7. A method according to claim 1 wherein said e-mail message further includes textual content, said textual content being represented by an object on said envelope, and further comprising the step of causing, upon initiation of another user action when said cursor is positioned on said computer screen in another screen location corresponding to that of said object, said computer to display said textual content.

8. A method according to claim 7 wherein, upon initiation of said another user action causing said computer to display said textual content, said another user action also causes the steps of:

    generating an electronic response indicating said textual content has been displayed by said computer; and

    transmitting said generated electronic response.

9. A method according to claim 1, wherein each of said envelope front and said time stamp have an associated component identifier which said computer uses when rendering said envelope front and said time stamp.

10. A method according to claim 9, wherein each of said envelope front and said time stamp have associated component height data and component width data which said computer uses when rendering said envelope front and said time stamp.

11. A method according to claim 10, wherein each of said envelope front and said time stamp have associated vertical screen location data and horizontal screen location data which said computer uses when rendering said envelope front and said time stamp.

12. A method according to claim 10, wherein said envelope time stamp has an associated sub-component identifier which said computer uses during said step of causing said computer to connect with said another location associated with said stamp.

13. A method according to claim 1 wherein said time stamp provides both a date and a time.

14. A method according to claim 13 wherein said time stamp is provided from a time stamp server.