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Abstract

An image processing apparatus includes a scanning unit configured to scan an image of a document and generate image data, an acceptance unit configured to accept selection of a channel of a chat service, and a transmission unit configured to transmit information about the selected channel and the generated image data to a server configured to manage the chat service, wherein the acceptance unit is further configured to accept designation of reminder timing and a message, wherein the transmitted image data is posted to the selected channel based on the information about the channel, wherein the transmission unit is configured to transmit the message to the server based on the designated timing, and wherein the message is posted to the selected channel based on the information about the channel.

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Background/Summary

BACKGROUND

Field
(1) The present disclosure relates to an image processing apparatus, an image processing method, and a storage medium.
Description of the Related Art
(2) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2021-078084 discusses an image processing apparatus that transmits image data generated by scanning a document image to a chat server providing a chat service.
(3) The image data is thereby uploaded to and shared in a talk room of the chat service.
(4) In using the chat service, the sender of a message prompts the receiver to check the transmitted content by sending a reminder to the receiver as appropriate if the content is important.
(5) According to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2021-078084, the image processing

apparatus can upload the image data generated by scanning the document image to the talk room but is not capable of generating reminder settings.

SUMMARY

(6) The present disclosure is directed to facilitating settings for prompting a receiver to check content when an image processing apparatus transmits image data generated by reading scanning a document image to a chat service.

(7) According to an aspect of the present disclosure, an image processing apparatus includes a scanning unit configured to scan an image of a document and generate image data, an acceptance unit configured to accept selection of a channel of a chat service, and a transmission unit configured to transmit information about the selected channel and the generated image data to a server configured to manage the chat service, wherein the acceptance unit is further configured to accept designation of reminder timing and a message, wherein the transmitted image data is posted to the selected channel based on the information about the channel, wherein the transmission unit is configured to transmit the message to the server based on the designated timing, and wherein the message is posted to the selected channel based on the information about the channel.

(8) Further features of the present disclosure will become apparent from the following description of exemplary embodiments with reference to the attached drawings.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

(1) FIG. 1 is a diagram illustrating an example of a system configuration according to the present disclosure.

(2) FIG. 2 is a diagram illustrating an example of a hardware configuration of an image processing apparatus.

(3) FIG. 3 is a diagram illustrating an example of a hardware configuration of a mobile terminal.

(4) FIG. 4 is a diagram illustrating an example of a hardware configuration of a message application server.

(5) FIG. 5 is a diagram illustrating an example of a hardware configuration of a bot server.

(6) FIG. 6 is a diagram illustrating an example of a hardware configuration of a schedule application server.

(7) FIG. 7 is a diagram illustrating an example of a home screen displayed on an operation unit of the image processing apparatus.

(8) FIG. 8 is a diagram illustrating an example of a sequence where the image processing apparatus transmits a file generated by scanning to the message application server.

(9) FIG. 9 is a flowchart illustrating an example of scan to chat processing performed by the image processing apparatus.

(10) FIGS. 10A and 10B are diagrams illustrating examples of screen transition during the scan to chat processing.

(11) FIG. 11 is a diagram illustrating an example of a setting registration screen.

(12) FIG. 12 is a diagram illustrating an example of a message screen of a message application.

(13) FIG. 13 is a diagram illustrating an example of a sequence where an image processing apparatus transmits a file generated by scanning to a message application server via a bot server.

(14) FIG. 14 is a flowchart illustrating an example of scan to chat processing by the image processing apparatus.

(15) FIG. 15 is a flowchart illustrating an example where the bot server processes a request from the image processing apparatus.

(16) FIG. 16 is a flowchart illustrating an example where the bot server transmits a reminder set by the image processing apparatus.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

(17) Exemplary embodiments of the present disclosure will be described below with reference to the drawings. Configurations described in the following exemplary embodiments are just examples, and the present disclosure is not limited to the illustrated configurations.

(18) FIG. 1 is a diagram illustrating an example of a system configuration according to a first exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure. An image processing system according to the present exemplary embodiment includes a mobile terminal **300** that is an example of a terminal apparatus, an image processing apparatus (multifunction peripheral: MFP) **101** capable of communication via a network **100**, and a message application server **400**. The information processing apparatus may be a scanning apparatus. A bot server **500** and a schedule application server **600** are also connected and can communicate via the network **100**. The message application server **400** is a chat server that manages a chat service for receiving messages and image data transmitted from the image processing apparatus **101** and the mobile terminal **300** and displaying the messages and the image data on the mobile terminal **300** and a not-illustrated personal computer (PC) based on user operations. The message application server **400** may include a plurality of server apparatuses. The bot server **500** links the image processing apparatus **101** with information (token information) corresponding to a bot application installed on the connected message application server **400**, and transfers a request from the image processing apparatus **101** to the message application server **400**. The schedule application server **600** is a server that manages schedule information transmitted from the image processing apparatus **101**, the mobile terminal **300**, and the message application server **400**. The network **100** according to the present exemplary embodiment may be the Internet or a local area network (LAN). The network **100** may be a wired or wireless network.

(19) FIG. 2 is a diagram illustrating an example of a hardware configuration of the image processing apparatus **101**. The image processing apparatus **101** includes a central processing unit (CPU) **202**, a read-only memory (ROM) **203**, a random access memory (RAM) **204**, a storage **205**, an operation unit interface (I/F) **206**, an operation unit **207**, a reading unit I/F **208**, a reading unit **209**, a printing unit I/F **210**, a printing unit **211**, a wireless communication unit I/F **212**, and a wireless communication unit **213**. The image processing apparatus **101** also includes a facsimile (FAX) unit I/F **214**, a FAX communication unit **215**, a communication unit I/F **216**, a communication unit **217**, and a graphics processing unit (GPU) **218**.

(20) A control unit **201** including the CPU **202** controls the operation of the entire image processing apparatus **101**. The CPU **202** reads a control program stored in the ROM **203** or the storage **205** into the RAM **204** and performs various types of control such as read control and print control. The ROM **203** stores control programs executable by the CPU **202**. The ROM **203** also stores a boot program and font data. The RAM **204** is a main storage memory, and is used as a work area and a temporary storage area for loading various control programs stored in the ROM **203** and the storage **205**. The storage **205** stores image data, print data, various programs, and various types of setting information. In the present exemplary embodiment, a flash memory is assumed as the storage **205**. However, auxiliary storage devices such as a solid-state drive (SSD) and a hard disc drive (HDD) may be used. An embedded MultiMediaCard (eMMC) may be used.

(21) The image processing apparatus **101** according to the present exemplary embodiment is configured so that one CPU **202** performs processes illustrated in a flowchart to be described below using one memory (RAM **204**). However, this is not restrictive. For example, a plurality of CPUs, RAMs, ROMs, and storages may cooperate to perform the processes illustrated in the flowchart to be described below. Some of the processes may be performed by using a hardware circuit such as an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC) and a field-programmable gate array (FPGA).

(22) The operation unit I/F **206** connects the operation unit **207** and the control unit **201**. The operation unit **207** includes a display unit such as a touchscreen, and hardware keys. The operation unit **207** displays information to the user and detects input from the user.

(23) The reading unit I/F **208** connects the reading unit **209**, such as a scanner, with the control unit **201**. The reading unit **209** reads a document image, and the CPU **202** converts the image into image data such as binary data. The image data generated based on the image read by the reading unit **209** is transmitted to an external apparatus or printed on recording paper. The reading unit **209** is included in a scanning unit, and can scan a plurality of documents placed on a not-illustrated automatic document feeder (ADF) and generate a plurality of pieces of image data. In doing so, the documents placed on the ADF are conveyed by the ADF for scanning.

(24) The printing unit I/F **210** connects the printing unit **211**, such as a printer, with the control unit **201**. The CPU **202** transfers image data (print data) stored in the RAM **204** to the printing unit **211** via the printing unit I/F **210**. The printing unit **211** prints an image based on the transferred image data on recording paper fed from a feed cassette.

(25) The wireless communication unit I/F **212** is an I/F for controlling the wireless communication unit **213**, and wirelessly connects the control unit **201** with an external wireless device (herein, mobile terminal **300**).

(26) The control unit **201** controls the FAX communication unit **215** such as a FAX via the FAX unit I/F **214**, and is thereby connected to a public switched telephone network **107**. The FAX unit I/F **214** is an I/F for controlling the FAX communication unit **215**. The FAX unit I/F **214** can connect to the public switched telephone network **107** and control a FAX communication protocol by controlling a FAX communication modem or a network control unit (NCU).

(27) The communication unit I/F **216** connects the control unit **201** and the network **100**. The communication unit I/F **216** controls the communication unit **217** to transmit image data and various types of internal information about the image processing apparatus **101** to an external apparatus on the network **100** and receive print data from an image processing apparatus on the network **100** and information on the network **100**. As a transmission and reception method over the network **100**, the communication unit **217** can perform transmission and reception using an email, as well as file transmission using other protocols (such as the File Transfer Protocol (FTP), Server Message Block (SMB), and Web Distributed Authoring and Versioning (WebDAV)). The communication unit **217** can also transmit and receive image data and various types of setting data over the network **100** through Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) communication access from the mobile terminal **300**, the message application server **400**, the bot server **500**, and the schedule application server **600**.

(28) FIG. 3 is a diagram illustrating an example of a hardware configuration of the mobile terminal **300**. While the mobile terminal **300** according to the present exemplary embodiment is assumed to be a device such as a smartphone and a tablet PC, other information processing apparatuses capable of Wireless Fidelity (Wi-Fi) communication may be used.

(29) A CPU **307** reads a control program stored in a ROM **308** and performs various types of processing for controlling the operation of the mobile terminal **300**. The ROM **308** stores the control program. The RAM **309** is used as a temporary storage area such as a main memory and a work area of the CPU **307**. An HDD **310** stores various types of data including pictures and electronic documents.

(30) An operation panel **301** has a touchscreen function capable of detecting touch operations performed by the user, and displays various screens provided by an operating system (OS) and an email transmission application. The operation panel **301** is also used to check information stored in the message application server **400** and the schedule application server **600**. The user can input desired operation instructions to the mobile terminal **300** by making touch operations on the operation panel **301**. The mobile terminal **300** includes not-illustrated hardware keys, and the user can input operation instructions to the mobile terminal **300** using the hardware keys.

(31) A camera **304** captures an image in response to an imaging instruction given by the user. Pictures captured by the camera **304** are stored in a predetermined area of the HDD **310**. A program capable of analyzing a Quick Response (QR) Code® can be used to obtain information from a QR

code read by the camera **304**.

(32) The mobile terminal **300** can exchange data with various peripheral devices via a near-field communication (NFC) communication unit **305**, a Bluetooth® communication unit **306**, and a wireless LAN communication unit **311**. The Bluetooth® communication unit **306** of the mobile terminal **300** may support Bluetooth® Low Energy.

(33) FIG. **4** is a diagram illustrating an example of a hardware configuration of the message application server **400**. A CPU **401** reads a control program stored in a ROM **402** and performs various types of processing for controlling the operation of the message application server **400**. The ROM **402** stores the control program. A RAM **403** is used as a temporary storage area such as a main memory and a work area of the CPU **401**. An HDD **405** stores various types of data such as messages, image data, and channel information. The message application server **400** can transmit and receive data to/from various devices such as the mobile terminal **300**, the image processing apparatus **101**, the bot server **500**, and the schedule application server **600** via a communication unit **404**. The communication unit **404** may perform wired communication using Ethernet® or wireless communication such as Wi-Fi communication.

(34) FIG. **5** is a diagram illustrating an example of a hardware configuration of the bot server **500**. A CPU **501** reads a control program stored in a ROM **502** and controls the operation of the bot server **500** to process requests from the image processing apparatus **101**. The requests may include those made to the message application server **400** and those made to the bot server **500**. The ROM **502** stores the control program. A RAM **503** is used as a temporary storage area such as a main memory and a work area of the CPU **501**. An HDD **505** stores various types of data such as messages, image data, and channel information. The bot server **500** can transmit and receive data to/from various devices such as the mobile terminal **300**, the image processing apparatus **101**, and the message application server **400** via a communication unit **504**.

(35) FIG. **6** is a diagram illustrating an example of a hardware configuration of the schedule application server **600**. A CPU **601** reads a control program stored in a ROM **602** into a RAM **603** and controls the operation of the schedule application server **600**. The CPU **601** thereby processes requests made by the image processing apparatus **101**, the mobile terminal **300**, and the message application server **400** to the schedule application server **600**. The ROM **602** stores the control program. The RAM **603** is used as a temporary storage area such as a main memory and a work area of the CPU **601**. An HDD **605** stores schedule information about each user. The schedule application server **600** can transmit and receive data to/from various devices such as the image processing apparatus **101**, the mobile terminal **300**, and the message application server **400** via a communication unit **604**. The schedule application server **600** may include a plurality of server apparatuses.

(36) FIG. **7** is a diagram illustrating an example of a home screen displayed on the operation unit **207** of the image processing apparatus **101**. The operation unit **207** includes a touchscreen **701** that displays an operation screen, and light-emitting diodes (LEDs) **710** and **711**. The touchscreen **701** is an instruction unit, and also functions as an acceptance unit for accepting instructions from the user and a display unit for displaying a screen. The user directly touches the screen displayed on the touchscreen **701** with a finger or an object such as a stylus, and gives instructions to perform various functions based on the displayed screen.

(37) The touchscreen **701** illustrated in FIG. **7** is displaying a home screen **708**. The home screen **708** is the initial screen for giving instructions to perform various functions of the image processing apparatus **101**. The home screen **708** is a screen on which the user selects a screen display to make various settings for the respective functions to be performed by the image processing apparatus **101**, such as copy, FAX, scan, and media print functions.

(38) A check status button **705** is an object for displaying a screen for checking the states of the image processing apparatus **101** (status check screen). A transmission history and a job execution history can be displayed on the not-illustrated status check screen.

(39) A scan to chat button **702** is an object for displaying a setting screen for scan to chat processing. If the scan to chat button **702** is selected by the user, a scan to chat screen **1001** in FIG. **10A** is displayed on the operation unit **207**. The scan to chat processing will be described in detail below with reference to FIGS. **8** and **9**.

(40) A scan button **703** is an object for displaying a scan selection screen (not illustrated) of the image processing apparatus **101**. The scan selection screen is a screen for selecting transmission functions such as electronic mail transmission (email), SMB, FTP, and HTTP file transmission, and Internet FAX (I-FAX) transmission functions. Setting screens of the transmission functions are displayed by touching the displayed objects representing the respective transmission functions.

(41) An address book button **704** is an object for displaying an address book screen of the image processing apparatus **101** when selected by the user. The LEDs **710** and **711** are to notify the user of the state of the image processing apparatus **101**. The LED **710** is lit during reception of an email or a print job and during execution of a print job. The LED **711** is lit when an error occurs in the image processing apparatus **101**. A stop button **706** is an object for cancelling various operations. The stop button **706** is an object constantly displayed on the operation unit **207**. A home button **707** is an object for displaying the home screen **708**. The home button **707** is an object constantly displayed on the operation unit **207**. A menu button **712** is an object for displaying a screen for making configuration settings, such as a language setting, and various function settings.

(42) FIG. **8** is a diagram illustrating an example of a sequence where the image processing apparatus **101** transmits a file generated by scanning to the message application server **400**. The sequence illustrated in FIG. **8** is started in response to selection of a channel setting button **1003** on the scan to chat screen **1001** in FIG. **10A**.

(43) In step **S801**, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** controls the communication unit **217** to request channel information from the message application server **400** by HTTP communication. Specifically, the CPU **202** transmits token information input to the image processing apparatus **101** and information indicating a request for channel information about channels in a workspace indicated by the token information to the message application server **400**. Here, user identifier (ID) information input to the image processing apparatus **101** is transmitted to the message application server **400** to identify information related to the user ID in the workspace.

(44) If user information in the workspace is readable and writable by only the user himself/herself, password information corresponding to the user ID information input to the image processing apparatus **101** is transmitted to the message application server **400** to acquire the authority.

(45) An example of the command to be transmitted here is “HTTP GET <https://message.com/api/conversations.list>”. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) included in this command, “<https://message.com/api/conversations.list>”, is an URL for accessing the message application server **400**. If token information is transmitted to this URL, the message application server **400** searches for a workspace corresponding to the token information and channels linked with the user. The token information is input by the user via a setting registration screen **1101** in FIG. **11** displayed on the operation unit **207** of the image processing apparatus **101**.

(46) While the acquisition of the channel information has been described above, the acquisition method is not limited thereto. For example, the image processing apparatus **101** may transmit authentication information such as a user ID and a password input via the operation unit **207** of the image processing apparatus **101** to the message application server **400**, and receive information about the channels included in the workspace corresponding to the authentication information. Here, the message application server **400** identifies the workspace corresponding to the authentication information received from the image processing apparatus **101**, and transmits the channel information about the channels included in (linked with) the workspace to the image processing apparatus **101**.

(47) As employed herein, a workspace refers to an organization or the like to which a plurality of users belongs in a message application, and can be called a team. There is a plurality of channels in

a team, including normal channels and private channels. On a normal channel, all users participating in the workspace can upload chat conversations and data. On a private channel, only users invited to the channel or permitted to join the channel among the users included in the workspace can upload conversations and data. A channel is synonymous with a chat room in the workspace. As employed herein, a chat room is a mechanism for a plurality of users participating in the chat room to transmit and receive messages to/from each other and interact as if in a conversation. While, in the present exemplary embodiment, a channel is described as a chat room, this is not restrictive and a channel may be any mechanism where a plurality of users transmits and receives messages to/from each other and interact as if in a conversation. Other examples of a channel include a group chat, a room, a talk room, and a group.

(48) As employed herein, a bot application refers to an application for registering the image processing apparatus **101** as a user in the message application and posting messages and image data. The bot application is installed on the message application server **400**. If image data is transmitted to the message application server **400** with the bot application specified, the bot application posts the transmitted image data to the message application. The HDD **405** of the message application server **400** stores bot applications and tokens in association with each other. The bot applications are also associated with workspaces. Upon receipt of token information from the image processing apparatus **101**, the message application server **400** can thus return information about the workspace associated with the bot application associated with the token information. Alternatively, the token information, the bot applications, and the workspaces may be directly associated with each other. In such a manner, a workspace corresponding to token information registered in advance (workspace where the user wants to transmit image data) can be selected from a large number of workspaces.

(49) In step **S802**, the CPU **401** of the message application server **400** checks whether the access to the URL is authorized, based on the token information and the user ID received from the image processing apparatus **101** via the communication unit **404**. If the access is authorized, the message application server **400** returns channel information about the channels included in the workspace corresponding to the token information to the image processing apparatus **101**. The image processing apparatus **101** displays the received channel information on the operation unit **207**.

(50) In step **S803**, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** accepts an operation for selecting the channel, to which image data is to be transmitted, from a list of channels displayed on the operation unit **207**. In step **S804**, the user confirms the channel information. In addition to the channel information, a folder corresponding to the channel may be selected here. The user can create a plurality of folders in a channel managed by the message application server **400**.

(51) In step **S805**, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** accepts a deadline, a reminder date and time, a frequency, and a reminder message set by the user. In step **S806**, the deadline, the reminder date and time, and the frequency are confirmed by user operations.

(52) In step **S807**, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** accepts a scan execution instruction via the operation unit **207**.

(53) In step **S808**, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** scans a document image based on scan settings made by the user. Upon acceptance of a scan execution instruction, the image processing apparatus **101** can convey a plurality of documents placed on the not-illustrated ADF and generate image data on a plurality of pages.

(54) In step **S809**, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** generates image data on the scanned image(s) in a format set by the scan settings. The scan settings are specified by the user on a not-illustrated scan to chat detailed setting screen. The scan settings may be displayed and set along with transmission settings on a transmission setting screen **1010** in FIG. **10A** to be described below.

(55) In step **S810**, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** transmits the same token information as that of step **S801**, the channel information about the posting destination channel

selected in step **S804**, and the image file (image data) generated in step **S809** to the message application server **400** via the communication unit **217** by HTTP communication. In other words, in step **S810**, the CPU **202** transmits a file posting request to the message application server **400**. Alternatively, the request transmitted in step **S810** may be a request to store the image data transmitted in step **S810** into a folder corresponding to the specified channel, instead of a request to post the image data to the specified channel. In such a case, the image data is not displayed on the chat screen of the channel but stored in the folder corresponding to the channel. An example of the command to be transmitted here is “HTTP POST <https://message.com/api/files.upload>”. The file format is specified by the user on the scan to chat transmission setting screen **1010**. If a channel is selected on a channel selection screen and a folder included in the selected channel is selected, the request transmitted in step **S810** may be a request to store the image data into the selected folder. In such a case, in step **S810**, the CPU **202** transmits the selected channel information and information about the selected folder (for example, folder ID) to the message application server **400**.

(56) The information about the posting destination channel, which is transmitted in step **S810**, is stored in the storage **205** of the image processing apparatus **101**. The information may be stored at timing when the processing of step **S810** starts or when the processing of step **S810** ends. The information may be stored at timing when the settings are confirmed in step **S804**.

(57) In step **S811**, the CPU **401** of the message application server **400** searches for workspace information registered with the token information received in step **S810**, and stores the received image file in association with the channel specified by the channel information. As a result, if the user activates the message application on the mobile terminal **300** and selects the posting destination channel, a screen to which the image file transmitted from the image processing apparatus **101** is posted appears.

(58) In step **S812**, the CPU **401** of the message application server **400** transmits a result indicating whether the posting is successful to the image processing apparatus **101** as HTTP communication response information. If the posting fails, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** may display a notification that the posting is failed on the operation unit **207**. If the posting fails, the subsequent sequence is aborted.

(59) In step **S813**, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** transmits a reminder request including timing-related setting information, such as the date and time and the frequency, and the reminder message set in step **S806** to the message application server **400** via the communication unit **217**. An example of the command to be transmitted here is “HTTP POST <https://message.com/api/reminders.add>”.

(60) The reminder message transmitted here is the one input or selected by the user in step **S806**. This reminder message is assumed to be quoted from the message transmitted in step **S810**. As employed herein, quoting a message refers to a function of clarifying that the transmitted chat message is a response to a specific message in the conversations so far. Examples of quoting a message include including the posted comment of the specific message in the description of the message that the user transmits themselves, and transmitting the user's own message along with information from which the specific message can be identified (such as a permalink, ID, and time stamp). In the present exemplary embodiment, a method for including the posted comment transmitted in step **S810** into the reminder message or a method for acquiring the permalink of the message posted in step **S811** and describing the permalink may be used. An example of the command in the case where the image processing apparatus **101** acquires the permalink is “HTTP GET <https://message.com/api/chat.getPermalink>”. Note that the original purpose of quoting the message is to identify which message the reminder message is responding to. A predetermined message or an input message accepted from the user may be simply transmitted instead.

(61) In step **S814**, the CPU **401** of the message application server **400** sets a reminder based on the reminder request received in step **S813**.

(62) In step **S815**, the CPU **401** of the message application server **400** transmits a result indicating

whether the reminder setting is successful to the image processing apparatus **101** as HTTP communication response information. Like step **S812**, if the reminder setting is failed, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** may display a notification that the reminder setting is failed on the operation unit **207**.

(63) In step **S816**, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** transmits an event addition request including the information set in step **S806**, such as the date and time, the frequency, and the reminder message, to the schedule application server **600** via the communication unit **217**. An example of the command to be transmitted here is “HTTP POST <https://schedule.com/api/v2.0/me/events>”.

(64) In step **S817**, the CPU **601** of the schedule application server **600** adds an event based on the event addition request received in step **S817**. With an event set on the schedule application server **600**, a notification is transmitted to the event-registered user account when the event time, i.e., the timing set in step **S806** comes. This event notification can be checked from a not-illustrated PC used by the user or the mobile terminal **300**.

(65) In step **S818**, the CPU **601** of the schedule application server **600** transmits a result indicating whether the addition of the event is successful to the image processing apparatus **101** as HTTP communication response information. Like **S812**, if the addition of the event is failed, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** may display a notification that the addition of the event is failed on the operation unit **207**. If the addition of the event is successful, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** may display a notification that the sequence so far has been successful on the operation unit **207**.

(66) In step **S819**, the CPU **401** of the message application server **400** posts the reminder message when the reminder time comes. The channel to which the reminder message is posted is the channel indicated by the channel information transmitted as information included in the reminder request in step **S813**. The channel information transmitted in step **S813** is the channel information transmitted as information included in the posting request in step **S810**. The reminder message can thus be automatically posted to the channel selected to post (store) the image data by the user. The posting destination of the reminder message may be freely set by the user. For example, a channel different from the channel selected as the posting destination of the image data on the channel selection screen may be selected, and the reminder message may be posted to the different channel. As another example, an individual user may be selected as the reminder destination instead of selecting the channel selected as the posting destination of the image on the channel selection screen, and the reminder message may be notified to the user.

(67) While, in the present exemplary embodiment, a procedure for setting a reminder is described, the reminder can be cancelled as well. For example, the reminder may be cancelled by transmitting a command “HTTP POST <https://message.com/api/reminders.delete>”. The message application may be activated on the mobile terminal **300** and directly operated to cancel the reminder. Those who are allowed to cancel a reminder are not limited to the sender or receiver of the message.

(68) In the present exemplary embodiment, the description has been given of the example in which the image processing apparatus **101** transmits a reminder request to the message application server **400** or the schedule application server **600**, and the message application server **400** or the schedule application server **600** transmits the reminder at specified timing. However, this is not restrictive. For example, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** may check whether the timing set in step **S813** has come, and transmit a reminder request to the message application server **400** based on the timing. The reminder request is a message posting request including the reminder message set in step **S805** and the information about the channel selected as the posting destination of the image data in step **S803**. If the message posting request is transmitted to the message application server **400**, the reminder message corresponding to the request is immediately posted to the channel indicated by the channel information. More specifically, based on the channel information included in the message posting request received from the image processing apparatus

101, the message application server **400** posts the reminder message to the channel indicated by the channel information. The channel information transmitted by the foregoing message posting request is the channel information stored in the storage **205** after the processing of step **S810**. The information about the channel selected as the posting destination of the image data can thus be used again and again, and the posting destination channel of the reminder message does not need to be separately selected.

(69) If the image processing apparatus **101** transmits a message posting request for the reminder message to the message application server **400** when the set reminder timing comes, the message posting request includes a quotation request. To quote the post posted in response to the posting request for the image data transmitted in step **S810**, the quotation request includes the ID of the post (message) posted in step **S810**. The ID is acquired from the message application server **400** after the processing of step **S810** and stored in the storage **205**. In such a manner, the post of the image data posted in step **S811** can be quoted in posting the reminder message.

(70) FIG. **9** is a flowchart illustrating an example of the scan to chat processing performed by the image processing apparatus **101**. The processing of the flowchart in FIG. **9** is performed by the CPU **202** reading a program stored in the ROM **203** into the RAM **204** and executing the program. The procedure in FIG. **9** is started when the image processing apparatus **101** is powered on.

(71) In step **S901**, the CPU **202** detects that the scan to chat button **702** is selected. The processing proceeds to step **S902**.

(72) In step **S902**, the CPU **202** displays the scan to chat screen **1001** on the touchscreen **701** of the operation unit **207**.

(73) The screen transition when the scan to chat button **702** is selected will now be described with reference to FIGS. **10A** and **10B**.

(74) FIGS. **10A** and **10B** are diagrams illustrating examples of screen transition during the scan to chat processing. If the scan to chat button **702** displayed on the home screen **708** is selected, the scan to chat screen **1001** is displayed on the touchscreen **701** of the operation unit **207**.

(75) If a transmission setting button **1002** is selected on the scan to chat screen **1001**, the transmission setting screen **1010** is displayed. Transmission settings such as a file format **1011** can be changed and checked on this screen.

(76) If the channel setting button **1003** is selected, a channel setting screen **1020** is displayed. The channel setting screen **1020** displays channels based on the channel information that the image processing apparatus **101** receives from the message application server **400**. Channel buttons **1021** corresponding to the respective channels indicated by the received channel information are displayed on this screen. If a channel button **1021** is selected, user buttons **1022** for selecting the users included in the channel are displayed. Alternatively, if a channel button **1021** is selected, a list of folders corresponding to the channel may be displayed so that the upload destination folder of image data can be selected. Alternatively, if a channel button **1021** is selected, a request to upload image data generated by scanning to a folder corresponding to the channel may be transmitted instead of posting the image data to the channel. In such a case, the request that the image processing apparatus **101** transmits to the message application server **400** includes information such as the channel information about the selected channel, the image data, and the message.

(77) If a return button **1023** is selected, the channel selection is stored and the scan to chat screen **1001** is displayed on the operation unit **207**.

(78) If a deadline and reminder setting button **1004** is selected, a deadline and reminder setting screen **1030** is displayed.

(79) If a deadline setting button **1031** on the deadline and reminder setting screen **1030** is selected, a calendar for selecting a deadline is displayed like a deadline setting screen **1040**. The calendar displayed here may be acquired from an internal scheduler of the image processing apparatus **101**. The CPU **202** may communicate with the schedule application server **600** to acquire calendar information and display the calendar. In the present exemplary embodiment, the calendar is

illustrated to be displayed on the operation unit **207** of the image processing apparatus **101**.

However, any screen may be displayed as long as the deadline can be set. If the user selects a date on the deadline setting screen **1040**, the date is set as the deadline date.

(80) If a return button **1041** is selected with the deadline set, the setting is stored and the deadline and reminder setting screen **1030** is displayed again. Here, the set deadline “Deadline Setting: MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM” is displayed on the deadline setting button **1031**.

(81) If a reminder setting button **1032** is selected, a reminder setting screen **1050** is displayed. On the reminder setting screen **1050**, a frequency like every day and every Monday can be selected by using a pull-down menu **1051**. Moreover, the time to transmit the reminder message can be specified by using a pull-down menu **1052**. In the present exemplary embodiment, the reminder frequency is described to be set by using the pull-down menus **1051** and **1052**. However, timing such as “hour later” and “two days later” may be set. A specific timing such as “Jan. 30, 2022, 9:00 a.m.” may be set. The reminder setting screen **1050** may be configured so that the user can input a reminder message. In other words, the operation unit **207** accepts input of a reminder message from the user. Alternatively, the storage **205** of the image processing apparatus **101** may store a plurality of template messages in advance, and the operation unit **207** may accept selection of a message from the stored messages. Alternatively, the user may register template messages in advance. The registered template messages are stored in the storage **205**.

(82) In the present exemplary embodiment, the user to be reminded and the channel to be reminded are the same as those displayed on the channel button **1021** and the user button **1022** selected on the channel setting screen **1020**. Alternatively, another screen for setting which user and which channel are to be reminded may be provided to make the transmission target of the message and the target of the reminder different.

(83) If a return button **1053** is selected with the reminder frequency set, the reminder frequency is stored and the deadline and reminder setting screen **1030** is displayed again. Here, “Reminder Setting: at 9:00 Every Monday” is displayed on the reminder setting button **1032**.

(84) If a reset button **1005** is selected on the scan to chat screen **1001**, the set information is cleared. Here, the settings of the channel information and the deadline and reminder information are also cleared.

(85) If a monochrome start button **1006** or a color start button **1007** is selected on the scan to chat screen **1001**, scan and transmit processing is started.

(86) Return to the description of the procedure in FIG. 9. In step S903, the CPU **202** detects that the channel setting button **1003** is selected. In step S904, the CPU **202** requests channel information from the message application server **400** by HTTP communication, using token information registered in a token information **1103** (see FIG. 11) in advance and the user ID.

(87) The setting registration screen **1101** in FIG. 11 will now be described. FIG. 11 is a diagram illustrating an example of the setting registration screen according to the present exemplary embodiment. The setting registration screen **1101** is a screen displayed on the operation unit **207** of the image processing apparatus **101**. The setting registration screen **1101** may be displayed as a webpage on an operation unit of an information processing apparatus, such as a PC, connected to the image processing apparatus **101** via a network. The contents registered via the setting registration screen **1101** are stored in the storage **205**.

(88) A connection destination **1102** is a column indicating organization information about connection destinations. The token information **1103** is a column indicating registered token information. An operation button **1104** is an operation button column. This field displays edit buttons **1105** and generation buttons **1106**.

(89) If an edit button **1105** is selected, the user is allowed to input and modify the character strings of token information and connection destination information using a keyboard. If a generation button **1106** is selected, the scan to chat button **702** is set to be displayed on the home screen **708**.

(90) If a new registration button **1107** is selected, a new connection destination and new token

information can be registered by accepting character strings input by the user.

(91) Return to the description of the procedure in FIG. 9. In step S905, the CPU 202 determines whether channel information is received from the message application server 400 in response to the request for channel information transmitted in step S904. Specifically, if a status code included in the HTTP communication response indicates an error or if a parameter indicating an information acquisition failure is included in the body information of the response, the CPU 202 determines that channel information is not received.

(92) If channel information is determined to be received (YES in step S905), the processing proceeds to step S906. If channel information is determined to be not received (NO in step S905), the processing proceeds to step S923.

(93) In step S923, the CPU 202 displays information indicating that channel information is not successfully received on the channel setting screen 1020. Here, the channel setting screen 1020 does not display channel options.

(94) In step S924, the CPU 202 determines whether the return button 1023 is selected. If the return button 1023 is determined to be selected (YES in step S924), the processing returns to step S902. If the return button 1023 is determined to be not selected (NO in step S924), the processing returns to step S924.

(95) In step S906, the CPU 202 displays the channel setting screen 1020 displaying the channel information received from the message application server 400 on the touchscreen 701 of the operation unit 207.

(96) In step S907, the CPU 202 detects whether the channel setting screen 1020 is operated and the channel and the user are confirmed via the touchscreen 701 of the operation unit 207.

(97) If the channel and the user are confirmed (YES in step S907), the processing proceeds to step S908. If not (NO in step S907), the processing returns to step S907.

(98) In step S908, the CPU 202 detects that the deadline and reminder setting button 1004 is pressed. In step S909, the CPU 202 displays the deadline and reminder setting screen 1030.

(99) In step S910, the CPU 202 detects that the deadline setting button 1031 is pressed. In step S911, the CPU 202 displays the deadline setting screen 1040 on the operation unit 207.

(100) In step S912, the CPU 202 detects whether the deadline is confirmed by operating the deadline setting screen 1040 and pressing the return button 1041 via the touchscreen 701 of the operation unit 207. If the deadline is confirmed (YES in step S912), the processing proceeds to step S913. If not (NO in step S912), the processing returns to step S912.

(101) In step S913, the CPU 202 detects that the reminder setting button 1032 is pressed. In step S914, the CPU 202 displays the reminder setting screen 1050.

(102) In step S915, the CPU 202 determines whether the reminder date and time and frequency settings are confirmed by operating the reminder setting screen 1050 and pressing the return button 1053 via the touchscreen 701 of the operation unit 207. If the reminder date and time and frequency settings are confirmed (YES in step S915), the processing proceeds to step S916. If not (NO in step S915), the processing returns to step S915.

(103) In step S916, if the monochrome start button 1006 or the color start button 1007 displayed on the operation unit 207 is selected, the CPU 202 controls the reading unit 209 based on scan settings to read a document image and generate image data. The scan settings are specified by the user on the not-illustrated scan to chat detailed setting screen.

(104) In step S917, the CPU 202 converts the image data generated in step S916 into the file format 1011 set on the transmission setting screen 1010. This processing may be omitted.

(105) In step S918, the CPU 202 generates posting parameters. The posting parameters include a posting destination channel, an intended user, a file format, a filename, and a posting comment. For the file format, the file format corresponding to the file format 1011 set on the transmission setting screen 1010 is set. The posting comment may be a predetermined message or an input message accepted from the user. The filename set on the transmission setting screen 1010 is set as the

filename.

(106) In step **S919**, the CPU **202** transmits the image file generated in step **S917** and the posting parameters generated in step **S918** to the message application server **400** by the HTTP communication POST method, using the token information registered in advance. If such pieces of data (the file into which the image data is converted and the posting parameters) are transmitted to the message application server **400**, the message application server **400** posts the file to the specified channel based on the received posting parameters. The posting of the image file and the addition of information are performed by the message application server **400**.

(107) In step **S920**, the CPU **202** transmits a reminder setting request to set a reminder with the date and time and the frequency set in step **S915** to the message application server **400** by the HTTP communication POST method. The message application server **400** sets a reminder based on the received reminder setting request. The message application server **400** transmits a reminder message when the set reminder time comes.

(108) In step **S921**, the CPU **202** transmits an event addition request to add an event with the deadline set in step **S912** to the schedule application server **600** by the HTTP communication POST method. The schedule application server **600** sets an event based on the received event addition request. The schedule application server **600** issues a notification when the event time, i.e., the set deadline, comes.

(109) In step **S922**, the CPU **202** displays the result of the processing so far on the touchscreen **701** of the operation unit **207**.

(110) In such a manner, the user can post the image file to a specific channel on the message application server **400** from the image processing apparatus **101**, set a reminder, and set a deadline to the schedule application server **600**.

(111) FIG. **12** is a diagram illustrating an example of a message screen of the message application. A message screen **1201** in FIG. **12** is displayed when the reminder time comes after the message application is activated on the mobile terminal **300** and the series of processes in FIG. **9** is performed by the image processing apparatus **101**. Here, the mobile terminal **300** is communicating with the message application server **400**.

(112) If the user activates the message application on the mobile terminal **300** and logs in to the message application by inputting the ID and password of the user's account, a screen dedicated to the user is displayed.

(113) A message **1203** is a chat message posted by the user having the account "user1" to channel3. In the present exemplary embodiment, the message **1203** is displayed (posted) when the user having the account "user1" transmits an image file generated by scanning and the posting parameters to the message application server **400** using the user ID information about user1. In the example illustrated in FIG. **12**, the posting parameters specify "channel3" as the posting channel, "user3" as a mentioned user, "materials.pdf" as the filename, and "Here is the file." as the posting comment.

(114) A message **1204** is a reminder message posted by the message application server **400** when the set reminder time has come. The message **1204** is transmitted with the message **1203** quoted. The mentioned user set in transmitting the message **1203** is again set to be mentioned in the message **1204**. In other words, the reminder message is posted with the same user as the posting destination (mentioned) user set on the operation unit **207** mentioned in the reminder message. In the example illustrated in FIG. **12**, "user3" is mentioned again.

(115) In the present exemplary embodiment, the reminder message is posted by the message application server **400**.

(116) In the present exemplary embodiment, when posting the message **1204**, the message application server **400** may use the user account used in posting the message **1203**. If the image processing apparatus **101** transmits a posting request to post the message **1204** when the timing set by the reminder setting comes, the message **1204** is posted using the user account indicated by the

user information included in the posting request.

(117) By performing the foregoing processing, the settings for prompting the receiver to check the content can be easily set when the image processing apparatus **101** transmits image data generated by reading a document image to the chat service.

(118) In the first exemplary embodiment, the image processing apparatus **101** is described to directly transmit the image file and the posting parameters to the message application server **400** and set the reminder to the message application server **400**. A second exemplary embodiment will be described using an example where an image processing apparatus **101** transmits an image file and posting parameters to a message application server **400** via a bot server **500**, and the bot server **500** transmits a reminder. A detailed description of components and items denoted by the same reference numerals as used in the description of the first exemplary embodiment will be omitted.

(119) FIG. **13** is a diagram illustrating an example of a sequence where the image processing apparatus **101** transmits a file generated by scanning to the message application server **400** via the bot server **500**.

(120) In step **S1301**, a CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** requests the bot server **500** to acquire channel information.

(121) In step **S1302**, a CPU **501** of the bot server **500** requests channel information from the message application server **400** by HTTP communication. An example of the command to be transmitted here is “HTTP GET https://message.com/api/conversations.list”. If token information is transmitted to this URL, the message application server **400** searches for a workspace corresponding to the token information and channels linked with the user.

(122) In step **S1303**, a CPU **401** of the message application server **400** checks whether the access to the URL is authorized, based on the received token information and user ID. If the access is authorized, the CPU **401** returns channel information about the channels included in the workspace corresponding to the token information to the bot server **500**.

(123) In step **S1304**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** returns the channel information received from the message application server **400** to the image processing apparatus **101**.

(124) The processes of steps **S803** to **S809** and **S811** are the same as those described in the first exemplary embodiment.

(125) In step **S1305**, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** transmits the same token information as in step **S1301**, the information about the posting destination channel selected in step **S804**, and the image file (image data) generated in step **S809** to the bot server **500** via a communication unit **217**. A file format **1011** specified by the user on a scan to chat transmission setting screen **1010** is used as the file format.

(126) In step **S1306**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** transmits a file upload request to the message application server **400** by HTTP communication. An example of the command to be transmitted here is “HTTP POST https://message.com/api/files.upload”.

(127) In step **S1307**, the CPU **401** of the message application server **400** returns a result indicating whether the posting is successful to the bot server **500** as HTTP communication response information.

(128) In step **S1308**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** returns the result of the file posting received from the message application server **400** to the image processing apparatus **101**. If the posting is failed, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** may display a notification that the posting is failed on an operation unit **207**.

(129) In step **S1309**, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** transmits a reminder setting request to set a reminder with the date and time and frequency confirmed in step **S806** to the bot server **500** via the communication unit **217**.

(130) Here, information about the channel and user to be reminded is set as well.

(131) In step **S1310**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** sets a reminder based on the reminder setting request received in step **S1309**.

(132) In step **S1311**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** transmits a result indicating whether the reminder setting is successful to the image processing apparatus **101**.

(133) The processes of steps **S816** to **S818** are the same as those described in the first exemplary embodiment.

(134) In step **S1312**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** transmits a reminder message to the message application server **400** when the reminder time has come. An example of the command to be transmitted here is “HTTP POST https://message.com/api/chat.postMessage”.

(135) In step **S1313**, the CPU **401** of the message application server **400** posts the reminder message received in step **S1312** to the specified channel and user.

(136) In step **S1314**, the CPU **401** of the message application server **400** transmits a result indicating whether the posting is successful to the bot server **500**.

(137) In the second exemplary embodiment, the login user ID or device ID is used for the communication with the bot server **500**. However, any other uniquely determined ID, such as a tenant ID, can be used as well.

(138) FIG. **14** is a flowchart illustrating an example of scan to chat processing by the image processing apparatus **101**. The processing of the flowchart in FIG. **14** is performed by the CPU **202** reading a program stored in a ROM **203** into a RAM **204** and executing the program.

(139) The processes of steps **S901** to **S903** are the same as those described in the first exemplary embodiment.

(140) In step **S1401**, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** transmits a channel information acquisition request to the message application server **400** via the bot server **500**.

(141) The processes of steps **S905** to **S918** are the same as those described in the first exemplary embodiment.

(142) In step **S1402**, the CPU **202** transmits a message to the message application server **400** via the bot server **500** based on the channel information confirmed in step **S907**, the image file generated in step **S917**, and the posting parameters generated in step **S918**.

(143) In step **S1403**, the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** sets the reminder confirmed in step **S915** to the bot server **500**. In the present exemplary embodiment, a reminder message is transmitted by the bot server **500** and posted by the message application server **400**.

(144) The processes of steps **S921** to **S924** are the same as those described in the first exemplary embodiment.

(145) FIG. **15** is a flowchart illustrating an example where the bot server **500** processes a request from the image processing apparatus **101**. The processing of the flowchart in FIG. **15** is performed by the CPU **501** reading a program stored in a ROM **502** into a RAM **503** and executing the program.

(146) In step **S1501**, the CPU **501** determines whether a request from the CPU **202** of the image processing apparatus **101** is received. If a request is determined to be received (YES in step **S1501**), the processing proceeds to step **S1502**. If a request is determined to be not received (NO in step **S1501**), the processing returns to step **S1501**.

(147) In step **S1502**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** interprets the content of the request received from the image processing apparatus **101**.

(148) In step **S1503**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** checks the target of the request interpreted in step **S1502**. If the request is targeted at the message application server **400** (YES in step **S1503**), the processing proceeds to step **S1504**. If the request is targeted at the bot server **500** (NO in step **S1503**), the processing proceeds to step **S1505**.

(149) In step **S1504**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** transmits the request interpreted in step **S1502** to the message application server **400**. Examples of the request include a file upload request.

(150) In step **S1505**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** sets the request interpreted in step **S1502** to the bot server **500** itself. Examples of the request include a reminder setting request.

(151) In step **S1506**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** determines whether the processing

performed in step **S1504** or **S1505** is completed. If the processing is normally completed (YES in step **S1506**), the processing proceeds to step **S1507**. If the processing is not normally completed (NO in step **S1506**), the processing proceeds to step **S1508**.

(152) In step **S1507**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** transmits the result indicating that the processing is normally completed to the image processing apparatus **101**.

(153) In step **S1508**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** returns an execution error to the image processing apparatus **101**.

(154) FIG. **16** is a flowchart illustrating an example where the bot server **500** transmits the reminder set by the image processing apparatus **101**. The processing of the flowchart in FIG. **16** is executed by the CPU **501** reading a program stored in the ROM **502** into the RAM **503** and executing the program.

(155) In step **S1601**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** determines whether the reminder time has come. If the reminder time has come (YES in step **S1601**), the processing proceeds to step **S1602**. If the reminder time has not come yet (NO in step **S1601**), the processing returns to step **S1601**.

(156) In step **S1602**, the CPU **501** of the bot server **500** transmits the reminder message to the message application server **400**.

(157) According to the present exemplary embodiment, if the interface specifications of the message application server **400** are changed, the scan to chat processing can be implemented by simply updating the programs of the bot server **500** without updating the programs of the image processing apparatus **101**. Moreover, in a workplace where a plurality of image processing apparatuses **101** is installed, file posting can be implemented without individually setting tokens for the respective image processing apparatuses **101**. In addition, the bot server **500** can transmit reminders even if the message application server **400** does not have the reminder function.

(158) In the first exemplary embodiment, the reminder message is described to be transmitted from the message application server **400**. In the second exemplary embodiment, the reminder message is described to be transmitted from the bot server **500**. However, the reminder message does not necessarily need to be transmitted from the message application server **400** or the bot server **500**. For example, the image processing apparatus **101** may store the ID information about the login user in performing the scan to chat processing, and transmit a reminder message using the user account. In such a case, information such as the reminder date and time, the frequency, and the user account is stored in the image processing apparatus **101**.

Other Embodiments

(159) Embodiment(s) of the present disclosure can also be realized by a computer of a system or apparatus that reads out and executes computer executable instructions (e.g., one or more programs) recorded on a storage medium (which may also be referred to more fully as a 'non-transitory computer-readable storage medium') to perform the functions of one or more of the above-described embodiment(s) and/or that includes one or more circuits (e.g., application specific integrated circuit (ASIC)) for performing the functions of one or more of the above-described embodiment(s), and by a method performed by the computer of the system or apparatus by, for example, reading out and executing the computer executable instructions from the storage medium to perform the functions of one or more of the above-described embodiment(s) and/or controlling the one or more circuits to perform the functions of one or more of the above-described embodiment(s). The computer may comprise one or more processors (e.g., central processing unit (CPU), micro processing unit (MPU)) and may include a network of separate computers or separate processors to read out and execute the computer executable instructions. The computer executable instructions may be provided to the computer, for example, from a network or the storage medium. The storage medium may include, for example, one or more of a hard disk, a random-access memory (RAM), a read only memory (ROM), a storage of distributed computing systems, an optical disk (such as a compact disc (CD), digital versatile disc (DVD), or Blu-ray Disc (BD)TM), a flash memory device, a memory card, and the like.

(160) While the present disclosure has been described with reference to exemplary embodiments, it is to be understood that the disclosure is not limited to the disclosed exemplary embodiments. The scope of the following claims is to be accorded the broadest interpretation so as to encompass all such modifications and equivalent structures and functions.

(161) This application claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2023-017586, filed Feb. 8, 2023, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Claims

1. An image processing apparatus comprising: a scanning unit configured to scan an image of a document and generate image data; an acceptance unit configured to accept selection of a channel of a chat service; and a transmission unit configured to transmit information about the selected channel and the generated image data to a server configured to manage the chat service, wherein the acceptance unit is further configured to accept designation of reminder timing and a message, wherein the transmitted image data is posted to the selected channel based on the information about the selected channel, wherein the transmission unit is configured to transmit the message to the server based on the designated reminder timing, and wherein the message is posted to the selected channel based on the information about the selected channel, the message being posted quoting the posted image data.
2. The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising: a reception unit configured to receive information about a plurality of channels of the chat service from the server; and a display unit configured to display the information about the plurality of channels received by the reception unit, wherein the acceptance unit is configured to accept the selection of the channel from the displayed information about the plurality of channels.
3. The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a storage unit configured to store the information about the selected channel, wherein the transmission unit is configured to transmit the information about the selected channel stored in the storage unit and the message to the server based on the designated reminder timing.
4. The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the transmission unit is configured to transmit a request to quote the posted image data in posting the message to the server based on the designated reminder timing.
5. The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the acceptance unit is configured to accept the designation of the message by accepting selection of the message from a plurality of messages stored in the image processing apparatus.
6. The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the acceptance unit is configured to accept the designation of the message by accepting input of the message.
7. The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a conveyance unit configured to convey the document, wherein the scanning unit is configured to scan the image of the document conveyed by the conveyance unit and generate the image data, and wherein the transmission unit is configured to transmit the image data to the server.
8. The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein processing where the scanning unit scans the image of the document and generates the image data and processing where the transmission unit transmits the image data to the server are executed based on acceptance of an execution instruction from a user by the acceptance unit.
9. An image processing method comprising: scanning an image of a document and generating image data; accepting selection of a channel of a chat service; and transmitting information about the selected channel and the generated image data to a server configured to manage the chat service, wherein designation of reminder timing and a message is further accepted, wherein the transmitted image data is posted to the selected channel based on the information about the selected channel, wherein the message is transmitted to the server based on the designated reminder timing,

and wherein the message is posted to the selected channel based on the information about the selected channel, the message being posted quoting the posted image data.

10. The image processing method according to claim 9, further comprising: receiving information about a plurality of channels of the chat service from the server; and displaying the received information about the plurality of channels, wherein the selection of the channel is accepted from the displayed information about the plurality of channels.

11. The image processing method according to claim 9, further comprising storing the information about the selected channel, wherein the stored information about the selected channel and the message are transmitted to the server based on the designated reminder timing.

12. The image processing method according to claim 9, wherein a request to quote the posted image data in posting the message is transmitted to the server based on the designated reminder timing.

13. The image processing method according to claim 9, wherein the designation of the message is accepted by accepting selection of the message from a plurality of messages stored in a storage device.

14. The image processing method according to claim 9, wherein the designation of the message is accepted by accepting input of the message.

15. The image processing method according to claim 9, further comprising conveying the document, wherein the image data is generated by scanning the image of the conveyed document, and wherein the image data is transmitted to the server.

16. The image processing method according to claim 9, wherein processing where the image of the document is scanned to generate the image data and processing where the image data is transmitted to the server are executed based on acceptance of an execution instruction from a user.

17. A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium storing a program for causing a computer to perform an image processing method comprising: scanning an image of a document and generating image data; accepting selection of a channel of a chat service; and transmitting information about the selected channel and the generated image data to a server configured to manage the chat service, wherein designation of reminder timing and a message is further accepted, wherein the transmitted image data is posted to the selected channel based on the information about the selected channel, wherein the message is transmitted to the server based on the designated reminder timing, and wherein the message is posted to the selected channel based on the information about the selected channel, the message being posted quoting the posted image data.
