

2. The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the processing circuitry is further configured to—

obtain touch data from the at least one touch sensitive surface, and

determine if the obtained touch data invokes the at least one control.

3. The electronic device of claim 2, wherein the at least one touch sensitive surface comprises a force sensitive portion generating force data in response to a touch event, and wherein the processing circuitry is further configured to—

obtain force data from the force sensitive portion; and

govern an aspect of the at least one invoked control based on the obtained force data.

4. The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the at least one touch sensitive surface comprises a multi-touch input surface capable of generating touch data in response to a plurality of touch events occurring simultaneously at a plurality of locations of the surface.

5. The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the at least one touch sensitive surface comprises a bezel positioned around substantially the entire perimeter of the display.

6. The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the at least one touch sensitive surface comprises a plurality of portions positioned around at least a plurality of sides of the perimeter of the display.

7. The electronic device of claim 1, further comprising an orientation sensor operatively connected to the processing circuitry, wherein the processing circuitry is configured to—

determine an orientation of the electronic device from orientation data obtained from the orientation sensor; and

designate the at least one area of the at least one touch sensitive surface based on the determined orientation.

8. The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the processing circuitry is configured to—

determine an orientation of content for the display, the content capable of being displayed in one of at least two orientations; and

designate the at least one area of the at least one touch sensitive surface based on the determined orientation of the content.

9. The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the electronic device comprises a housing having a face with an area, the display positioned on the face of the housing and substantially encompassing the area of the face.

10. An electronic device, comprising:

a display positioned on the electronic device and having a perimeter;

a touch sensitive bezel positioned on the electronic device around at least a portion of the perimeter of the display; and

processing circuitry operatively connected to the touch sensitive bezel, the processing circuitry configured to:

obtain touch data from the touch sensitive bezel, and

determine if at least one control is invoked by the obtained touch data.

11. The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the processing circuitry is configured to initiate at least one operation for the electronic device based on the at least one determined control.

12. The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the touch sensitive bezel is positioned around substantially the entire perimeter of the display.

13. The electronic device of claim 10, wherein at least a portion of the touch sensitive bezel comprises a multi-touch input surface capable of generating touch data in response to a plurality of touch events occurring simultaneously at a plurality of locations of the surface.

14. The electronic device of claim 13, wherein the multi-touch input surface of the bezel comprises an array having a plurality of capacitive sensors arranged in rows and in columns substantially around the perimeter of the display.

15. The electronic device of claim 14, wherein to obtain touch data from the multi-touch input surface of the bezel, the processing circuitry comprises acquisition circuitry having at least two first multiplexer circuits coupled to the rows of the array and having at least two second multiplexer circuits coupled to the columns of the array, the at least two first multiplexer circuits controllably connecting the rows of the array to a reference voltage and a storage capacitor, the at least two second multiplexer circuits controllably connecting the rows of the array to a reference voltage and a storage capacitor.

16. The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the touch sensitive bezel comprises:

a plurality of conductive pads arranged around at least a portion of the perimeter of the display;

a plurality of resistors interconnecting the conductive pads; and

an integrated circuit coupled to at least three approximately equidistant points of interconnected pads, the integrated circuit sensing measurements at the at least three points and determining a position of a touch event occurring on the bezel.

17. The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the plurality of pads comprise a plurality of conductive films on a surface of a circuit board surrounding the display.

18. The electronic device of claim 17, wherein the plurality of pads comprise a plurality of conductive films deposited on a surface of the display adjacent the perimeter.

19. The electronic device of claim 10, wherein to determine if the at least one control is invoked by the obtained touch data, the processing circuitry is configured to—

designate at least one area of the touch sensitive bezel for the at least one control;

compare the obtained touch data to the at least one designated area of the touch sensitive bezel; and

determine the at least control invoked by the obtained touch data based on the comparison.

20. The electronic device of claim 19, wherein the processing circuitry is operatively connected to the display and is configured to—

generate at least one visual guide for the at least one control; and