

a connector located at the engagement end for mechanically and electrically coupling the body to the electronic computing device; and

a plurality of conductive traces extending within the body to the connector and operable to communicate electrical signals indicative of user-engagement with the touch-sensitive regions to the electronic computing device;

wherein the clip is operable to communicate the electrical signals to the electronic computing device when the connector engages the electronic computing device such that the first surface is exposed to receive user input and the second surface is oriented to face the display surface of the electronic computing device.

15. The removable clip of claim **14** wherein the clip is operable to removably attach the electronic computing device to an object when the connector engages the electronic computing device such that the second surface is oriented to face the rear surface of the electronic computing device.

16. A portable electronic system comprising:

an electronic computing device including a device connector, a display surface, and a rear surface, the rear surface being arranged opposite the display surface; and

a removable user interface including:

a body having an engagement end;

an interface connector located at the engagement end for mating with the device connector so as to couple the body to the electronic computing device;

a user interface element for displaying information or receiving a user input; and

a conductive element extending between the user interface element and the connector for communicating an electrical signal between the user interface element and the electronic computing device,

wherein the removable user interface is couplable to the electronic computing device such that the removable user interface is disposed over at least a part of the display surface.

17. The portable electronic system of claim **16** wherein the removable user interface further includes a plurality of tactile feedback elements, and the electronic computing device is

operable to display icons on the display surface at locations corresponding to the plurality of tactile feedback elements.

18. The portable electronic system of claim **17** wherein the electronic computing device is operable to select a displayed icon in response to a user engagement with a corresponding tactile feedback element.

19. The portable electronic system of claim **16** wherein the connector is configured so that the removable user interface is couplable to the electronic computing device in a plurality of different orientations.

20. The portable electronic system of claim **16** wherein the removable user interface further includes at least one rotatable element located between the interface connector and the user interface element, wherein the rotatable element is operable to rotate the removable user interface from an orientation where the removable user interface is proximate the display surface of the electronic computing device to an orientation where the removable user interface is proximate the rear surface of the electronic computing device.

21. A method comprising:

monitoring a connector of an electronic computing device; identifying a removable user interface when the user interface is coupled to the connector;

determining an orientation of the removable user interface when the user interface is coupled to the connector; and displaying information on an electronic display of the electronic computing device based on the determined orientation of the removable user interface.

22. The method of claim **21** wherein displaying information includes displaying icons on the electronic display in locations corresponding to locations of tactile feedback elements included with the removable user interface.

23. The method of claim **21** wherein determining an orientation includes detecting a rotation of the removable user interface relative to the electronic computing device.

24. The method of claim **21** further comprising detecting a user engagement with a surface of the removable user interface.

25. The method of claim **24** further comprising executing a function in response to the detected user engagement.

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