interface is generated in response to a determination that the account balance preview is enabled.
