

touch-sensitive cover area outside the touch screen. When the keyboard is launched, the soft part on the touch screen melts without significant borders into the painted part(s) of the keyboard on the touch-sensitive cover.

[0031] The advantage of this invention is that a larger keyboard is easier to use. The present invention enables also the possibility of multiple layouts by painting the touch-sensitive cover area with more than one scheme and further by illuminating different schemes of the touch-sensitive cover area separately. The present invention can be used in all compact devices with screen and the necessity to implement a keypad (keyboard). These devices include, e.g. mobile terminals, mobile phones, PDAs, gaming consoles, automotive small informative displays with large side area, etc.

[0032] It is obvious to a person skilled in the art that with the advancement of technology, the basic idea of the invention may be implemented in various ways. The invention and its embodiments are thus not limited to the examples described above, instead they may vary within the scope of the claims.

1. A method for presenting an alphanumeric keyboard with an electronic device comprising at least a touch screen and a touch-sensitive cover, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

- dividing the alphanumeric keyboard into two or more parts;
- presenting one part of the alphanumeric keyboard on the touch screen of the electronic device; and
- placing the other part(s) of the alphanumeric keyboard on the touch-sensitive cover of the electronic device outside the touch screen.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein changing the keyboard set on the touch screen.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein enabling said touch screen and said touch-sensitive cover features with an at least partially transparent touch-sensitive panel.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein providing haptic feedback with the electronic device.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein some or all of said other parts(s) of the alphanumeric keyboard comprise mechanical key(s).

6. An electronic device for presenting an alphanumeric keyboard, the electronic device comprising:

- a touch screen (TS);
- a touch-sensitive cover (HS);
- software components operating the electronic device;
- means for dividing (DM) the alphanumeric keyboard into two or more parts;
- means for presenting (PM) one part of the alphanumeric keyboard on the touch screen (TS); and
- one or more alphanumeric keyboard parts on the touch-sensitive cover (HS) of the electronic device outside the touch screen (TS) area.

7. The electronic device according to claim 6, wherein the electronic device comprises means for changing (CM) the keyboard set on the touch screen (TS).

8. The electronic device according to claim 6, wherein the electronic device comprises an at least partially transparent touch-sensitive panel enabling said touch screen and said touch-sensitive cover features.

9. The electronic device according to claim 6, wherein the electronic device comprises means for generating (HM) haptic feedback.

10. The electronic device according to claim 6, wherein some or all of said other parts(s) of the alphanumeric keyboard comprise mechanical key(s).

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