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1 SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACCEPTING DISPARATE TYPES OF USER INPUT 2 CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

3 The present application is related to application Serial No. (Atty docket 3797.00066), 4 entitled Method and Apparatus For Improving the Appearance of Digitally Represented 5 Handwriting, filed concurrently with the present application; to application Serial No. (Atty 6 docket 3797.00067), entitled Highlevel Active Pen Matrix, and filed concurrently with the 7 present application; to application Serial No. (Atty docket 3797.00069), entitled Selection 8 Handles in Editing Electronic Documents, and filed concurrently with the present application; to 9 application Serial No. (Atty docket 3797.00070), entitled Insertion Point Bungee Space Tool, 10 and filed concurrently with the present application; to application Serial No. (Atty docket 1 1 1 2 1 3 3797.00072), entitled Simulating Gestures of a Mouse Using a Stylus and Providing Feedback Thereto, and filed concurrent with the present application; to application Serial No. (Atty docket 3797.00075), entitled In Air Gestures, and filed concurrently with the present application; to 14 application Serial No. (Atty docket 3797.00076), entitled Mouse Input Panel Windows Class 1**5**-List, and filed concurrently with the present application; to application Serial No. (Atty docket 16 3797.00077), entitled Mouse Input Panel and User Interface, and filed concurrently with the 17 present application; to application Serial No. (Atty docket 3797.00079), entitled System and 18 Method For Inserting Implicit Page Breaks, and filed concurrently with the present application; 19 each of which is incorporated by reference herein.

- 20 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION
- Computer users are generally familiar with interacting with a personal computer via a
 mouse and keyboard. Tablet PC's, however, generally do not have a physical keyboard or a

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1 mouse as part of its user interface. Instead, the user will often interact with a tablet PC in the 2 form of inputting textual information, navigating among documents, entering commands, and the 3 like, using a pen or stylus on the tablet PC's display.

Conventional stylus and tablet user interfaces are typically cumbersome to use, limit a 4 user to one mode of inputting text information at a time, and require that the user manually 5 6 switch between the various input modes.

7 Because handwritten notes are more appropriate in a meeting setting, while speech may 8 be more efficient for entering text into correspondence from a relatively private setting, such as a 9 user's office or home, an integrated spectrum of various ways to enter textual information into a 10 11 12 13 tablet PC is desirable.

Accordingly, there is a need for an improved user interface that allows users of tablet PC's to input synchronized multimedia text information in various ways, while minimizing the amount of switching between input modes that is necessary.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

1≶≐ The present invention may be more readily described with reference to FIGS. 1-12. 16 FIG. 1 illustrates a schematic diagram of a conventional general-purpose digital computing And Route 17 environment that can be used to implement various aspects of the present invention. In FIG. 1, a 18 computer 100 includes a processing unit 110, a system memory 120, and a system bus 130 that 19 couples various system components including the system memory to the processing unit 110. 20 The system bus 130 may be any of several types of bus structures including a memory bus or 21 memory controller, a peripheral bus, and a local bus using any of a variety of bus architectures.

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The system memory 120 includes read only memory (ROM) 140 and random access memory
 (RAM) 150.

3 A basic input/output system 160 (BIOS), containing the basic routines that help to 4 transfer information between elements within the computer 100, such as during start-up, is stored 5 in the ROM 140. The computer 100 also includes a hard disk drive 170 for reading from and 6 writing to a hard disk (not shown), a magnetic disk drive 180 for reading from or writing to a 7 removable magnetic disk 190, and an optical disk drive 191 for reading from or writing to a 8 removable optical disk 192 such as a CD ROM or other optical media. The hard disk drive 170, 9 magnetic disk drive 180, and optical disk drive 191 are connected to the system bus 130 by a 10 hard disk drive interface 192, a magnetic disk drive interface 193, and an optical disk drive 11 12 13 interface 194, respectively. The drives and their associated computer-readable media provide nonvolatile storage of computer readable instructions, data structures, program modules and other data for the personal computer 100. It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that 1**4**4 other types of computer readable media that can store data that is accessible by a computer, such 15 as magnetic cassettes, flash memory cards, digital video disks, Bernoulli cartridges, random , मृत्यु, अस् 16 access memories (RAMs), read only memories (ROMs), and the like, may also be used in the 17 example operating environment.

A number of program modules can be stored on the hard disk drive 170, magnetic disk 19 190, optical disk 192, ROM 140 or RAM 150, including an operating system 195, one or more 20 application programs 196, other program modules 197, and program data 198. A user can enter 21 commands and information into the computer 100 through input devices such as a keyboard 101 22 and pointing device 102. Other input devices (not shown) may include a microphone, joystick,

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