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client system as a member of the cooperative networking group; said host system being capable of accessing the target network;

linking the client system to the target network via a tunnel through the host system; and

preventing the client system from accessing resources of the host system by the steps of:

enabling the host system's link capabilities for clients but directing those links to communicate with the host application software;

causing the client application software to intercept the communications of the client system directed to the target network, encapsulating them in a new packet and sending them to the host system; wherein all packets sent by the client application software is directed to the host application software.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of determining requirements for connecting the client system to the target network; and

linking the client system to the target network based on the requirements; wherein the determining step is made in a server.

3. The method of claim 2 where the determining step further comprises:

determining a cost of obtaining a link; and

comparing the cost with a predetermined limit stored by said client system where a match will be found if the cost is less than or equal to the predetermined limit.

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4. The method of claim 1 wherein the target network is the Internet.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the target network is a public network.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the target network is a PSTN.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the client system is a mobile phone.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the host system and the client system are members of the cooperative networking group that gives reciprocal roaming rights.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein the host system is not connected to the target network and will make the connection to the target network upon request by the client system.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein any data sent by the client system is encrypted prior to being sent to the target network such that the privacy and security of the client are maintained.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the encryption can be selectively applied to the data depending on preferences.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein the connecting step comprises using a wireless connection technology.

13. The method of claim 1 wherein the linking step occurs automatically once the requirements for connecting the client system to the target network have been determined.

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