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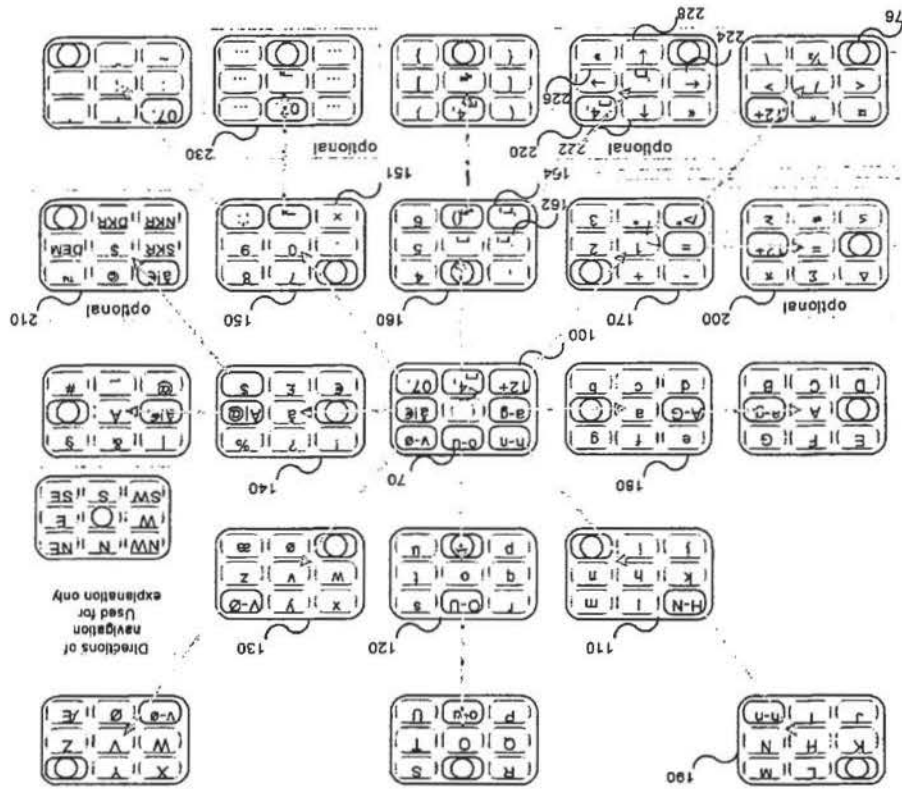


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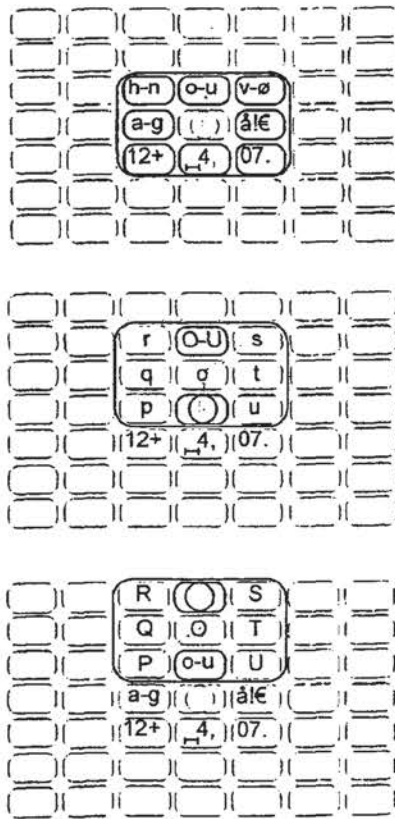


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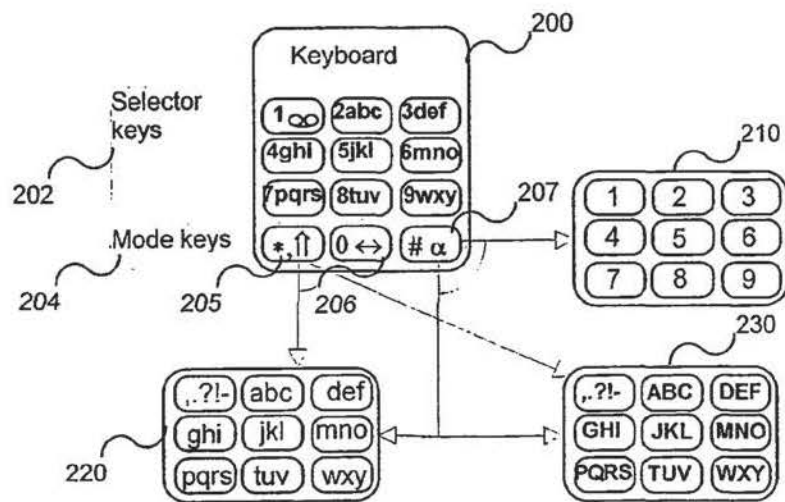


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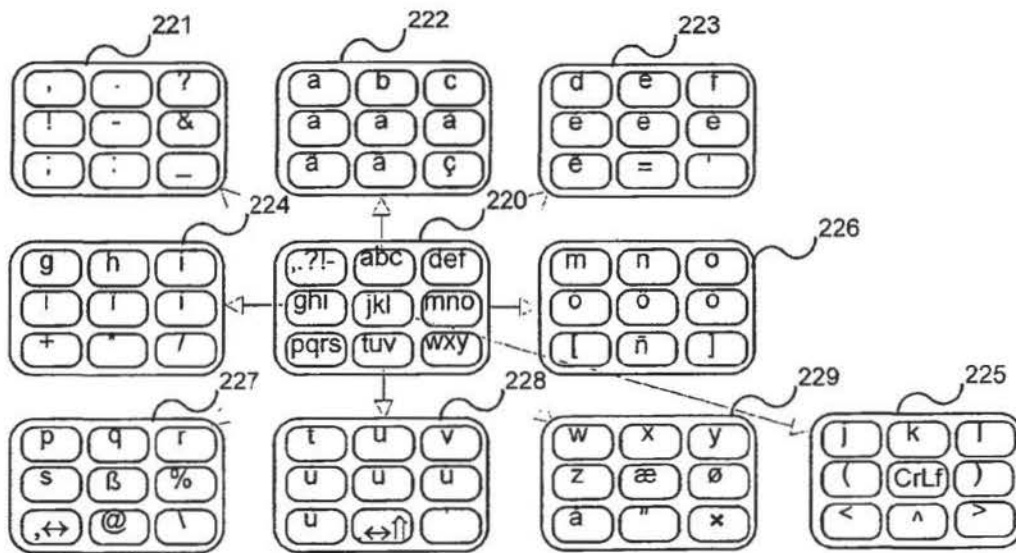


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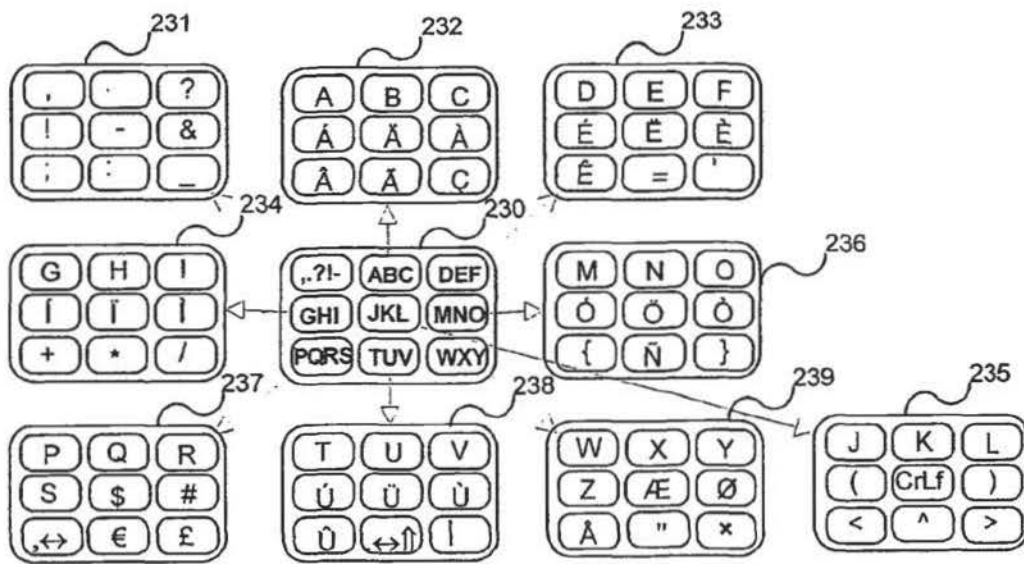


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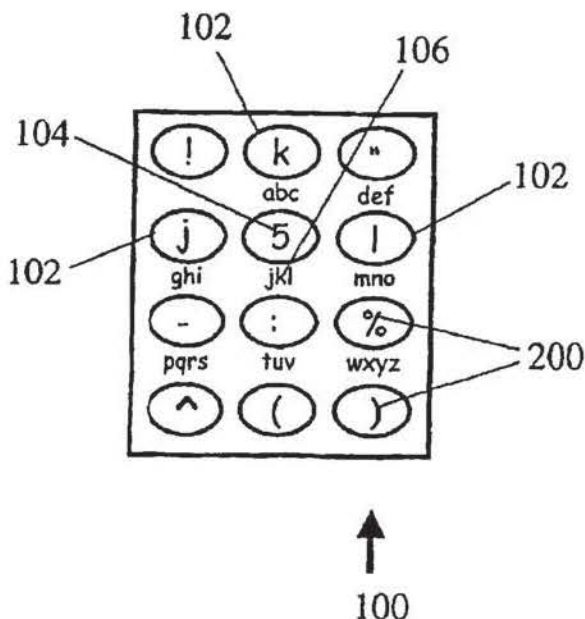
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method and device for improved character input are described, wherein the method employs a keypad 100 comprising keys 102 able to display secondary characters 106 in addition to primary characters 104. The keypad has a default display state. A first key selection causes the keypad 100 to display secondary characters 106 associated with the first key on other keys 102, whereupon a second key selection causes the displayed character to be input, following which the keypad reverts to displaying the default state. Further secondary characters 200 may also be displayed after a first key selection. The method is particularly useful for handheld devices such as mobile radio telephones or handheld computers adapted to implement the method of the invention.

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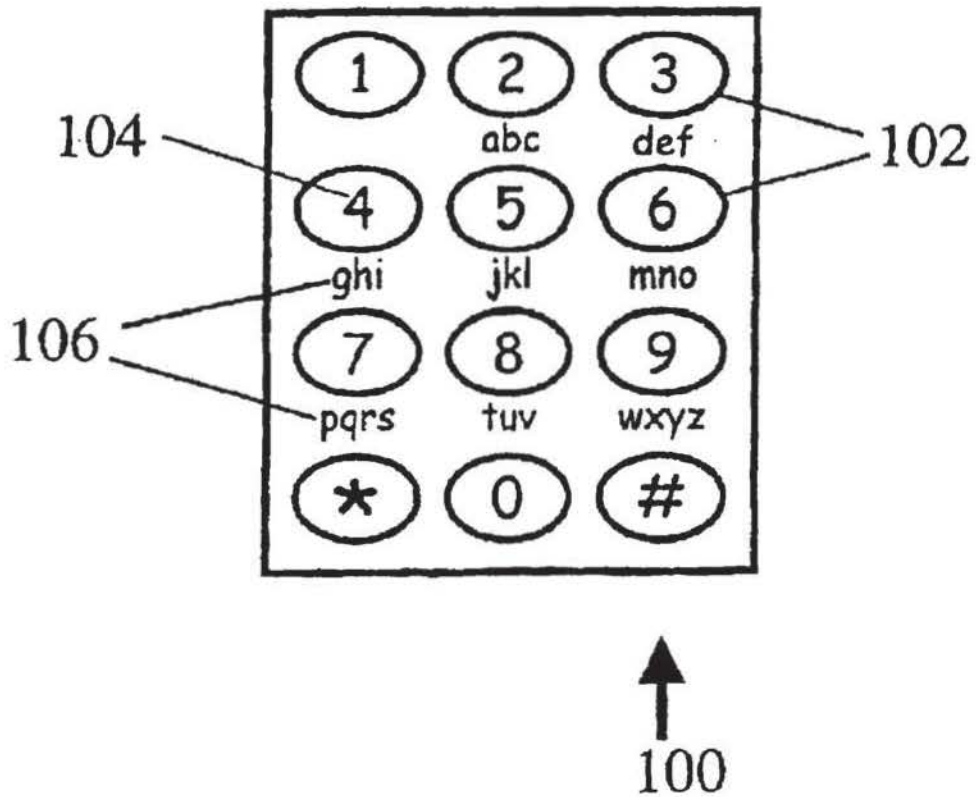


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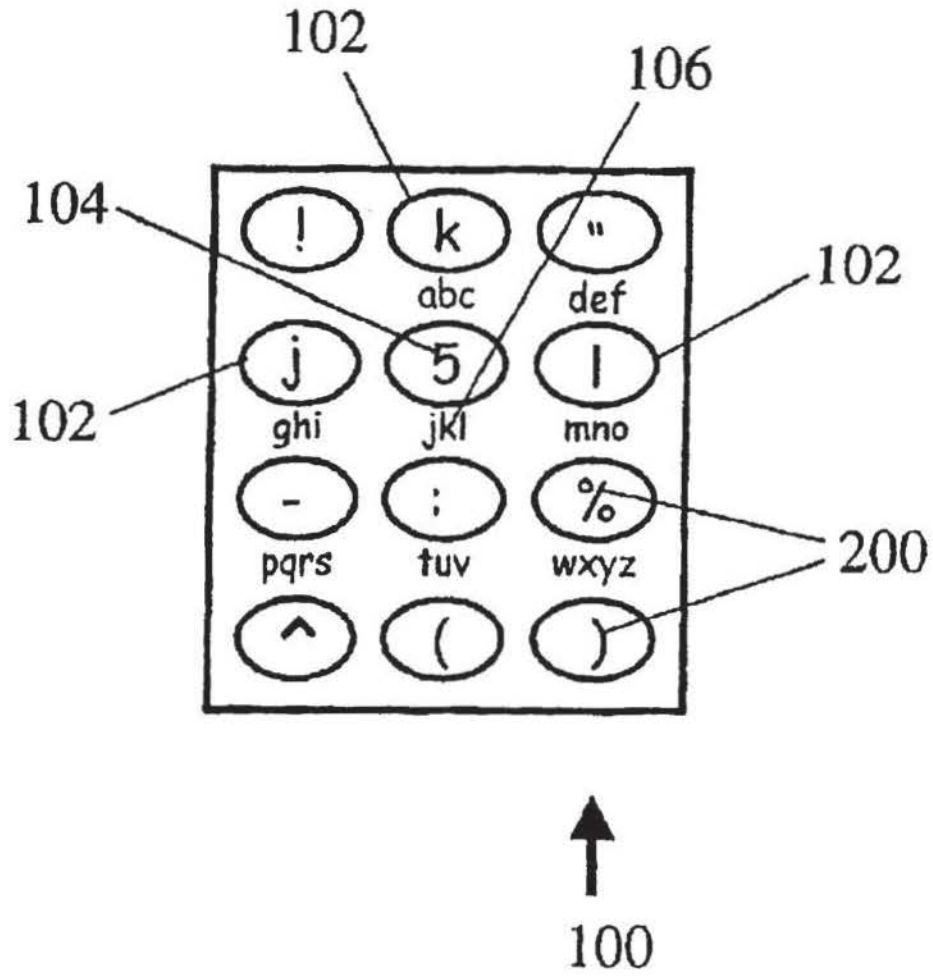


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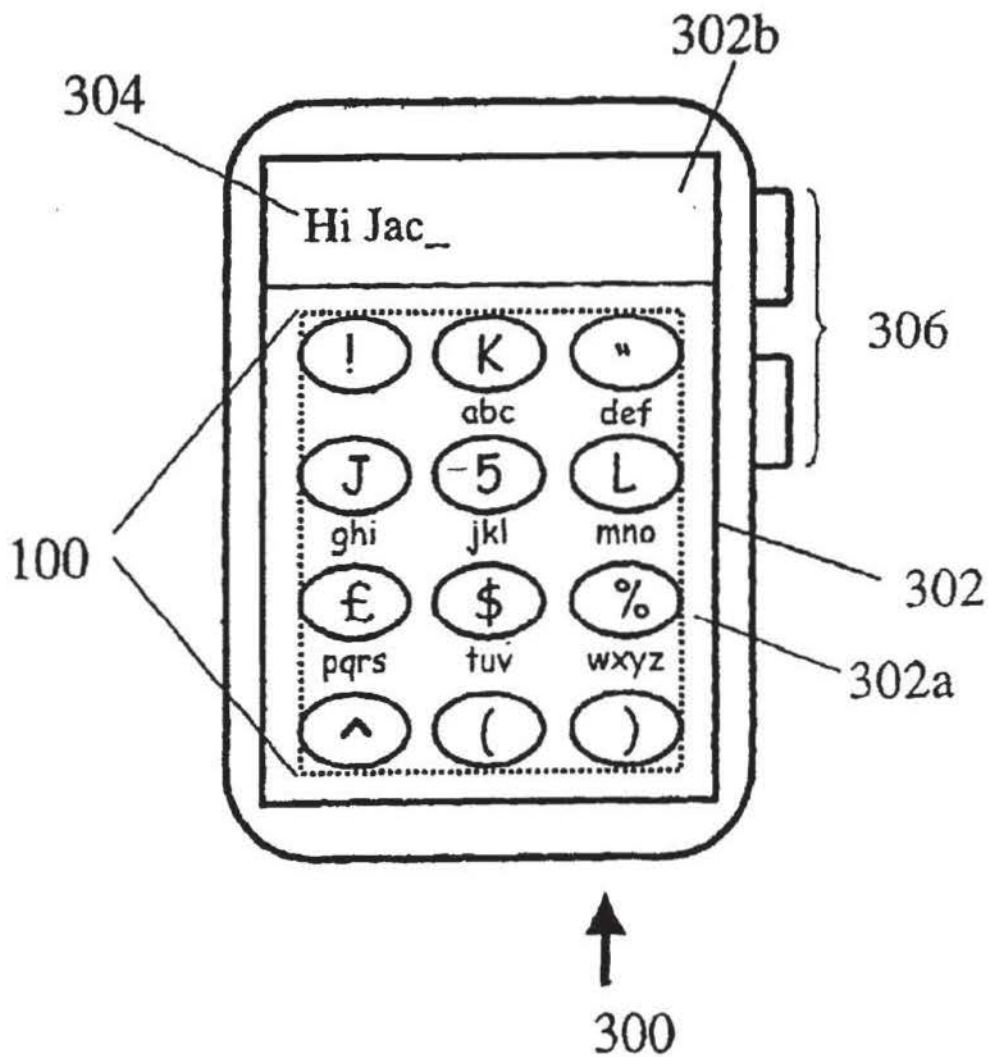


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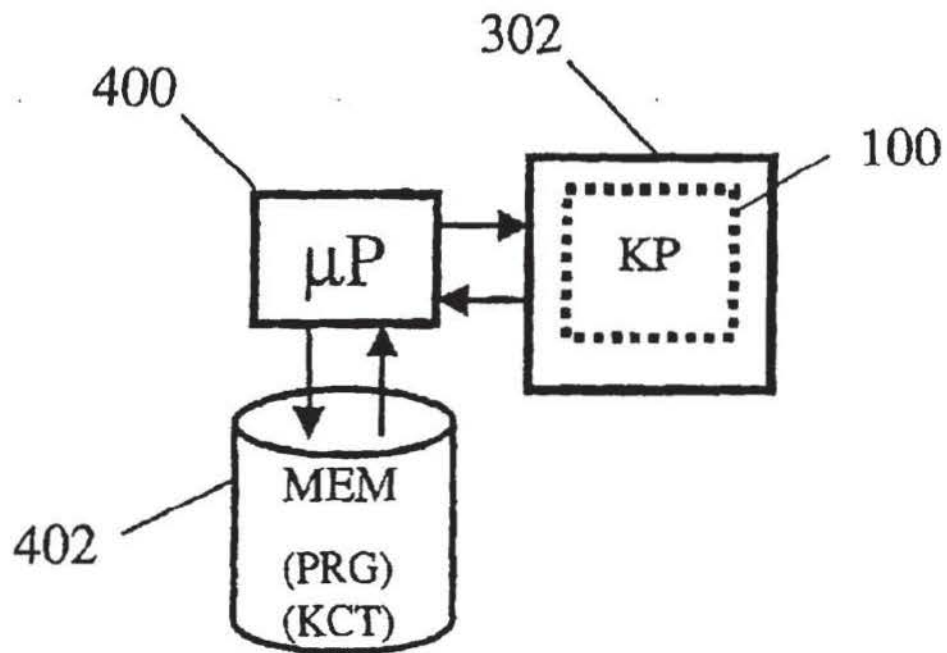


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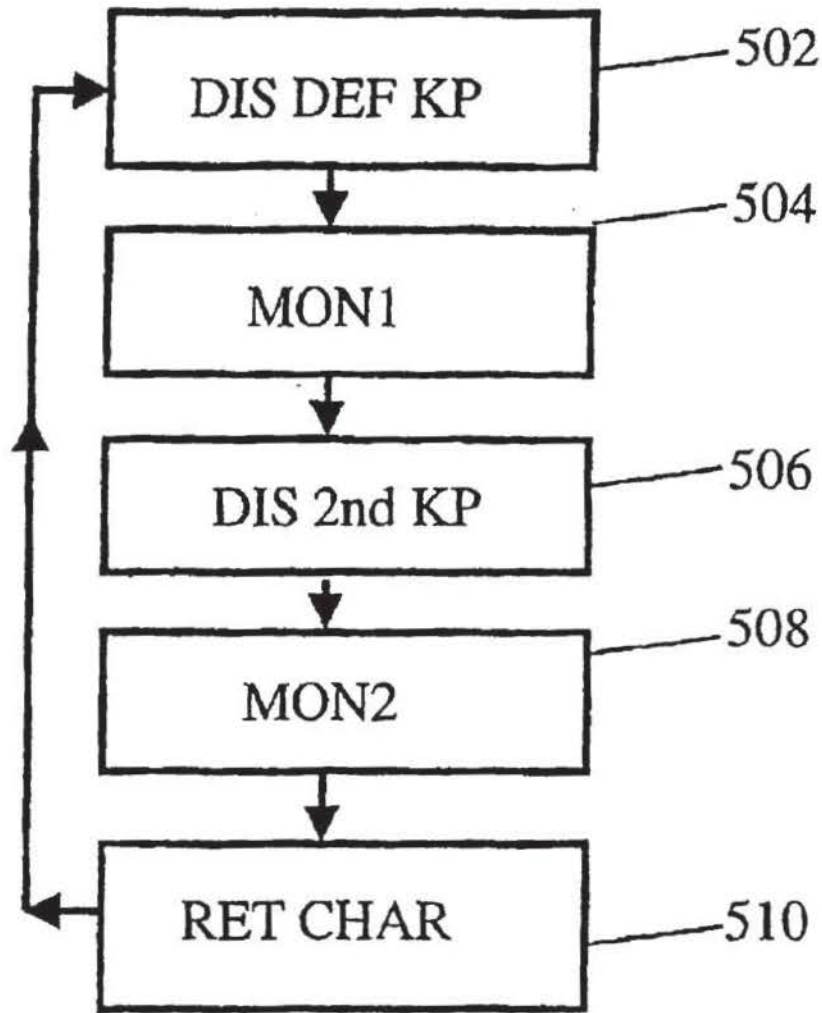


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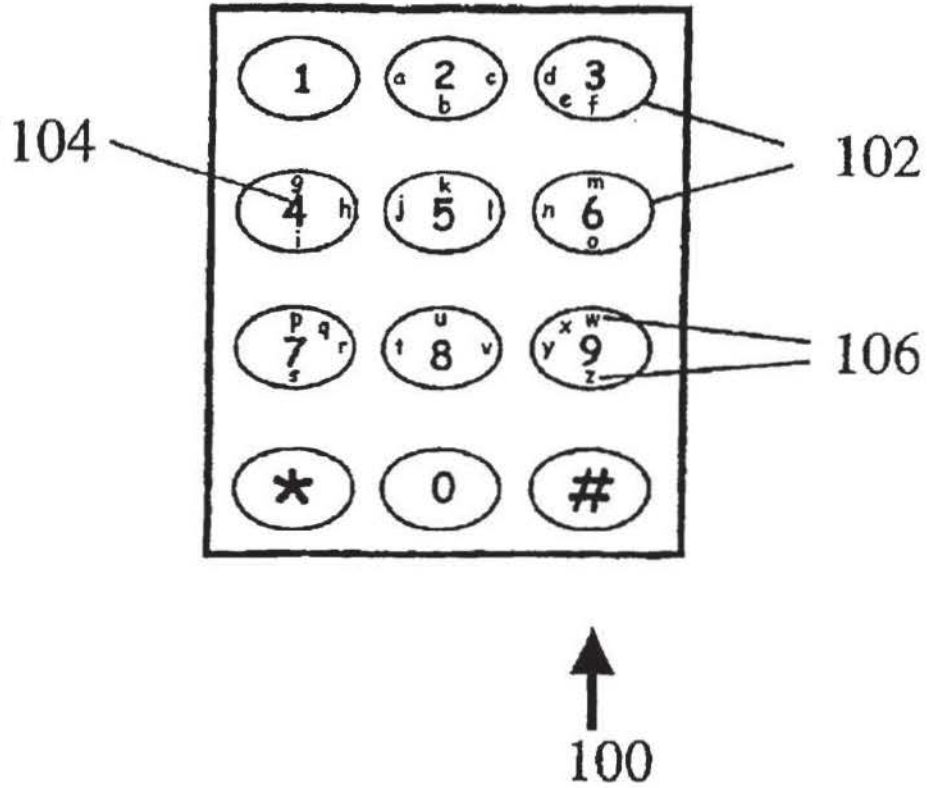


Fig. 6

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TEXT ENTRY METHOD AND DEVICE THEREFOR

The present invention relates to a method of entering text into a device, and to a device such as a portable radio telephone or a handheld computer suitably adapted to implement said method.

Portable radio telephone, or "mobile phone", ownership during recent years has been well documented and reported world-wide. Whilst mobile phone networks such as the Global System for Mobile communications (GSM) were originally designed for voice traffic, the sending of text messages using a Short Messaging Service (SMS) via suitably equipped phones has risen dramatically over the past couple of years, with the number of SMS messages sent world-wide on the GSM networks reaching fifteen billion in December 2000. This is in part due to the critical mass of ownership now reached in developed countries and also due to the low and typically fixed costs of sending a text message when compared with a voice call. The popularity of text messaging is also explained by the private and often intimate communication path offered by a text message. The numbers of text messages sent and received by users are forecast to increase even further with the impending introduction of more advanced, so-called 3G (third generation) wireless networks and services, where data, fax and more advanced e-mail services will be available on a 3G mobile phone or suitably equipped handheld computer or personal digital assistant (PDA).

A known method of entering text into devices such as mobile phones involves a user pressing a key on a keypad several times to cycle through characters associated with the key, until the character required is selected. For example, the number "2" key is associated with the characters "abc", the "3" key with the characters "def", the "4" key with the characters "ghi", the "5" key with "jkl" and so on. To select the character "a", the "2" key is pressed once. To select the character "b" the "2" key is pressed twice. The character "l" is selected by pressing the "5" key three times and so forth. Special characters (for example full stop, exclamation mark, double quote, dollar, percent, ampersand and star) are produced by tapping the one or zero keys several times until the required special character is selected. This method of entering text, commonly referred to as the "multitap" method is at present almost ubiquitous on mobile phones due to agreed standardisation between mobile phone manufacturers and service providers. Users are therefore very familiar with the multitap keypad layout and character association. However, this method often requires more than two key taps to select a character, and the entering of special characters can take many key taps. The method is therefore slow and prone to error.

An alternative method of inputting text to a device is disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,128,672 wherein the device comprises a dynamic predictive keyboard which is graphically represented on a touch sensitive display. A user inputs a character by pressing a key with the required character displayed on it. Following a character input, software provided within the device formulates a prediction, based on statistical analysis of the make-up and composition of English words of the next most likely character required by the user and consequently the layout of the keyboard is

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altered such that said most likely character is displayed on the keyboard. This has the problem that the keyboard does not resemble the multitap keypad familiar to mobile phone users, thereby presenting an unfamiliar interface to the average user. This problem is further compounded since in use the constant changing of the keyboard layout necessitates much practice and learning for proficient and quick text entry. Furthermore, the access and input of special characters is a problem unsolved by the predictive means of U.S. Pat. No. 5,128,672.

It is therefore an aim of the present invention to provide an improved method of entering characters into a device such as a mobile phone or handheld computer. It is a further aim of the present invention to provide a method consistent with a keypad with which mobile phone users are familiar.

According to a first aspect of the present invention there is provided a method for inputting a character to a device, the device comprising a keypad, the keypad comprising a plurality of keys, at least one of which keys has a primary character, a plurality of secondary characters and a display area associated with it, the keypad in a default state displaying the primary character associated with a key in its respective display area, wherein the method comprises the steps of: detecting a first key selection; displaying each of the secondary characters associated with the first selected key in a respective display area; detecting a second key selection; selecting for input the secondary character associated with the second key selection; and returning the keypad to the default state.

According to a second aspect of the present invention there is provided a device for receiving character input, comprising a keypad having a plurality of keys, a key having a primary character, a plurality of secondary characters and a display area associated with it, wherein means are provided for displaying in a default state the primary character associated with a key in its respective display area, means responsive to a first key selection are provided for displaying each of the secondary characters associated with the selected key in a respective display area, and means responsive to a second key selection are provided for selecting as input character the secondary character associated with the second key selected and for returning the keypad to its default state.

The device and method of this invention comprise a keypad having a default display state wherein primary, and optionally secondary, characters are displayed. A user inputs a character by selecting the key having that character as one of its associated secondary characters, following which the keypad displays the required character which is then input via an appropriate second key selection.

In one embodiment of the present invention the keypad is displayed on a touch screen, the touchscreen having an output area for displaying characters input by the user. In this embodiment the display area associated with a key is provided by an area of touchscreen within or adjacent to the graphical representation of the key or button.

In another embodiment of the present invention the associated display area of a key is provided by display means such as a liquid crystal display within or adjacent to the key or button. The display means are arranged such that a displayed character is visible to the user, and hence character association with the key is rendered obvious to the user.

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The method and device of this invention provide improved text entry particularly suited to, but not exclusively for, hand held devices such as portable mobile radio telephones, personal digital assistants, pocket computers and remote control handsets.

Embodiments of the present invention will now be described, by way of example only, with reference to the accompanying figures in which:

FIG. 1 depicts a default display state of a keypad for use with the present invention.

FIG. 2 illustrates an example of the characters displayed on the keypad after a first key selection.

FIG. 3 depicts an example of a device made in accordance with the present invention.

FIG. 4 is a schematic diagram of components of the device of FIG. 3.

FIG. 5 is a flow diagram illustrating a basic implementation of a method according to the present invention.

FIG. 6 depicts an alternative default display state of a keypad for use with the present invention.

In the figures the same reference numerals have been used to indicate corresponding features.

FIG. 1 depicts a keypad 100 in a default display state wherein twelve keys 102 are arranged in four rows of three keys. Each key has a primary character 104 and a plurality of secondary characters 106 associated with it. The primary character 104 displayed on each key 102 is, in this embodiment, selected from the group of characters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0, # and *. The secondary characters 106 associated with each key are shown in groups adjacent the respective key. The secondary character groupings in this embodiment are similar to those of the multitap method, for example the key associated with primary character "2" has an associated secondary character grouping "abc", the key "3" the associated secondary characters "deP" and so on as shown in the figure. Hence, the default display state of the keypad 100 as shown in FIG. 1 presents to the user a keypad having a well known key and character layout, thereby necessitating little or no familiarisation.

FIG. 2 illustrates a possible display state of the keypad 100 after a first key selection by a user, the selected key in this example being the "5" key (the key associated with the primary character "5" and secondary characters "jkl"). The secondary character "j" is displayed by the display area associated with a neighbouring key, in this example the key associated with the primary character "4" adjacent the "5" key. Similarly, the secondary characters "k" and "l", associated with the first key selection, are displayed respectively on the keys previously displaying "2" and "6" as primary characters. In this example the remaining keys have displayed upon them further characters 200 which are useful for text entry. For example characters representing an exclamation mark, a double quote, a pound, a dollar sign, left and right brackets, a percentage symbol and a caret may be displayed as shown in FIG. 2.

A second key selection from the keypad of FIG. 2 selects the character displayed on the display area associated with said second key for input. Following a character input, the keypad of FIG. 2 is returned to the default display state as shown in FIG. 1.

The key selections are typically provided by a user's finger or stylus and may comprise the user tapping a first key

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followed by the user tapping a second key. Alternatively, the user may make a second key selection by sliding or dragging said finger or stylus across the keypad from the first key to the second key and pausing on, or removing the finger or stylus from, the required second key.

The dynamic keypad states illustrated in FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 provide a method of quick and accurate character input wherein secondary characters are available with only two key selections. Additionally the method is intuitive and requires little or no learning by the user due to the provision of a familiar default keypad display state.

An embodiment of a device employing the keypad and features of this method and made in accordance with the present invention is shown in FIG. 3. The figure depicts a hand-held device 300 such as a personal digital assistant (PDA) or sometimes called a handheld computer. The device comprises a touchscreen 302 comprising touch input means arranged to detect touch input upon a surface of a display means (such as a liquid crystal or organic light emitting diode display). The touchscreen in this embodiment displays a keypad 100 to the user within a touch input region 302a of the touchscreen, whilst input characters 304 are displayed in an output region 302b of the touchscreen 302. In FIG. 3 the keypad 100 is shown in the second display state of FIG. 2, wherein a first key selection of the key "5" has occurred and the keypad awaits a second key selection to input a character. The device further comprises control buttons 306 provided to power up the device or change mode of usage for example. Additionally the handheld device may incorporate means (not shown on FIG. 3) to transmit and receive data including voice and text messaging wirelessly via a suitable network.

The device 300 further comprises components adapted for carrying out a method in accordance with the present invention, these components being schematically represented in FIG. 4. The relevant components comprise a computer program (PRG) and processing means in the form of a general purpose microprocessor 400 (μ P). The computer program is stored in computer readable storage media 402 (MEM), the PRG comprising instructions to instruct the microprocessor (μ P) 400 to carry out the steps of a method according to the present invention. It is noted herewith that although the processing means of this embodiment comprise a general purpose microprocessor, other suitable forms of processing means such as dedicated logic circuits, PICmicro® chips or application specific integrated circuits (ASIC) operating with or without a computer program could be employed in alternative embodiments.

In FIG. 4 there is also provided the touchscreen 302, the touchscreen able to display a keypad 100 (KP) and detect touch input for inputting characters. In this embodiment the display area associated with each key 102 of the keypad 100 is provided by an area of touchscreen 302 within or adjacent to the graphical representation of the key 102.

Additionally, one or more key character tables (KCT) are provided within MEM 402. A KCT provides information to the microprocessor relating to the default keypad to be displayed on the touchscreen, and also provides the primary and secondary characters which are to be displayed upon a first key selection.

An example of a KCT is presented below (Table 1).

TABLE 1

KEY	PRIMARY CHARACTER	SECONDARY CHARACTER(S)
1	1	Not used
2	2	abc
3	3	def
4	4	ghi
5	5	jkl
6	6	mno
7	7	pqrs
8	8	tuv
9	9	wxyz
0	0	Not used
*	*	Not used
#	#	Not used

Table 1 thereby provides primary and secondary characters to the microprocessor which, under the guidance of PRG instructs the touchscreen to display these characters in the appropriate locations to build up a default keypad display state corresponding to FIG. 1 and Table 1.

Similarly a KCT relating to a first key selection of key 5 is shown below in Table 2.

TABLE 2

KEY	DISPLAY SECONDARY CHARACTER
1	!
2	k
3	"
4	j
5	5
6	l
7	£
8	\$
9	%
0	
*	(
#)

This KCT provides the characters displayed upon a first key selection corresponding to key 5 thereby providing a second keypad display state as shown in FIG. 2.

In operation, the microprocessor 400, under the guidance of PRG looks up the default key character assignments stored in MEM 402 as a KCT (for example the KCT of Table 1) and instructs the touchscreen 302 to display the keypad 100 in a default display state. The touchscreen is sampled repeatedly until a first key selection is detected, following which the appropriate characters to be displayed are retrieved from an appropriate stored KCT (e.g. Table 2) by the microprocessor and provided to the touchscreen which updates the keypad 100 displayed. Following these operations the touchscreen is sampled repeatedly for a second key selection.

Upon detection of a second key selection the microprocessor 400 compares the key selected with the displayed KCT (Table 2 for example) and returns the input character for display in the output region 302b of the touchscreen 302. Finally, the microprocessor instructs the touchscreen to display the default keypad and awaits further user interaction.

A flow diagram illustrating the main steps of this method is presented in FIG. 5, the method being performed as a loop, wherein:

A default keypad is displayed (DIS DEF KP) 502
The keypad is monitored for a first key selection (MON1) 504

Following a first key selection the appropriate characters are displayed on the keypad (DIS 2nd KP) 506

The keypad is monitored for a second key selection (MON2) 508

Following a second key selection the secondary character associated with the second key selection is returned as an input character (RET CHAR) 510

Loop back to display the default keypad (DIS DEF KP) 502

In a further embodiment, the first key selection is reported only after the key is selected by a user for a pre-determined time period, for example a time period of 0.2 seconds. This enables quick tapping to select the default primary characters displayed on a default keypad, thereby allowing fast number entry when required without altering the keypad display state.

According to a further embodiment of this invention, the display of primary or secondary characters associated with a key is achieved by providing an associated display area within, on or situated adjacent to the key. The default assigned secondary characters are provided adjacent to the keys on the keypad, and the user presses the keys to input characters in accordance with a method of this invention.

In a further embodiment of this invention, the default display state of the keypad comprises positioning some of the secondary characters associated with a key such that the key display area upon which a secondary character will be displayed next is indicated to the user. An example of a keypad default display state according to this embodiment is given in FIG. 6 wherein secondary characters are displayed within a key, each secondary character being positioned relative to the key upon which it will appear following a first key selection. For example, the key displaying the primary character "5" has the secondary characters "j", "k" and "l" positioned to the left, above and right of the "5" respectively. Hence a visual indication of the key upon which each character will appear should the "5" be first selected is provided to the user. In this example the default display state provides an indication that the "j" will appear on the "4" key to the left of the "5" key, as is shown in the example of the keypad in FIG. 2.

In yet a further embodiment of this invention, one or more of the key character tables are alterable, thereby providing a user with the option of customising the keypad to his or her preference.

Whilst the embodiments described hereinbefore apply this invention to handheld devices such as PDAs and mobile phones, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that the teaching of this invention may also be applied to advantage to devices wherever character input is required, such as remote control handsets or children's learning aids and toys.

Additionally, the characters assigned as primary and or secondary characters may be any characters convenient for the device, language and application chosen, and the keypad may comprise more or less keys displaying more or less characters than those illustrated herein without departing from the spirit and scope of this invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for inputting a character to a device, the device comprising a keypad, the keypad comprising a plu-

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rality of keys, at least one of which keys has a primary character, a plurality of secondary characters and a display area associated with it, the keypad in a default state displaying the primary character associated with a key in its respective display area, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

- detecting a first key selection;
- displaying each of the secondary characters associated with the first selected key in a respective display area;
- detecting a second key selection;
- selecting for input the secondary character associated with the second key selection; and
- returning the keypad to the default state.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the keypad in a default state further displays associated secondary characters adjacent the primary character, the location of each secondary character providing an indication of which display area will display that secondary character following a first key selection.

3. A computer program product stored on a computer readable medium for performing all of the steps of claim 1 when the program is run on a device for receiving character input.

4. A device for receiving character input, comprising a keypad having a plurality of keys, at least one of which keys

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has a primary character, a plurality of secondary characters and a display area associated with it, wherein means are provided for displaying in a default state the primary character associated with a key in its respective display area, means responsive to a first key selection are provided for displaying each of the secondary characters associated with the selected key in a respective display area, and means responsive to a second key selection are provided for selecting as input character the secondary character associated with the second key selection and for returning the keypad to its default state.

5. A device as claimed in claim 4, further comprising a touchscreen on which the keypad is displayed and wherein the display area associated with a key comprises a respective portion of the touchscreen.

6. A device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the display area associated with a key is provided by display means within the key.

7. A device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the display area associated with a key is provided by display means adjacent the key.

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13/955,345	07/31/2013	Matthew J. Bickerton	2001P00413US01

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- does not state that the above-identified application was made or authorized to be made by the person executing the oath or declaration.

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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

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Matthew J. Bickerton	2011P00413US01
Serial No.: 13/955,345	Confirmation No. 6652
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Title: TEXT ENTRY METHOD AND DEVICE THEREFOR	

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
PARTS OF REISSUE APPLICATION

Sir:

In response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF REISSUE APPLICATION mailed on September 3, 2013, enclosed is a Declaration, properly signed by the Assignee and referring to the above case by its Serial Number and filing date, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.1369a). Accordingly, the above-identified patent application is now complete.

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Respectfully submitted,

By Michael E. Belk/
Michael E. Belk, #33,357
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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE ASSIGNEE		Docket Number (optional) 2001P00413US01	
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Inventor <u>Matthew J. Bickerton</u>			
Residence: City <u>Bletchingley</u>		State	Country <u>GB</u>
Mailing Address <u>Tye Copse Cottage</u>			
City <u>Bletchingley</u>	State	Zip <u>RH14NE</u>	Country <u>GB</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Inventors are named on separately numbered sheets attached hereto.			
Patent Number <u>6,885,318</u>		Date of Patent Issued <u>April 26, 2005</u>	
I believe said inventor(s) to be the original inventor or original joint inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention titled: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">TEXT ENTRY METHOD AND DEVICE THEREFOR</div>			
the specification of which <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was filed on <u>07/31/2013</u> as reissue application number <u>13/955,343</u>			
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Docket Number (Optional) 2001P00413U.

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The application for the original patent was filed under 37 CFR 1.46 by the assignee of the entire interest.

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Date (Optional) September 4, 2013

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ADDITIONAL STATEMENT OF ERROR UPON WHICH REISSUE IS BASED

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The Patentee respectfully asserts that the error is corrected by an amendment that adds at least one dependent claim, for example claim 8, which protects the disclosed invention in accordance with the specification of the Patent, thus improving on the state of the art. Previously the patentee had neglected, without deceptive intent, to protect this disclosed invention in accordance with the specification of the Patent.

No new matter is added by this amendment in this reissue application. All errors in the patent being corrected in the present reissue application up to the time of filing this oath/declaration, that are not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the patentee.

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Title

TEXT ENTRY METHOD AND DEVICE THEREFOR

Preliminary Class

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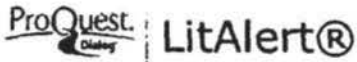
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Atty. Docket: 2001PF00413US01

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Serial No.: 13/955,345

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Title: TEXT ENTRY METHOD AND DEVICE THEREFOR

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Please consider the remarks in the Application as follows:

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the Application.

Please discard the declaration previously filed today and substitute the declaration submitted herewith. The declaration submitted herewith includes the updated USPTO Reissue Application Declaration by the Assignee Form PTO/AIA/06 in place of USPTO Form PTO/SB/52 previously filed.

It is respectfully submitted that the reissue oath/declaration is proper and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

A diligent and sincere effort to place this Patent back in condition for immediate allowance is made herein and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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I believe said inventor(s) to be the original inventor or original joint inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention titled: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; min-height: 40px;">TEXT ENTRY METHOD AND DEVICE THEREFOR</div>			
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The patentee respectfully asserts that the error is corrected by an amendment that adds at least one dependent claim, for example claim 8, which protects the disclosed invention in accordance with the specification of the Patent, thus improving on the state of the art. For example, claim 8 is added to recite that "the means for switching to a second state comprises a means for detecting a sliding across the keypad from the first key selection to the second key selection." Support for the subject matter of the claim is provided by the Patent, in the accompanying description for example contained in col. 3, line 66 through col. 4, line 5. Previously the patentee had neglected, without deceptive intent, to protect this disclosed invention in accordance with the specification of the Patent.

Further, the patentee has elected to amend claim 1 for example to recite that (e.g., see, Patent, FIGs. 1-5 and the accompanying description contained in col. 5, line 65 through col. 6, line 19, changes to the claim element indicated with underlining showing additions) "in the default state, returning the primary character as an input character in response to selection of the at least one key for a period shorter than a predetermined time period; switching to a second state after detecting a first key selection of the at least one key for a period longer than a predetermined time period; in the second state, displaying each of the secondary characters associated ..." Patentee has also elected to amend claim 1 for example for better conformance to U.S. practice such as clarifying antecedence language where for example, "selecting for input the secondary character ..." is clarified as "selecting for the input character the secondary character ..."

No new matter is added by this amendment in this reissue application. All errors in the Patent being corrected in the present reissue application up to the time of filing this oath/declaration that are not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the patentee.

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4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/156,409.
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Applicant has **THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE"** of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in **ABANDONMENT** of this application.
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1. The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions. The application is a reissue of application 10/156,409, Patent 6,885,318, filed May 28, 2002 which claims foreign priority to UK application 0116083.7, filed June 30, 2001. Claims 1-16 are pending.

2. Claims 1-16 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims recite an apparatus, a method of operating the apparatus, and a computer program product for executing the method wherein the device displays a default character associated with a key when the key is pressed for a period shorter than a predetermined time and when the key is pressed for a longer period secondary characters are displayed which are selected by a second key pressing, wherein the keyboard returns to the default state after the second key pressing. Such a combination is not taught, suggested, or made obvious by the prior art of record..

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/ALBERT WONG/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2689

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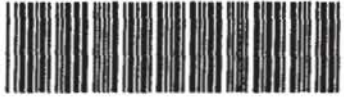
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(57) 【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】

特定の文字種別に該当する文字で構成される複数の文字情報をそれぞれ表示手段に表示した状態で、文字情報の任意の文字を指示するための指示手段によって、所望の文字を指示して入力するための文字入力装置であって、

文字情報を格納する文字情報格納手段と、

文字情報を一覧表示するための文字一覧表示手段や、文字情報の任意の文字における少なくとも1つの文字種別に該当する文字を表示するための文字種別表示手段を表示手段に表示させるための文字情報表示手段と、

を有し、

特定の文字種別に該当する文字で構成される複数の文字情報を表示するための文字一覧表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

文字一覧表示手段の内の任意の文字が指示手段によって指示されると、指示された文字に対応する少なくとも1つの他の文字種別に該当する文字を表示するための文字種別表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

文字種別表示手段の内の任意の文字種別に該当する文字を指示手段で指示して離すと、離れた位置に表示していた文字の文字種別に該当する文字情報を文字一覧表示手段に表示する

ことを特徴とする文字入力装置。

【請求項2】

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文字種別は、日本語を入力する場合には、清音、濁音、半濁音、拗音または促音と、全角平仮名、半角平仮名、全角片仮名または半角片仮名との組み合わせであり、それ以外の言語を入力する場合には、大文字及び小文字である

請求項 1 に記載の文字入力装置。

【請求項 3】

文字種別表示手段に表示される各文字種別毎の文字は、それぞれ縦方向、横方向又は方眼状に配列される

請求項 1 に記載の文字入力装置。

【請求項 4】

指示手段は、タブレットに対して指示するポインティングデバイス又はマウスポインタ 10
である

請求項 1 に記載の文字入力装置。

【請求項 5】

特定の文字種別に該当する文字で構成される複数の文字情報をそれぞれ表示手段に表示した状態で、文字情報の任意の文字を指示するための指示手段によって、所望の文字を指示して入力するための文字入力装置であって、

文字情報を格納する文字情報格納手段と、

文字情報を一覧表示するための第 1 文字一覧表示手段や、文字情報の任意の文字における少なくとも 1 つの文字種別に該当する文字を表示するための文字種別表示手段を表示手段に表示させるための文字情報表示手段と、 20

を有し、

特定の文字種別に該当する文字で構成される複数の文字情報を表示するための第 1 文字一覧表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

第 1 文字一覧表示手段の内の任意の文字が指示手段によって指示されると、第 1 文字一覧表示手段より詳細な文字情報を表す第 2 文字一覧表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

第 2 文字一覧表示手段の内の任意の文字が指示手段によって指示されると、指示された文字に対応する少なくとも 1 つの他の文字種別に該当する文字を表示するための文字種別表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

文字種別表示手段の内の任意の文字種別の文字が指示手段によって指示されてその位置から離されると、文字種別表示手段において離した位置に表示されている文字種別に該当する文字情報を第 1 文字一覧表示手段に表示する 30

ことを特徴とする文字入力装置。

【請求項 6】

特定の文字種別に該当する文字で構成される複数の文字情報をそれぞれ表示手段に表示した状態で、文字情報の任意の文字を指示するための指示手段によって、所望の文字を指示して入力するための文字入力装置であって、

文字情報を格納する文字情報格納手段と、

文字情報を一覧表示するための文字一覧表示手段や、文字情報の任意の文字における少なくとも 1 つの文字種別に該当する文字を表示するための文字種別表示手段を表示手段に表示させるための文字情報表示手段と、 40

を有し、

特定の文字種別に該当する複数の文字情報を表示するための文字一覧表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

表示手段に表示された文字一覧表示手段の内の任意の文字が指示手段によって予め決められた時間指示され続けると、指示された文字に対応する少なくとも 1 つの他の文字種別に該当する文字を表示するための文字種別表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

文字種別表示手段を摺動するように文字種別表示手段の内の任意の文字を指示手段によって指示され、その位置から離されると、文字種別表示手段において離した位置に表示していた文字の文字種別に該当する文字情報を文字一覧表示手段に表示する

ことを特徴とする文字入力装置。 50

【請求項 7】

特定の文字種別に該当する文字で構成される複数の文字情報を表示するための文字一覧表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

文字一覧表示手段の内の任意の文字が指示手段によって指示されると、指示された文字に対応する少なくとも1つの他の文字種別に該当する文字を表示するための文字種別表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

文字種別表示手段の内の任意の文字種別に該当する文字を指示手段で指示して離すと、離れた位置に表示していた文字の文字種別に該当する文字情報を文字一覧表示手段に表示する

ことを特徴とする文字入力方法。

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【請求項 8】

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請求項 7 に記載の文字入力方法。

【請求項 9】

文字種別表示手段に表示される各文字種別毎の文字は、それぞれ縦方向、横方向又は方眼状に配列される

請求項 7 に記載の文字入力方法。

【請求項 10】

特定の文字種別に該当する文字で構成される複数の文字情報を表示するための第 1 文字一覧表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

第 1 文字一覧表示手段の内の任意の文字が指示手段によって指示されると、第 1 文字一覧表示手段より詳細な文字情報を表す第 2 文字一覧表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

第 2 文字一覧表示手段の内の任意の文字が指示手段によって指示されると、指示された文字に対応する少なくとも1つの他の文字種別に該当する文字を表示するための文字種別表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

文字種別表示手段の内の任意の文字種別の文字が指示手段によって指示されてその位置から離されると、文字種別表示手段において離れた位置に表示されている文字種別に該当する文字情報を第 1 文字一覧表示手段に表示する

ことを特徴とする文字入力方法。

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【請求項 11】

特定の文字種別に該当する複数の文字情報を表示するための文字一覧表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

表示手段に表示された文字一覧表示手段の内の任意の文字が指示手段によって予め決められた時間指示され続けると、指示された文字に対応する少なくとも1つの他の文字種別に該当する文字を表示するための文字種別表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

文字種別表示手段を摺動するように文字種別表示手段の内の任意の文字が指示手段によって指示され、その位置から離されると、文字種別表示手段において離れた位置に表示していた文字の文字種別に該当する文字情報を文字一覧表示手段に表示する

ことを特徴とする文字入力方法。

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【請求項 12】

特定の文字種別に該当する文字で構成される複数の文字情報を表示するための文字一覧表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

文字一覧表示手段の内の任意の文字が指示手段によって指示されると、指示された文字に対応する少なくとも1つの他の文字種別に該当する文字を表示するための文字種別表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

文字種別表示手段の内の任意の文字種別に該当する文字を指示手段で指示して離すと、離れた位置に表示していた文字の文字種別に該当する文字情報を文字一覧表示手段に表示する

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文字入力機能を有するプログラムを記録したことを特徴とする情報記録媒体。

【請求項 13】

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文字入力機能を有するプログラムを記録した請求項 12 に記載の情報記録媒体。

【請求項 14】

文字種別表示手段に表示される各文字種別毎の文字は、それぞれ縦方向、横方向又は方眼状に配列される

文字入力機能を有するプログラムを記録した請求項 12 に記載の情報記録媒体。

【請求項 15】

特定の文字種別に該当する文字で構成される複数の文字情報を表示するための第 1 文字一覧表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

第 1 文字一覧表示手段の内の任意の文字が指示手段によって指示されると、第 1 文字一覧表示手段より詳細な文字情報を表す第 2 文字一覧表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

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文字種別表示手段の内の任意の文字種別の文字が指示手段によって指示されてその位置から離されると、文字種別表示手段において離れた位置に表示されている文字種別に該当する文字情報を第 1 文字一覧表示手段に表示する

文字入力機能を有するプログラムを記録したことを特徴とする情報記録媒体。

【請求項 16】

特定の文字種別に該当する複数の文字情報を表示するための文字一覧表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

表示手段に表示された文字一覧表示手段の内の任意の文字が指示手段によって予め決められた時間指示され続けると、指示された文字に対応する少なくとも 1 つの他の文字種別に該当する文字を表示するための文字種別表示手段を表示手段に表示し、

文字種別表示手段を摺動するように文字種別表示手段の内の任意の文字が指示手段によって指示され、その位置から離されると、文字種別表示手段において離れた位置に表示していた文字の文字種別に該当する文字情報を文字一覧表示手段に表示する

文字入力機能を有するプログラムを記録したことを特徴とする情報記録媒体。

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【0001】

【発明の属する技術分野】

この発明は、文字を入力するための文字入力装置、文字入力方法及び文字入力機能を有するプログラムを記録した情報記録媒体に関するものである。

【0002】

【従来の技術】

近年、情報産業の発達によって様々な情報の活用がなされている。例えば、業務や個人的な情報を管理して、さらにこの情報を利用するためには、例えばパーソナルコンピュータや情報携帯端末機器（以下略して情報機器と呼ぶ）等が利用されている。例えば前述の情報機器を一例として説明すると、この情報機器は、例えば使用者が所定のポインティングデバイスを使用して、情報機器に設けられた表示部に内蔵する所定のソフトウェアによって表示された画面が操作されることで操作される。このような画面は、通常 G U I (G r 50

aphical User Interface) と呼ばれるユーザインターフェイスが採用され、使用者が操作しやすいようになっている。このような情報機器は、性能を向上させると共に個人が携帯しやすいように小型化を図る競争が行われている。

【0003】

このように情報機器が小型化されると、当然表示部の表示面積が小さくなる。従って、所定のソフトウェアによって表示部に表示される表示物が小さくなり、GUIの操作性が低下するという欠点がある。以下、例えば表示部に表示されるものとしてソフトキーボードを一例として具体的にその欠点について説明する。尚、「ソフトキーボード」とは、文字を情報機器に入力できるキーボード機能を有するソフトウェアをいうものとする。

【0004】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】

図25～図27は、それぞれ表示部に表示される従来のソフトキーボードの表示状態を示す図である。

図25においては、ソフトキーボード106は、例えば全角平仮名表示領域107、全角片仮名表示領域108及び半角片仮名表示領域109を有する。

従って、ソフトキーボード106は、表示面積の小さな表示部に表示されると1つ1つの文字が小さくなり見づらいこと及び、平仮名及び片仮名並びに全角及び半角といったような文字種別によって大きな表示面積を必要とすることが生ずる。

【0005】

図26(A)～(C)においては、ソフトキーボード106は、図25の欠点を除去するために複数の文字種別の文字情報を1つの画面で表示することにしたものである。したがって、ソフトキーボード106は、文字情報を表示するための表示領域以外に、例えば全角平仮名ボタン106a、全角片仮名ボタン106b及び半角片仮名ボタン106cを有する。図26(A)～(C)のソフトキーボード106では、文字種別としての全角平仮名、全角片仮名及び半角片仮名を区別して文字情報を表示するのに、使用者が各ボタンを操作する必要がある。

【0006】

図27においては、ソフトキーボード106は、図26(A)～(C)の文字情報の表示領域の面積を小さくするために濁点、半濁点を付加したり、又は例えばローマ字等を入力できるソフトキーボードにおいて大文字表示を小文字表示又は、小文字表示を大文字表示にするための入力部(それぞれ図27の濁音キー106e及び半濁音キー106f、又は小文字ボタン106b)を設けている。このようなソフトキーボード106では、操作者が一々所望の文字種別の文字情報に切り替えなければならない。

【0007】

そこでこの発明は上記課題を解消し、簡単且つ正確に文字入力を行うことができ、文字一覧表示手段の表示面積の小さな文字入力装置、文字入力方法及び文字入力機能を有するプログラムを記録した情報記録媒体を提供することを目的としている。

【0008】

【課題を解決するための手段】

上記目的は、この発明にあっては、特定の文字種別に該当する文字で構成される複数の文字情報をそれぞれ表示手段に表示した状態で、文字情報の任意の文字を指示するための指示手段によって、所望の文字を指示して入力するための文字入力装置であって、文字情報を格納する文字情報格納手段と、文字情報を一覧表示するための文字一覧表示手段や、文字情報の任意の文字における少なくとも1つの文字種別に該当する文字を表示するための文字種別表示手段を表示手段に表示させるための文字情報表示手段と、を有し、特定の文字種別に該当する文字で構成される複数の文字情報を表示するための文字一覧表示手段を表示手段に表示し、文字一覧表示手段の内の任意の文字が指示手段によって指示されると、指示された文字に対応する少なくとも1つの他の文字種別に該当する文字を表示するための文字種別表示手段を表示手段に表示し、文字種別表示手段の内の任意の文字種別に該当する文字を指示手段で指示して離すと、離れた位置に表示していた文字の文字種別に

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該当する文字情報を文字一覧表示手段に表示することを特徴とする文字入力装置により、達成される。

【0009】

この発明では、表示手段には、特定の文字種別に該当する文字で構成される複数の文字情報を表示するための文字一覧表示手段が表示される。使用者は、指示手段によって文字一覧表示手段の任意の文字を指示する。すると、表示手段には、指示手段によって指示された文字に対応する少なくとも1つの他の文字種別に該当する文字を表示するための文字種別表示手段が表示される。使用者は、文字種別表示手段の所望の文字を指示手段によって指示して指示手段を離す。これにより、表示手段には、文字種別表示手段において離した位置に表示されていた文字の文字種別に該当する文字情報が表示される。

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【0010】

【発明の実施の形態】

以下、この発明の好適な実施の形態を添付図面に基づいて詳細に説明する。

なお、以下に述べる実施の形態は、この発明の好適な具体例であるから、技術的に好ましい種々の限定が付されているが、この発明の範囲は、以下の説明において特にこの発明を限定する旨の記載がない限り、これらの形態に限られるものではない。

【0011】

以下の説明中、「文字種別」とは、日本語を入力する場合には、直音、濁音、半濁音、拗音、促音、慣用特殊文字、平仮名及び片仮名並びにこれらと全角及び半角の組み合わせを示し、それ以外の言語（例えば英語等）を入力する場合には、大文字及び小文字を示す。「文字情報」とは、文字種別毎の複数の文字を示す。以下の説明で、情報機器において文字入力するためにキーボードをソフトウェアで表示するが、「キー」とは、通常のキーボードのキーに該当するソフトウェアによって表示されたのキー（ソフトキー）を示すものとする。

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【0012】

第1実施形態

図1は、この発明の第1実施形態としての文字入力装置に対して文字を入力する様子を示す斜視図である。

文字入力装置1は、例えば携帯型の情報を管理するための情報機器である。文字入力装置1は、筐体としての本体1a、本体1aの一表面に設けられたタブレット7（指示手段）、タブレット7に密着するようにタブレット7及び本体1aの間に設けられた表示部5（表示手段）を有する。上記表示部5は、例えば液晶ディスプレイであり、後述する文字入力ソフトウェアとしてのソフトキーボード6（文字入力機能を有するプログラムの一部としての文字一覧表示手段）が表示される。上記本体1aは、その内部に後述する図2のような制御回路8を有する。

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【0013】

図2は、図1の文字入力装置における制御回路の簡略化した構成例を示す構成図である。制御回路8は、制御部9、記憶部11、外部記憶部13、タブレット7（指示手段）及び表示部5（表示手段）を有する。尚、制御回路8は、タブレット7の代わりに、表示部5のポインティングデバイスとしてのいわゆるマウス等を備えているような構成であっても良い。

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【0014】

上記制御部9は、例えばCPU（中央演算処理装置）である。制御部9は、記憶部11、外部記憶部13、タブレット7及び表示部5と接続されている。制御部9は、記録部11に記録された情報等に基づいて、文字入力装置1全体を制御している。

【0015】

上記記憶部11は、例えばRAM（Random Access Memory）やROM（Read Only Memory）である。記憶部11は、ソフトキーボード6（及び基本ソフト等）が動作するための作業領域である。

【0016】

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上記外部記憶部13は、例えばハードディスクである。外部記憶部13は、上述したソフトキーボード6を格納する。ソフトキーボード6は、起動されると、例えば制御部9によって記憶部11上で動作する。ソフトキーボード6についての説明は、後述する。

【0017】

上記タブレット7は、例えばペンタッチ型のタッチパネルである。このタブレット7は、ユーザが例えばペン型であって先の尖った形状をしたポインティングデバイス3（指示手段）にてタブレット7の所定の位置に触れて、上下略2層の抵抗層が接触することにより所定の電極に生ずる電圧が変化し、後述する図2の制御部9が、その位置を認識する入力装置である。タブレット7は透明な部材であり、その下層には表示部5が配置されている。これにより、ユーザは、表示部5の表示を透明なタブレット7を介して視認できるようになっている。

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【0018】

図3は、図1のソフトキーボードの機能例を図示した機能ブロック図である。ソフトキーボード6は、ドラッグメニュー情報テーブル17（文字情報格納手段）及び文字情報表示手段19を有する。以下の説明で「ドラッグ」とは、例えば使用者が、ポインティングデバイス3の先端3aを表示部5に表示されたソフトキーボード6等に接触させた状態で、タブレット7の表面上を摺動させることをいうものとする。

【0019】

上記ドラッグメニュー情報テーブル17は、例えば文字種別毎の文字を格納する。ドラッグメニュー情報テーブル17は、後述する文字情報表示手段19によって図8のようなドラッグメニュー18（文字種別表示手段）が表示された際にそのドラッグメニュー18を表示するための情報（以下、ドラッグメニュー情報という）が読み出される。ドラッグメニュー情報の一例としては、図4のような形式となっている。つまり、タブレット7がタッチ（以下、ポインティングデバイス3によってソフトキーボード6を指示したことをいう）された際のソフトキーボード6において押されたキーに対応する文字種別毎の文字が格納されている。

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【0020】

上記文字情報表示手段19は、例えば図2の制御部9の制御によって記憶部11を作業領域として使用するソフトウェアである。文字情報表示手段19は、図1の表示部5にソフトキーボード6を表示する際にドラッグメニュー情報テーブル17を検索して、例えば図6(A)～(C)のように文字種別毎に文字情報を表示させる。文字情報表示手段19は、ソフトキーボード6が表示部5に表示された状態（図7）で使用者がタブレット7をタッチして（この位置を第1位置Aと呼ぶ）、例えば図8のようなドラッグメニュー18を表示させる際にドラッグメニュー情報テーブル17を検索してドラッグメニュー情報を表示させる。

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【0021】

文字情報表示手段19は、ドラッグメニュー18として図8のような画面を表示部5に表示する。このドラッグメニュー18は、ポインティングデバイス3によってタッチした文字に基づいて図4のドラッグメニュー情報テーブル17を検索して該当する全ての文字種別に該当する文字を表示する。ドラッグメニュー18は、好ましくは図4のドラッグメニュー情報テーブル17を検索して、図8のように各文字種別（図4の表示するドラッグメニューの選択枝）毎にいくつかの文字単位で区分されていると良い。これは、使用者がソフトキーボード6を使用する際に文字種別毎の文字を認識しやすいためである。

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【0022】

以上文字入力装置の構成例について説明したが、次にその動作について説明する。

図5は、図1の文字入力装置における文字情報表示手段の詳細な動作例を示すフローチャートである。

以下の説明では、ソフトキーボード6が文字入力装置1において既に起動されている状態（図7のソフトキーボード6が図1の表示部5に表示された状態）から説明する。図5において「＝」は、イコールを意味するのではなく、右辺の変数を左辺の変数に代入するこ

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とを意味している。「==」とは、左辺と右辺を比較することを意味する。また、説明中登場する図2の記憶部11上で使用される変数として、以下のものがある。

【0023】

`input_key` 変数 : 確定入力文字
`pressed_key` 変数 : 押されたキー
`menu_done` 変数 : ドラッグメニュー表示中を表すフラグ

【0024】

ソフトキーボード6が表示された状態で(ステップST1)、`input_key`変数に空白にし、`pressed_key`変数は不定状態とし、`menu_done`変数に`false`(ドラッグメニュー18が非表示であることを示し、`true`はドラッグメニュー18が表示中であることを表す)を代入する(ステップST2)。 10

【0025】

図2の制御部9は、使用者がポインティングデバイス3によってキーがタッチされたかどうかの状態を検出する。使用者によってキーがタッチされ、ドラッグメニュー18が表示されたかどうかをチェックする(ステップST4)。

【0026】

ドラッグメニュー18が表示されていないならば、キー(ソフトキー)が押されたかどうかを判断し(ステップST14)、押されていないならばステップST3に戻り、押されているならば例えば`press_key`変数に押されたキー(に対応するコード)を代入し(ステップST15)、この`press_key`変数に基づいて図4のドラッグメニュー情報テーブル17を検索して、該当する文字を表すドラッグメニュー18を表示する(ステップST16)。そして、`menu_done`変数に`true`を代入し(ステップST17)、ポインティングデバイス3によって指示された文字を反転させる。 20

【0027】

ドラッグメニュー18が表示されていれば、使用者がポインティングデバイス3をキーから離れたかどうかを検出する(ステップST5)。離されていないならば、ポインティングデバイス3がドラッグしたかどうかを検出し(ステップST11)、ドラッグしていないならばステップST3に戻り、ドラッグしていればドラッグで抜けたキーの反転表示を中止し、ポインティングデバイス3によってドラッグで進入した領域を示すキーを反転表示する(ステップST12)。そして、進入したキー(の例えば文字コード)を`pressed_key`変数に代入する(ステップST13)。そして、ステップST3に進む。 30

【0028】

離されていれば、`input_key`変数に`pressed_key`変数を代入して(つまり押したキーの情報を代入)、`pressed_key`変数に格納された(例えば文字コードに該当する)文字の文字種別(文字種)に従って、ソフトキーボード6を図6(A)~(C)のいずれかのように再表示する(ステップST7)。そして同時に、ドラッグメニュー18表示を消去し(ステップST8)、`menu_done`変数に`false`を代入する(ステップST9)。`pressed_key`変数は不定状態とし(ステップST10)、ステップST3に戻る。 40

【0029】

以上が文字情報表示手段19等の内部処理を詳細に説明したものであるが、次に使用者側から見た場合の文字入力装置1の動作について説明する。

使用者は、文字を入力するソフトウェアを使用中である。使用者は、図8のように所望の文字(「ウ」又は「ヴ」等)をポインティングデバイス3によって入力しようとしている。しかし、文字入力装置1には、全角平仮名の文字種別の文字情報が表示されているので、使用者は、表示中の文字種別を変更するために、ポインティングデバイス3によって「う」をタッチする。

【0030】

ソフトキーボード6は、図7の状態から図8のようにドラッグメニュー18が表示される 50

。使用者が図9(A)のようにポインティングデバイス3によってドラッグメニュー18の任意の文字をタッチすると(例えば第1位置Aからポインティングデバイス3をドラッグメニュー18をドラッグするようにして)、ソフトキーボード6に表示されている文字情報が図9(B)のようにその文字の文字種別に該当する文字情報に変更される。尚、ドラッグメニュー18を図7のように消滅させたい場合には、ドラッグメニュー18以外の部分をタッチすればよい。

【0031】

一方、例えば使用者が文字入力装置1によって英文字を入力しようとした場合には、図10のようにソフトキーボード6が表示された状態(この説明では「文字情報」が表示された状態を示す)で、入力しようとしている文字としての「n」をポインティングデバイス3でタッチすると図11のようにドラッグメニュー18が表示される。尚、図11のドラッグメニュー18では、左から全角「N」、「n」、半角「N」、「n」の順に表示されている。この表示順は、例えば図4のドラッグメニュー情報テーブル17に格納されている順番である(図4では、一例であるので日本語の文字のみを格納している)。

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【0032】

使用者は、図12(A)のように全角の「N」を入力しようとしてドラッグメニュー18の「N」をタッチする。ソフトキーボード6は、図12(B)のように文字種別が全角の表示となる。

【0033】

この発明の第1実施形態によれば、簡単且つ正確に文字入力装置1に対して文字を入力することができ、各文字種別毎に文字情報を表示しない分及び従来必要とされていた文字種別を切り替えるための切替手段(例えばボタン等)が不要であり、ソフトキーボード6の表示面積を従来より小さくすることができながら、GUI(Graphical User Interface)の操作性が良く、特に表示部5の表示領域が決まっている場合には特に効果がある。

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【0034】

第2実施形態

図13~16は、この発明の第2実施形態としての文字入力装置のソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図である。

図13~16の文字入力装置1は、第1実施形態と同様の構成をしており、そのソフトキーボード6の日本語表示方法において、以下の点が異なる。

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ソフトキーボード6の表示(第1文字一覧表示手段)は、例えば図13のように「あ」、「か」・・・、「わ」というように、50音の先頭文字のみが表示されている。使用者は、ポインティングデバイス3にて所望の文字の先頭文字をタッチして図14のような行ドラッグメニュー16(以下行メニュー16と略す、第2文字一覧表示手段)を表示させる。

【0035】

使用者は、所望の文字と同一の文字種別の文字をタッチして図15のようにドラッグメニュー18を表示させる。使用者は、図16(A)のようにポインティングデバイス3をドラッグメニュー18を摺動させて、所望の文字種別(全角の片仮名)の文字(「ヴ」)をポインティングデバイス3でタッチすると、図16(B)のように文字種別が全角の片仮名に変更される。

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【0036】

この発明の第2実施形態によれば、第1実施形態の効果に加えて、さらに第1実施形態よりもソフトキーボード6の表示領域を小さくすることができる。

【0037】

第3実施形態

図17~20は、この発明の第3実施形態としての文字入力装置のソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図である。

図17~20の文字入力装置1は、第1実施形態と同様の構成をしており、そのソフトキ

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ーボード6のドラッグメニュー18の表示方法において以下の点が異なる。

【0038】

文字入力装置1の表示部5には、図17のようなソフトキーボード6が表示されている。使用者は、図18のように所望の文字をタッチして（すぐ離して）、文字を確定して入力する。

【0039】

一方、ソフトキーボード6に表示する文字種別を変更する場合には、使用者は、図19のようにポインティングデバイス3で任意の文字をタッチして一定時間経過したところでドラッグメニュー18が表示される。以下、文字種別を選択する方法は第1実施形態と同様であり、図20のように文字種別を変更して文字情報を表示することができる。

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【0040】

この発明の第3実施形態によれば、第1実施形態の効果に加えて、使用者は、ポインティングデバイス3によって文字を入力することと、ドラッグメニュー18を表示させることとを明確且つ簡単にそして素速く行うことができる。

【0041】

第4実施形態

図21～23は、この発明の第4実施形態としての文字入力装置のソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図である。

図21～23の文字入力装置1は、第1実施形態と同様の構成をしており、そのソフトキーボード6のドラッグメニュー18の表示方法において第1実施形態と以下の点が異なる

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【0042】

図21(A)のように表示されたソフトキーボード6において、使用者が、図21(B)のように所望の文字をタッチしてすぐ離すと、文字が選択されて入力される。

【0043】

ソフトキーボード6において表示されている文字種別を変更するためにドラッグメニュー18を表示させるには、図22(A)のように使用者がポインティングデバイス3を任意の文字(「う」)を指示して、そのまま図22(B)のように例えば「う」の領域を摺動させる(ドラッグさせる)と、図23のようにドラッグメニュー18が表示される。そして、このようにドラッグメニュー18を表示させて第1実施形態と同様にして表示中の文字の文字種別を変更する。尚、ポインティングデバイス3によってドラッグされる方向は、前述したものに限られずその逆であっても良いし、その領域内を摺動すればよい。

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【0044】

この発明の第4実施形態によれば、第3実施形態の効果と同様の効果を上げることができる。

【0045】

ところでこの発明は上述した実施形態に限定されるものではない。

上述した実施形態では、ドラッグメニュー18は、図24(A)のように略同一文字について一直線上に配列されているが、例えば図24(B)のように縦方向に配列させてもよい。また、ドラッグメニュー18は、図24(C)のように文字を文字種別単位に横に並べてさらに文字種別毎の文字を縦に配置させるような表示方法でも良い。このように配列することで、狭い範囲に文字を配列することができる。また、図24(D)のように文字種別単位に文字を縦に配列して、各文字種別単位を横方向に配置させるようにしても良い。このように配列することで、狭い範囲に文字を配列することができる。尚、上述したような文字入力機能を有するプログラム(ソフトキーボード6)は、例えばコンパクトディスクやフロッピーディスク(フレキシブルディスク)に格納されているような形態でも良いことはいうまでもない。

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【0046】

【発明の効果】

以上説明したように、この発明によれば、簡単且つ正確に文字入力を行うことができ、文

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字一覧表示手段の表示面積の小さな文字入力装置、文字入力方法及び文字入力機能を有するプログラムを記録した情報記録媒体を提供することができる。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図 1】この発明の第 1 実施形態としての文字入力装置に対して文字を入力する様子を示す斜視図。

【図 2】図 1 の文字入力装置における制御回路の簡略化した構成例を示す構成図。

【図 3】図 1 のソフトキーボードの機能例を図示した機能ブロック図。

【図 4】図 3 のドラッグメニュー情報テーブルの内容を示す図。

【図 5】図 1 の文字入力装置における文字情報表示手段の詳細な動作例を示すフローチャート。

【図 6】図 1 の表示部に表示されるソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 7】図 1 の表示部に表示されるソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 8】図 1 の表示部に表示されるソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 9】図 1 の表示部に表示されるソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 10】図 1 の表示部に表示されるソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 11】図 1 の表示部に表示されるソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 12】図 1 の表示部に表示されるソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 13】この発明の第 2 実施形態としての文字入力装置のソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 14】この発明の第 2 実施形態としての文字入力装置のソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 15】この発明の第 2 実施形態としての文字入力装置のソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 16】この発明の第 2 実施形態としての文字入力装置のソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 17】この発明の第 3 実施形態としての文字入力装置のソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 18】この発明の第 3 実施形態としての文字入力装置のソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 19】この発明の第 3 実施形態としての文字入力装置のソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 20】この発明の第 3 実施形態としての文字入力装置のソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 21】この発明の第 3 実施形態としての文字入力装置のソフトキーボードの表示例を示す図。

【図 22】図 21 のソフトキーボードの部分拡大図。

【図 23】ドラッグメニューが表示された様子を示す図。

【図 24】ドラッグメニューの表示の変形例を示す図。

【図 25】表示部に表示される従来のソフトキーボードの表示状態を示す図。

【図 26】表示部に表示される従来のソフトキーボードの表示状態を示す図。

【図 27】表示部に表示される従来のソフトキーボードの表示状態を示す図。

【符号の説明】

1・・・文字入力装置、3・・・ポインティングデバイス、5・・・表示部、6・・・ソフトキーボード（文字一覧表示手段、第 1 文字一覧表示手段）、7・・・タブレット、15・・・文字情報テーブル（文字情報格納手段）、16・・・行ドラッグメニュー（第 2 文字一覧表示手段）、17・・・ドラッグメニュー情報テーブル（文字情報格納手段）、18・・・ドラッグメニュー（文字種別表示手段）、19・・・文字情報表示手段

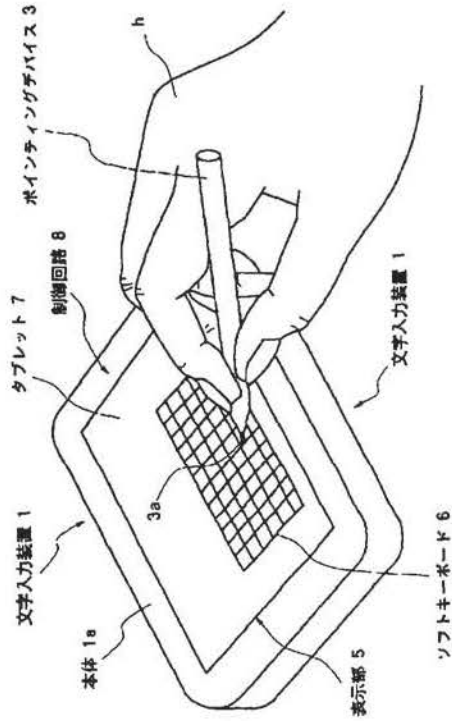
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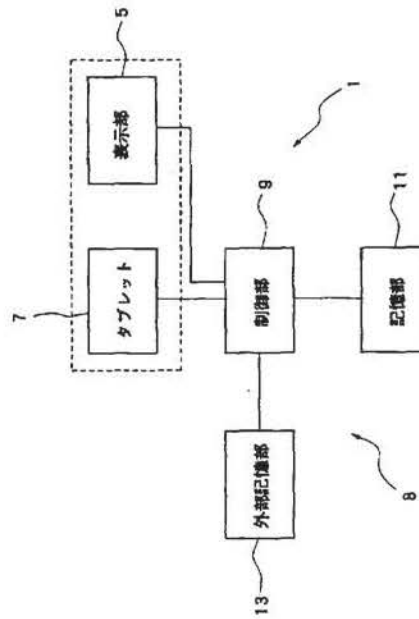
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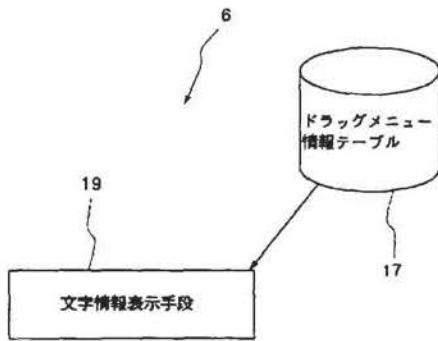
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【図2】



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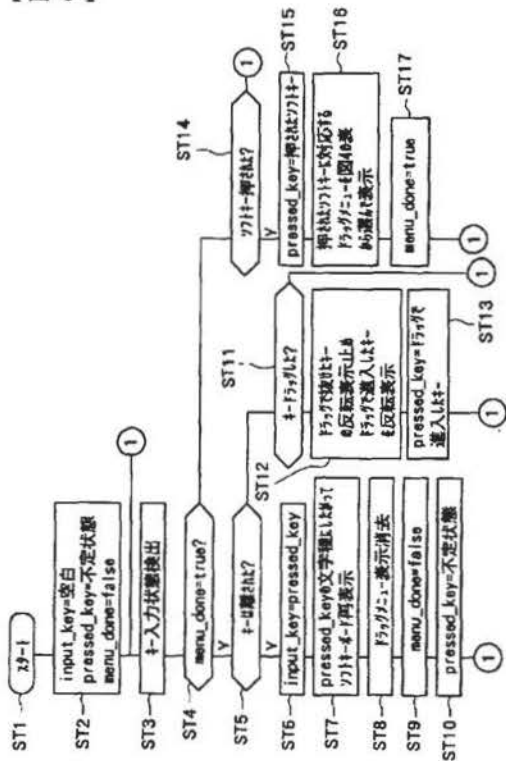


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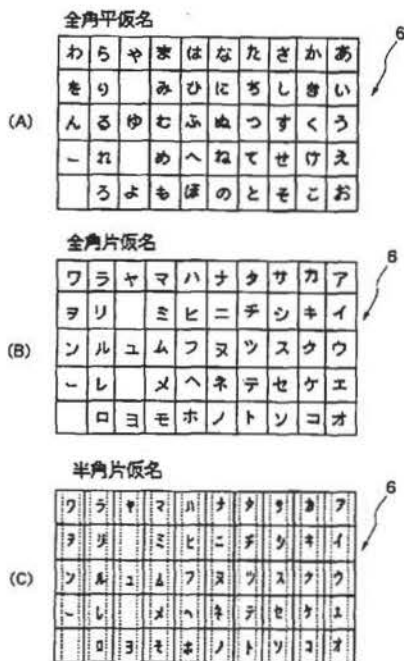
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タッチされたキー	表示するドラッグメニューの選択		
	全角平仮名	全角片仮名	半角片仮名
あ	あ	ア	ア
い	い	イ	イ
う	う	ウ	ウ
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へ	へ	ヘ	ヘ
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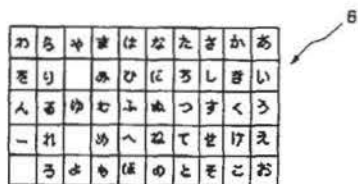
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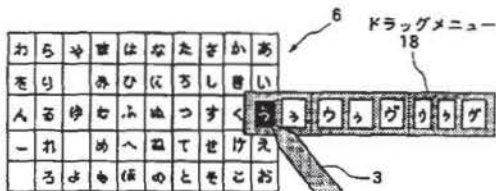
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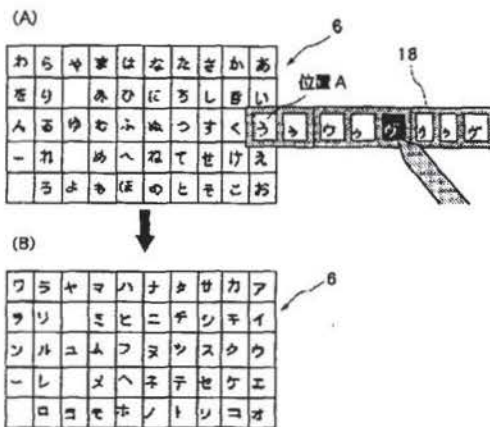
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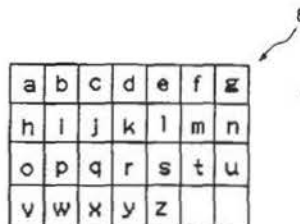
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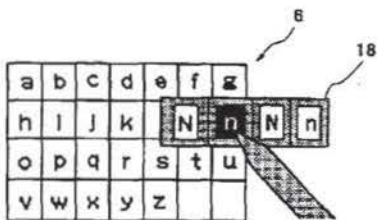
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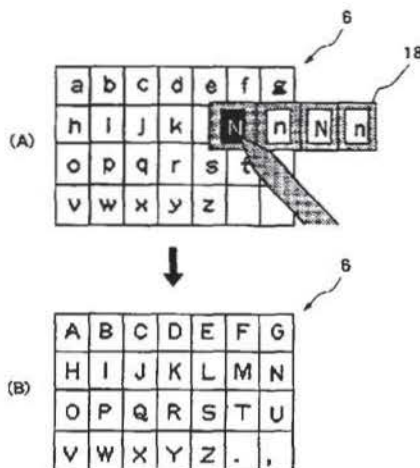
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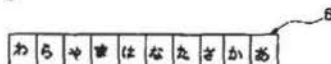
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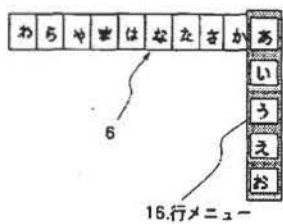
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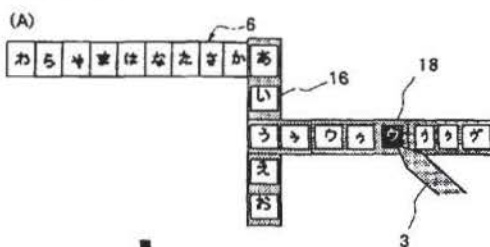
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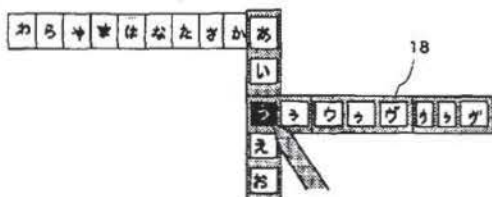
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【図16】



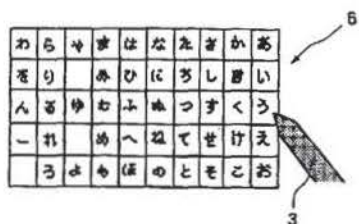
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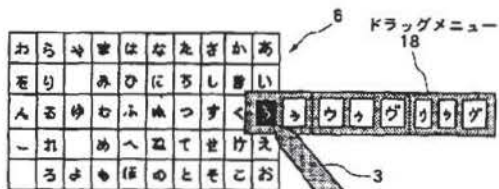
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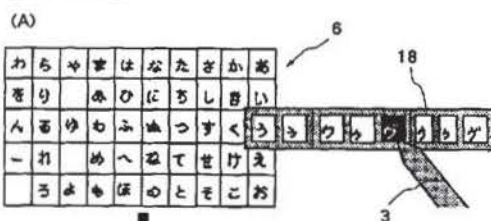
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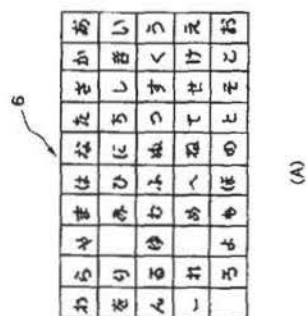
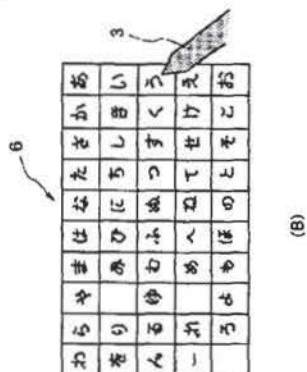
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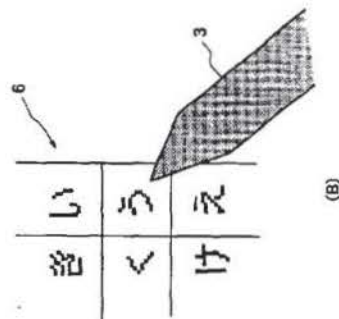
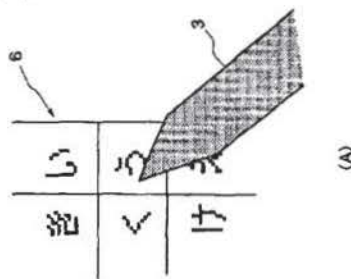
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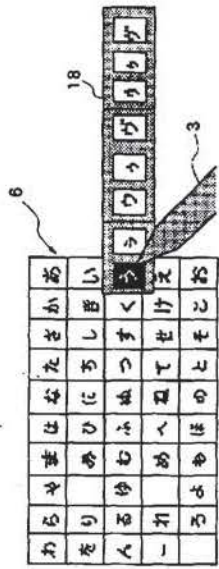
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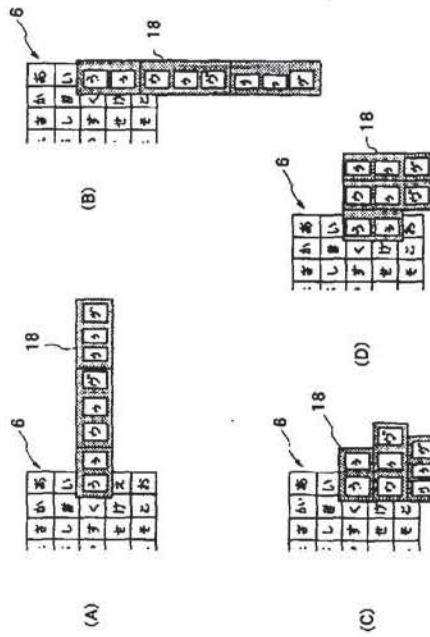
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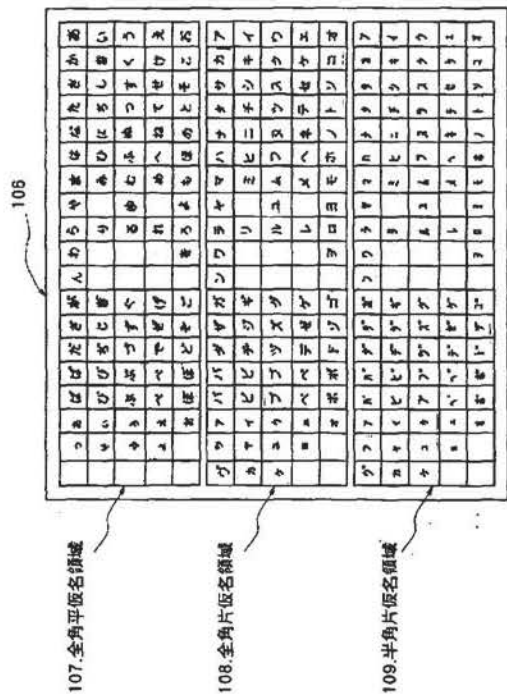
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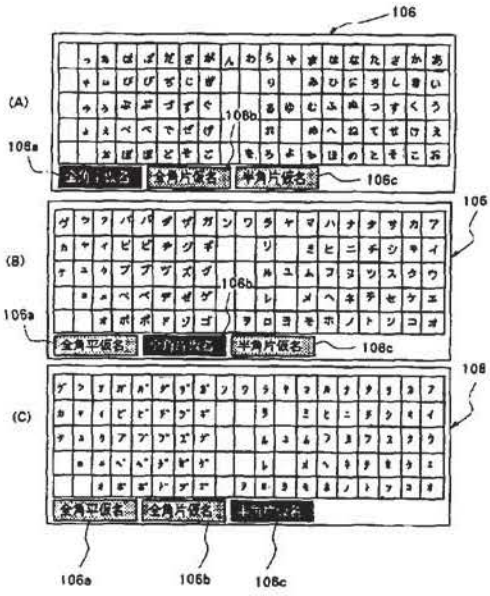
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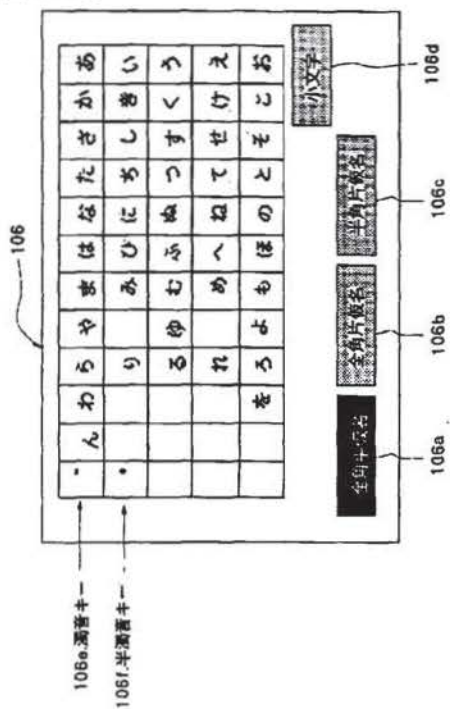
【図25】



【図26】



【図27】



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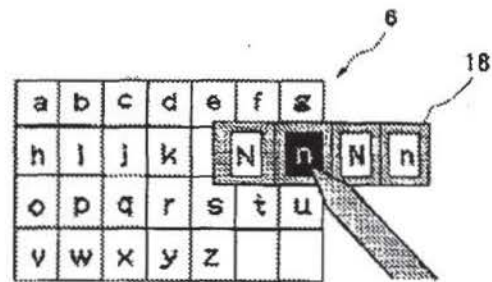
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【圖 10】

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
h	i	j	k	l	m	n
o	p	q	r	s	t	u
v	w	x	y	z		

【圖 11】

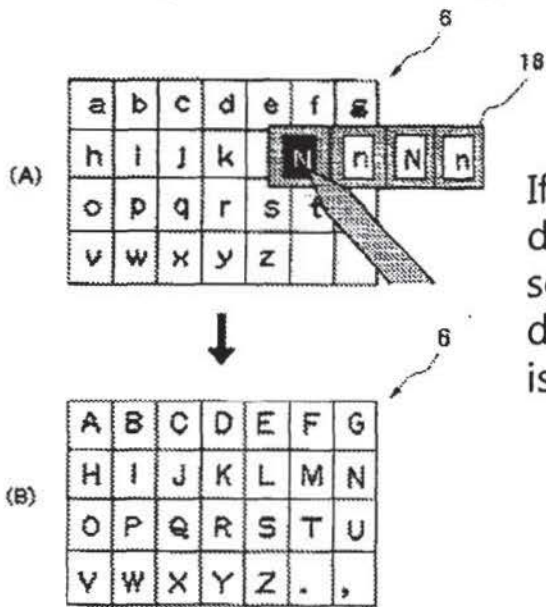


Actually the invention didn't disclose concept of 'pre-determined time'. However, it disclosed similar concept to select secondary character corresponding to one key button.

Figure 11 disclosed a example of the invention, if user select character 'n' in a keyboard display by using pen or his finger, then selectable other characters are displayed along with original character(in this case 'n').

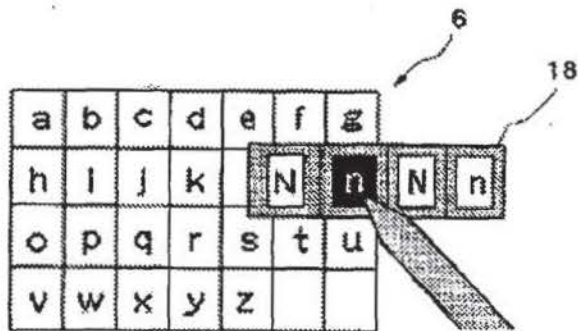
So, if user takes his pen off while selecting 'n' then original character(primary character) is selected.

【圖 12】



If user select other character while displaying selectable candidates, then selected character (secondary character) is displayed or corresponding new key board is displayed.

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When user selects one of the character of the keyboard, primary character is selected basically. And user has to move his pen to select secondary character.

The patent doesn't disclose timing concept, but selecting secondary character via primary character of keyboard is obvious in light of the invention.

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Input of characters for text composition from soft keyboard over touch-type display avails several character sets requisitioned through separately displayed menu

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Abstract**DWPI Abstract**

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Novelty

A character set (6) is presented over a touch-type display screen in a tabular form. Individual characters can be chosen through a stylus, manually from the array. By contacting one of a special subset of characters in the particular array, a separate menu (18) is brought forward onto the display, from which menu of a different character set (6B) can be generated.

Use

Portable computers come with specialized software/interfaces that accept manual inputs through a hand held stylus, for instance characters pertaining to Japanese language.

Advantage

It leads to accurate composition of text through an operationally simple procedure, accessing characters classified under specific formats.

Drawing Description

The figure shows the typical perspective view of character input unit.

18 - Menu.

6A, B - Tabular arrays of characters.

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1. It is a character input device for instruct|indicating and inputting a desired character by the indication means for instruct|indicating the arbitrary characters of character information in the state which each displayed several character information comprised in the character applicable to a specific character classification on the display means,

Comprising:

A character-information storing means to store character information,

The character-information display means for displaying the character list display means for displaying character information as a list, and the character classification display means for displaying the character applicable to at least 1 character classification in the arbitrary characters of character information on a display means,

It has these,

The character list display means for displaying several character information comprised in the character applicable to a specific character classification is displayed on a display means,

Indication means' instruction|indication of the arbitrary characters of the character list display means will display the character classification display means for displaying the character applicable to at least 1 other character classification corresponding to the instruct|indicated character on a display means,

If the character applicable to the arbitrary character classification of the character classification display means is instruct|indicated and released|separated by indication means, the character information applicable to the character classification of the character which was being displayed on the released|separated position will be displayed on a character list display means.

The character input device characterized by the above-mentioned.

2. Character classification is a combination of a unvoiced sound, a voiced sound, a semivoiced consonant sound, palatal sounds or assimilated obstruent sound, and a full-size hiragana, a half-width hiragana, full-size katakana or half-width katakana, when inputting a Japanese language, When inputting the language of other than that, they are a capital letter and a small letter.
The character input device of Claim 1.

3. The character for every character classification displayed on a character classification display means is each arranged the vertical direction, a horizontal direction, or in the shape of squares.
The character input device of Claim 1.

4. Indication means is the pointing device or mouse pointer instruct|indicated with respect to a tablet.
The character input device of Claim 1.

5. It is a character input device for instruct|indicating and inputting a desired character by the indication means for instruct|indicating the arbitrary characters of character information in the state which each displayed several character information comprised in the character applicable to a specific character classification on the display means,
Comprising:

A character-information storing means to store character information,
The character-information display means for displaying the 1st character list display means for displaying character information as a list, and the character classification display means for displaying the character applicable to at least 1 character classification in the arbitrary characters of character information on a display means,

It has these,

The 1st character list display means for displaying several character information comprised in the character applicable to a specific character classification is displayed on a display means,

Indication means' instruction|indication of the arbitrary characters of the 1st character list display means will display a 2nd character list display means to represent character information more detailed than a 1st character list display means on a display means,

Indication means' instruction|indication of the arbitrary characters of the 2nd character list display means will display the character classification display means for displaying the character applicable to at least 1 other character classification corresponding to the instruct|indicated character on a display means,

If the character of the arbitrary character classification of the character classification display means is instruct|indicated by indication means and released|separated from the position, the character information applicable to the character classification currently displayed on the position released|separated in the character classification display means will be displayed on a 1st character list display means.

The character input device characterized by the above-mentioned.

6. It is a character input device for instruct|indicating and inputting a desired character by the indication means for instruct|indicating the arbitrary characters of character information in the state which each displayed several character information comprised in the character applicable to a specific character classification on the display means,

Comprising:

A character-information storing means to store character information,

The character-information display means for displaying the character list display means for displaying character information as a list, and the character classification display means for displaying the character applicable to at least 1 character classification in the arbitrary characters of character information on a display means,

It has these,

The character list display means for displaying several character information applicable to a specific character classification is displayed on a display means,

A character classification display means for the arbitrary characters of the character list display means displayed on the display means to display the character which corresponds to at least 1 other character classification corresponding to the pre-determined character instruct|indicated when a time instruction|indication continued being carried out by indication means is displayed on a display means,

The arbitrary characters of the character classification display means are instruct|indicated to slide a character classification display means by indication means,

If it releases|separates from the position, the character information applicable to the character classification of the character which was being displayed on the position released|separated in the character classification display means will be displayed on a character list display means.
The character input device characterized by the above-mentioned.

7. The character list display means for displaying several character information comprised in the character applicable to a specific character classification is displayed on a display means,
Indication means' instruction|indication of the arbitrary characters of the character list display means will display the character classification display means for displaying the character applicable to at least 1 other character classification corresponding to the instruct|indicated character on a display means,
If the character applicable to the arbitrary character classification of the character classification display means is instruct|indicated and released|separated by indication means, the character information applicable to the character classification of the character which was being displayed on the released|separated position will be displayed on a character list display means.
The character input method characterized by the above-mentioned.

8. Character classification is a combination of a unvoiced sound, a voiced sound, a semivoiced consonant sound, palatal sounds or assimilated obstruent sound, and a full-size hiragana, a half-width hiragana, full-size katakana or half-width katakana, when inputting a Japanese language,
When inputting the language of other than that, they are a capital letter and a small letter.
The character input method of Claim 7.

9. The character for every character classification displayed on a character classification display means is each arranged the vertical direction, a horizontal direction, or in the shape of squares.
The character input method of Claim 7.

10. The 1st character list display means for displaying several character information comprised in the character applicable to a specific character classification is displayed on a display means,
Indication means' instruction|indication of the arbitrary characters of the 1st character list display means will display a 2nd character list display means to represent character information more detailed than a 1st character list display means on a display means,
Indication means' instruction|indication of the arbitrary characters of the 2nd character list display means will display the character classification display means for displaying the character applicable to at least 1 other character classification corresponding to the instruct|indicated character on a display means,
If the character of the arbitrary character classification of the character classification display means is instruct|indicated by indication means and released|separated from the position, the character information applicable to the character classification currently displayed on the position released|separated in the character classification display means will be displayed on a 1st character list display means.
The character input method characterized by the above-mentioned.

11. The character list display means for displaying several character information applicable to a specific character classification is displayed on a display means,
A character classification display means for the arbitrary characters of the character list display means displayed on the display means to display the character which corresponds to at least 1 other character classification corresponding to the pre-determined character instruct|indicated when a time instruction|indication continued being carried out by indication means is displayed on a display means,
The arbitrary characters of the character classification display means are instruct|indicated to slide a character classification display means by indication means,
If it releases|separates from the position, the character information applicable to the character classification of the character which was being displayed on the position released|separated in the character classification display means will be displayed on a character list display means.
The character input method characterized by the above-mentioned.

12. The character list display means for displaying several character information comprised in the character applicable to a specific character classification is displayed on a display means,
Indication means' instruction|indication of the arbitrary characters of the character list display means will

display the character classification display means for displaying the character applicable to at least 1 other character classification corresponding to the instruct|indicated character on a display means, If the character applicable to the arbitrary character classification of the character classification display means is instruct|indicated and released|separated by indication means, the character information applicable to the character classification of the character which was being displayed on the released|separated position will be displayed on a character list display means.

The program which has a character inputting function was recorded.

The information recording medium characterized by these.

13. Character classification is a combination of a unvoiced sound, a voiced sound, a semivoiced consonant sound, palatal sounds or assimilated obstruent sound, and a full-size hiragana, a half-width hiragana, full-size katakana or half-width katakana, when inputting a Japanese language, When inputting the language of other than that, they are a capital letter and a small letter.

The program which has a character inputting function was recorded.

The information recording medium of Claim 12.

14. The character for every character classification displayed on a character classification display means is each arranged the vertical direction, a horizontal direction, or in the shape of squares.

The program which has a character inputting function was recorded.

The information recording medium of Claim 12.

15. The 1st character list display means for displaying several character information comprised in the character applicable to a specific character classification is displayed on a display means,

Indication means' instruction|indication of the arbitrary characters of the 1st character list display means will display a 2nd character list display means to represent character information more detailed than a 1st character list display means on a display means,

Indication means' instruction|indication of the arbitrary characters of the 2nd character list display means will display the character classification display means for displaying the character applicable to at least 1 other character classification corresponding to the instruct|indicated character on a display means,

If the character of the arbitrary character classification of the character classification display means is instruct|indicated by indication means and released|separated from the position, the character information applicable to the character classification currently displayed on the position released|separated in the character classification display means will be displayed on a 1st character list display means.

The program which has a character inputting function was recorded.

The information recording medium characterized by the above-mentioned.

16. The character list display means for displaying several character information applicable to a specific character classification is displayed on a display means,

A character classification display means for the arbitrary characters of the character list display means displayed on the display means to display the character which corresponds to at least 1 other character classification corresponding to the pre-determined character instruct|indicated when a time instruction|indication continued being carried out by indication means is displayed on a display means, The arbitrary characters of the character classification display means are instruct|indicated to slide a character classification display means by indication means,

If it releases|separates from the position, the character information applicable to the character classification of the character which was being displayed on the position released|separated in the character classification display means will be displayed on a character list display means.

The program which has a character inputting function was recorded.

The information recording medium characterized by these.

(Translation from Thomson Reuters)

Description

DWPI Drawing Description

The figure shows the typical perspective view of character input unit.


18 - Menu.

6A, B - Tabular arrays of characters.

Drawing Description

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Description

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TECHNICAL FIELD of the Invention

This invention relates to the information recording medium which recorded the program which has the character input device, the character input method, and character inputting function for inputting a character.

PRIOR ART

In recent years, the use of various information is made by growth of the information industry. For example, work and individual information are managed, Furthermore, in order to utilize this information, the personal computer, the information personal digital assistant device (It omits below and calls an information-technology equipment), etc. are utilized, for example.

If the above-mentioned information-technology equipment is demonstrated as an example, As for this information-technology equipment, a user uses a predetermined pointing device, for example, It operates by the screen displayed by the predetermined software incorporated in the display part provided in the information-technology equipment being operated.

The user interface normally called GUI(Graphical User Interface) is employ|adopted and such a screen is tending to operate [come] a user.

While such an information-technology equipment improves performance, competition which achieves downsizing|reduced-size so that it may be easy to carry an individual is performed.

Thus, if an information-technology equipment is downsize|size-reduced, naturally the display surface product of a display part will become small.

Therefore, the display material displayed on a display part by a predetermined software becomes small, and there exists a fault that the operativity of GUI falls.

A soft keyboard is concretely demonstrated about the fault as an example as what is displayed on the following, for example, a display part.

In addition, a "soft keyboard" shall mean the software which has a keyboard function in which a character can be inputted into an information-technology equipment.

PROBLEM to be solved by the Invention

FIGS. 25-27 is a figure which shows the displaying condition of the conventional soft keyboard each displayed on a display part.

In FIG. 25, a soft keyboard 106 has the full-size hiragana display area|region 107, the full-size katakana

display area|region 108, and the half-width katakana display area|region 109, for example. Therefore, if a soft keyboard 106 is displayed on the small display part of a display surface product, requiring a big display surface product by character classification like that each character is hard to try to become small, a hiragana, katakana, full width, and half width will produce it.

In FIG. 26 (A)-(C), a soft keyboard 106 is made to display the character information of several character classification as one screen, in order to remove the fault of FIG. 25.

Therefore, a soft keyboard 106 has the full-size hiragana button 106a, the full-size katakana button 106b, and the half-width katakana button 106c, for example in addition to the display area|region for displaying character information.

In the soft keyboard 106 of FIG. 26 (A)-(C), although the full-size hiragana, the full-size katakana, and the half-width katakana as a character classification are distinguished and character information is displayed, a user needs to operate each button.

In FIG. 27, in order that a soft keyboard 106 may make small the area of the display area|region of the character information of FIG. 26 (A)-(C), a voiced consonant mark and a semivoiced consonant mark are added,

Or the input part (It is each the voiced-sound key 106e and the semivoiced-consonant-sound key 106f, or the small letter button 106b of FIG. 27.) for indicating a small letter display or a small letter display to a capital letter display by a capital letter in the soft keyboard which can input a Roman alphabet etc., for example is provided.

In such a soft keyboard 106, an operator has to switch to the character information of desired character classification one by one.

Then, this invention eliminates the said subject,

A character input can be performed easily and correctly and it aims at providing the information recording medium which recorded the program which has the small character input device, the character input method, and character inputting function of a display surface product of a character list display means.

MEANS to solve the Problem

The said objective is the state which each displayed several character information comprised in the character applicable to a specific character classification in this invention on the display means, and it is a character input device for instruct|indicating and inputting a desired character by the indication means for instruct|indicating the arbitrary characters of character information,

Comprising:

A character-information storing means to store character information,

The character-information display means for displaying the character list display means for displaying character information as a list, and the character classification display means for displaying the character applicable to at least 1 character classification in the arbitrary characters of character information on a display means,

It has these,

The character list display means for displaying several character information comprised in the character applicable to a specific character classification is displayed on a display means,

Indication means' instruction|Indication of the arbitrary characters of the character list display means will display the character classification display means for displaying the character applicable to at least 1 other character classification corresponding to the instruct|indicated character on a display means,

If the character applicable to the arbitrary character classification of the character classification display means is instruct|indicated and released|separated by indication means, the character information applicable to the character classification of the character which was being displayed on the released|separated position will be displayed on a character list display means,

It is achieved by the character input device characterized by the above-mentioned.

In this invention, the character list display means for displaying several character information comprised in the character applicable to a specific character classification is displayed on a display means.

A user instruct|indicates the arbitrary characters of a character list display means by indication means.

Then, the character classification display means for displaying the character applicable to at least 1 other character classification corresponding to the character instruct|indicated by indication means is displayed on a display means.

A user instruct|indicates the desired character of a character classification display means by indication means, and releases|separates indication means.

Thereby, the character information applicable to the character classification of the character currently displayed on the position released|separated in the character classification display means is displayed on a display means.

EMBODIMENT of the Invention

Hereafter, the preferred embodiment of this invention is demonstrated in detail based on an accompanying drawing.

In addition, Embodiment described below is a suitable example of this invention,

Therefore

Preferable various limitation is attached technically,

However,

The range in particular of this invention is not restricted to these forms, as long as there is no description to the effect of limiting this invention in the following description.

During the following description, "character classification" shows the combination of a direct sound, a voiced sound, a semivoiced consonant sound, palatal sounds, assimilated obstruent sound, a usual special character, a hiragana, katakana, these and full width, and half width, when inputting a Japanese language,

In inputting the language (For example, English etc.) of other than that, it shows a capital letter and a small letter.

"Character information" shows several characters for every character classification.

In order to carry out a character input in an information-technology equipment by the following description, a keyboard is displayed by a software,

However,

"KI" shall show a displaying-with software applicable to key of normal keyboard key (softkey).

1st Embodiment

FIG. 1 is a perspective view which shows a mode that a character is inputted with respect to the character input device as 1st Embodiment of this invention.

The character input device 1 is an information-technology equipment for managing portable information, for example.

The character input device 1 has the display part 5 (display means) provided between the tablet 7 and the main body 1a so that it might contact|adhere to the tablet 7 (indication means) provided in the 1 surface of the main body 1a as a housing, and the main body 1a, and a tablet 7.

The said display part 5 is a liquid crystal display, for example,

Soft keyboard 6 (The character list display means as a part of program which has a character inputting function) as a character input software mentioned later is displayed.

The said main body 1a has a control circuit 8 like FIG. 2 later mentioned to the inside.

FIG. 2 is a block diagram which shows the example of a structure which the control circuit in the character input device of FIG. 1 simplified.

The control circuit 8 has the control part 9, the storage part 11, the external storage part 13, a tablet 7 (indication means), and the display part 5 (display means).

In addition, a structure which is equipped what is called with a mouse|mouth as a pointing device of the display part 5 etc. may be sufficient as the control circuit 8 instead of a tablet 7.

The said control part 9 is CPU (central processing unit), for example.

The control part 9 is connected with the storage part 11, the external storage part 13, the tablet 7, and the display part 5.

The control part 9 is controlling the character input-device 1 whole based on the information recorded on the recording part 11.

The said storage parts 11 are RAM(Random Access Memory) and ROM(Read Only Memory), for example. The storage part 11 is workspace for soft keyboard 6 (And operating system etc.) to operate|move.

The said external storage part 13 is a hard disk, for example.

The external storage part 13 stores the soft keyboard 6 mentioned above.

If a soft keyboard 6 is started, it will be operate|moved on the storage part 11, for example by the control part 9.

The description about a soft keyboard 6 is mentioned later.

The said tablet 7 is a touch panel of a pen touch type|mold, for example.

A user touches the predetermined position of a tablet 7 with this tablet 7 with the pointing device 3 (indication means) which carried out the shape where it was pen type and the destination sharpened, When the resistance layer of about two layers of upper and lower sides contacts, the voltage produced in a predetermined electrode changes,

The control part 9 of FIG. 2 mentioned later is an input device which recognizes the position.

A tablet 7 is a transparent member,

The display part 5 is arrange|positioned at the lower layer.

Thereby, the user can visually recognize the display of the display part 5 now via the transparent tablet 7.

FIG. 3 is a functional block diagram illustrating the functional example of the soft keyboard of FIG. 1.

A soft keyboard 6 has the drag|drug menu information table 17 (character-information storing means) and the character-information display means 19.

It shall say a "drag|drug" being the state in which the user made the front-end|tip 3a of the pointing device 3 contact soft keyboard 6 grade|etc., displayed on the display part 5, for example, and sliding the surface top of a tablet 7 by the following description.

The said drag|drug menu information table 17 stores the character for every character classification, for example.

The information (henceforth drag|drug menu information) for the drag|drug menu information table 17 to display the drag|drug menu 18 when a drag|drug menu 18 (character classification display means) like FIG. 8 is displayed by character-information display means 19 to mention later is read.

As an example of drag|drug menu information, it is a format like FIG. 4.

That is, the character for every character classification corresponding to the key pressed in the soft keyboard 6 at the time of touch (Hereafter, it says having pointed to the soft keyboard 6 with the pointing device 3.) of the tablet 7 being carried out is stored.

The said character-information display means 19 is a software which uses the storage part 11 as workspace, for example by control of the control part 9 of FIG. 2.

When the character-information display means 19 displays a soft keyboard 6 on the display part 5 of FIG. 1, it searches the drag|drug menu information table 17,

For example, character information is displayed for every character classification like FIG. 6 (A)-(C).

As for the character-information display means 19, a user touches a tablet 7 in the state (FIG. 7) as which the soft keyboard 6 was displayed on the display part 5 (this position is called the 1st position A).

For example, when displaying a drag|drug menu 18 like FIG. 8, the drag|drug menu information table 17 is searched and drag|drug menu information is displayed.

The character-information display means 19 displays a screen like FIG. 8 as a drag|drug menu 18 on the display part 5.

This drag|drug menu 18 displays the character applicable to all the character classification which searches the drag|drug menu information table 17 of FIG. 4, and corresponds based on the character touched with the pointing device 3.

Drag|drug menu 18,

Preferably the drag|drug menu information table 17 of FIG. 4 is searched,

It is good to divide into each character classification (selection branch of the drag|drug menu which FIG. 4 displays) of every per some characters like FIG. 8.

This is for being easy to recognize the character for every character classification, when a user uses a soft keyboard 6.

Although the example of a structure of the character input device was demonstrated above, the operation|movement is demonstrated below.

FIG. 5 is a flowchart which shows the detailed operation example of the character-information display means in the character input device of FIG. 1.

By the following description, a soft keyboard 6 demonstrates from the state (The state as which the soft keyboard 6 of FIG. 7 was displayed on the display part 5 of FIG. 1) already started in the character input device 1.

In FIG. 5, "=" is meaning substituting the variable of a right side to the variable of a left side rather than means equal sign.

"==" means comparing a left side and a right side.

Moreover, there exist the following as a variable used on the storage part 11 of FIG. 2 which comes into play during description.

Input_key variable : Definite input sentence character

Pressed_key variable: The pressed key

Menu_done variable : Flag showing in process of a drag|drug menu display

It is made (step ST1) and an input_key variable at a blank space in the state as which the soft keyboard 6 was displayed,

Let a pressed_key variable be an unfixed state,

False(It shows that the drag|drug menu 18 is non-display, and represents that the drag|drug menu 18 displays true.) is substituted to a menu_done variable (step ST2).

The control part 9 of FIG. 2 detects the state of whether to have been touched [user] in the key by the pointing device 3.

It is confirmed whether it was touched by the user in the key and the drag|drug menu 18 was displayed (step ST4).

If the drag|drug menu 18 is not displayed, it is judged whether the key (softkey) was pressed (step ST14).

If it does not push and returns and pushes on step ST3, the key (corresponding code|cord) pushed on the press_key variable will be substituted (step ST15), and the drag|drug menu information table 17 of FIG. 4 will be searched based on this press_key variable,

The drag|drug menu 18 showing an applicable character is displayed (step ST16).

And true is substituted to a menu_done variable (step ST17), and the character instruct|indicated by the pointing device 3 is reversed.

If the drag|drug menu 18 is displayed, it will be detected whether the user released|separated the pointing device 3 from the key (step ST5).

If it is not detecting and (step ST11) dragging whether the pointing device 3 dragged if it did not release|separate and is returning and dragging to step ST3, reversing display of the key from which it passed-through|fell-off by a drag|drug will be stopped,

The key which shows the area|region which approached by a drag|drug with a pointing device 3 is reverse-displayed (step ST12).

And the key (for example, character code) which approached is substituted to a pressed_key variable (step ST13).

And it progresses to step ST3.

If it releases|separates, a pressed_key variable will be substituted to an input_key variable (that is, information of the pressed key substitution).

According to the character classification (character seed|species) of (For example, it corresponds to a character code) character stored in the pressed_key variable, a soft keyboard 6 is re-displayed like either of the FIG. 6 (A)-(C) (step ST7).

And simultaneously, drag|drug menu 18 display is erase|eliminated (step ST8), and false is substituted to a menu_done variable (step ST9).

A pressed_key variable is made into an unfixed state (step ST10), and returns to step ST3.

The above demonstrates the internal processing of character-information display means 19 grade|etc.,

in detail,

Next, operation|movement of the character input device 1 at the time of seeing from the user side is demonstrated.

A user is using the software which inputs a character.

The user is going to input desired character ("U" or "う") with the pointing device 3 like FIG. 8.

However,

The character information of the character classification of a full-size hiragana is displayed on the character input device 1,

Therefore

A user touches "U" with a pointing device 3, in order to change a character classification on display.

As for a soft keyboard 6, the drag|drug menu 18 is displayed like FIG. 8 from the state of FIG. 7.

When a user touches the arbitrary characters of the drag|drug menu 18 with a pointing device 3 like FIG. 9 (A), (For example, drag the drag|drug menu 18 for a pointing device 3 from the 1st position A.),

The character information currently displayed on the soft keyboard 6 is changed into the character information which corresponds to the character classification of the character like FIG.9(B).

In addition, what is necessary is just to touch parts other than drag|drug menu 18 to eliminate|eradicate the drag|drug menu 18 like FIG. 7.

On the other hand, when a user tries to input an English character with the character input device 1

In the state (The state as which "character information" was displayed is shown in this description.) as which the soft keyboard 6 was displayed like FIG. 10, if "n" as a character which it is going to input is touched with a pointing device 3, the drag|drug menu 18 will be displayed like FIG. 11.

In addition, it displays as the drag|drug menu 18 of FIG. 11 from the left in order of full width "N", "n", half width "N", and "n."

This order of a display is order stored, for example in the drag|drug menu information table 17 of FIG. 4. (In FIG. 4, since it is an example, only the Japanese character is stored.).

A user is going to input "N" of full width like FIG. 12 (A), and touches "N" of the drag|drug menu 18. Character classification becomes a display of full width like FIG.12(B) in a soft keyboard 6.

According to 1st Embodiment of this invention, the switching means (For example, button etc.) for switching the character classification required the part which can input a character with respect to the character input device 1 easily and correctly, and does not display character information for every character classification, and conventionally is unnecessary,

Being able to make small conventionally the display surface product of a soft keyboard 6, the operativity of GUI(Graphical User Interface) is good, and especially when especially the display area|region of the display part 5 is decided, it is effective.

2nd Embodiment

FIGS. 13-16 is a figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard of the character input device as 2nd Embodiment of this invention.

The character input device 1 of FIGS. 13-16 is carrying out the same structure as 1st Embodiment,

The following points differ in the Japanese-language display method of the soft keyboard 6.

As for the display (1st character list display means) of the soft keyboard 6, only the head character of the Japanese kana syllabary is displayed like "A" and "KA" *** and "WA", for example like FIG. 13.

A user touches the head character of a desired character with a pointing device 3, and displays line drag|drug menu 16 (The 2nd character list display means abbreviated to the line menu 16 below) like FIG. 14.

A user touches the character of the same character classification as a desired character, and displays the drag|drug menu 18 like FIG. 15.

A user slides the drag|drug menu 18 for a pointing device 3 like FIG. 16 (A),

If the character ("う") of desired character classification (katakana of full width) is touched with a pointing device 3, character classification will be changed into the katakana of full width like FIG.16(B).

According to 2nd Embodiment of this invention, in addition to the effect of 1st Embodiment, the display area|region of a soft keyboard 6 can be further made smaller than 1st Embodiment.

3rd Embodiment

FIGS. 17-20 is a figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard of the character input device as 3rd Embodiment of this invention.

The character input device 1 of FIGS. 17-20 is carrying out the same structure as 1st Embodiment, The following points differ in the display method of the drag|drug menu 18 of the soft keyboard 6.

A soft keyboard 6 like FIG. 17 is displayed on the display part 5 of the character input device 1.

A user touches a desired character like FIG. 18 (releasing|separating immediately), and decides and inputs a character.

On the other hand, when changing the character classification displayed on a soft keyboard 6, as for a user, the drag|drug menu 18 is displayed in the place which touched arbitrary characters and passed for a fixed time with the pointing device 3 like FIG. 19.

The method to select character classification hereafter is the same as that of 1st Embodiment, Character classification can be changed like FIG. 20 and character information can be displayed.

Clear in that a user inputs a character with a pointing device 3 in addition to the effect of 1st Embodiment, and displaying the drag|drug menu 18 according to 3rd Embodiment of this invention -- and it can carry out easily and quick.

4th Embodiment

FIGS. 21-23 is a figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard of the character input device as 4th Embodiment of this invention.

The character input device 1 of FIGS. 21-23 is carrying out the same structure as 1st Embodiment,

In the display method of the drag|drug menu 18 of the soft keyboard 6, 1st Embodiment differs from the following points.

In the soft keyboard 6 displayed like FIG. 21 (A), if a user touches a desired character like FIG.21(B) and releases|separates immediately, a character will be selected and inputted.

In order to change the character classification currently displayed in the soft keyboard 6 and to display the drag|drug menu 18, a user instruct|indicates arbitrary characters ("U") for a pointing device 3 like FIG. 22 (A),

The area|region of "U" is then slid like FIG.22(B) -- making (it being made to drag) -- the drag|drug menu 18 is displayed like FIG. 23.

And the drag|drug menu 18 is displayed in this way, and the character classification of a character on display is changed like 1st Embodiment.

In addition, the direction dragged by a pointing device 3 is not restricted to what was mentioned above, but the contrary may be sufficient as it and it should just slide the inside of the area|region.

According to 4th Embodiment of this invention, the effect of 3rd Embodiment and the same effect can be raised.

By the way, this invention is not limited to Embodiment mentioned above.

In Embodiment mentioned above, the drag|drug menu 18 is arranged on the straight line about the substantially identical character like FIG. 24 (A),

For example, you may make it arrange in the vertical direction like FIG.24(B).

Moreover, the display method that the character for every character classification is horizontally arrange|positioned further perpendicularly [character] per character classification like FIG.24(C) may be sufficient as the drag|drug menu 18.

By arranging in this way, a character can be arranged in the narrow range.

Moreover, a character is perpendicularly arranged per character classification like FIG. 24 (D),

You may make it arrange|position each character classification unit transversely.

By arranging in this way, a character can be arranged in the narrow range.

In addition, it cannot be overemphasized that a form which is stored, for example in the compact disk or the floppy disk (flexible disc) may be sufficient as the program (soft keyboard 6) which has the above-mentioned character inputting function.

ADVANTAGE of the Invention

As explained above, according to this invention, a character input can be performed easily and correctly and the information recording medium which recorded the program which has the small character input device, the character input method, and character inputting function of a display surface product of a character list display means can be provided.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[FIG. 1]

The perspective view which shows a mode that a character is inputted with respect to the character input device as 1st Embodiment of this invention.

[FIG. 2]

The block diagram which shows the example of a structure which the control circuit in the character input device of FIG. 1 simplified.

[FIG. 3]

The functional block diagram illustrating the functional example of the soft keyboard of FIG. 1.

[FIG. 4]

The figure which shows the content of the drag]drug menu information table of FIG. 3.

[FIG. 5]

The flowchart which shows the detailed operation example of the character-information display means in the character input device of FIG. 1.

[FIG. 6]

The figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard displayed on the display part of FIG. 1.

[FIG. 7]

The figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard displayed on the display part of FIG. 1.

[FIG. 8]

The figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard displayed on the display part of FIG. 1.

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The figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard displayed on the display part of FIG. 1.

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The figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard displayed on the display part of FIG. 1.

[FIG. 11]

The figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard displayed on the display part of FIG. 1.

[FIG. 12]

The figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard displayed on the display part of FIG. 1.

[FIG. 13]

The figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard of the character input device as 2nd Embodiment of this invention.

[FIG. 14]

The figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard of the character input device as 2nd Embodiment of this invention.

[FIG. 15]

The figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard of the character input device as 2nd Embodiment of this invention.

[FIG. 16]

The figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard of the character input device as 2nd Embodiment of this invention.

[FIG. 17]

The figure which shows the example of a display of the soft keyboard of the character input device as