

What is claimed is:

1. A data-entry apparatus comprising:
  - a device for entering data;
  - a display for displaying information confirming the security of the data-entry apparatus; and
  - an encryption circuit, communicatively coupled to the data-entry device and the display.
2. The data-entry apparatus of claim 1, wherein the device for entering data comprises
  - a touch pad.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a second display, and wherein the first and second displays are physically separate.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a second display, and wherein the first and second displays are under

the control of respective first and second controllers that in turn are communicatively coupled to and under the control of the encryption circuit.

5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the displayed information comprises

- an icon.

6. A method for accepting data on a data-entry apparatus, the method comprising:

- refraining from displaying information asserting a data-entry device's ability to securely receive data;

- then preparing to encrypt data received on the data-entry device;

- then displaying information asserting the data-entry device's ability to securely receive data.

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