

invention assigning screen designation codes to each of these which determine whether they are placed on the foreground or background screen. Again, it should be appreciated that there may be more than two screens and these components can be placed on any of these.

[0051] Not illustrated is the effect of having the foreground screen over the background screen as this is a 3-dimensional effect difficult to show. However, as the foreground screen is a physical distance from the background screen and transparent in places to respect to the background screen, it is possible for the user to look around and behind the tool bars and drop down menu to view the image on the background screen.

[0052] Aspects of the present invention have been described by way of example only and it should be appreciated that modifications and additions may be made thereto without departing from the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A method of assigning screen designation codes to images, said method comprising:

accessing data operable to display a first image and a second image;

assigning a first screen designation code to said first image, wherein said first screen designation code is associated with a first display screen of a multi-component display, and wherein said first screen designation code is operable to cause a display of said first image on said first display screen of said multi-component display; and

assigning a second screen designation code to said second image, wherein said second screen designation code is associated with a second display screen of said multi-component display, wherein said first display screen and said second display screen overlap, and wherein said second screen designation code is operable to cause a display of said second image on said second display screen of said multi-component display.

2. The method of claim **1** further comprising:

displaying said first image on said first display screen of said multi-component display, wherein said displaying said first image further comprises displaying said first image using a first plurality of pixels of said first display screen, and wherein said displaying said first image further comprises displaying said first image in accordance with said first screen designation code; and

displaying said second image on said second display screen of said multi-component display, wherein said displaying said second image further comprises displaying said second image using a second plurality of pixels of said second display screen, and wherein said displaying said second image further comprises displaying said second image in accordance with said second screen designation code.

3. The method of claim **2**, wherein said displaying said first image further comprises displaying said first image with partial transparency to enable viewing of said second image through said first image.

4. The method of claim **2**, wherein said displaying said first image and said displaying said second image are performed contemporaneously.

5. The method of claim **1**, wherein said first image and said second image overlap.

6. The method of claim **1**, wherein said first image is associated with a foreground, and wherein said second image is associated with a background.

7. The method of claim **1**, wherein said assigning said first screen designation code further comprises assigning said first screen designation code based upon a screen function of said first image.

8. The method of claim **7**, wherein said screen function is selected from a group consisting of an always-on-top identifier and an always-at-back identifier.

9. The method of claim **1** further comprising:

determining, from said data, a depth relationship of said first image with respect to said second image;

wherein said assigning said first screen designation code further comprises assigning said first screen designation code based upon said depth relationship; and

wherein said assigning said second screen designation code further comprises assigning said second screen designation code based upon said depth relationship.

10. The method of claim **1**, wherein said first image is configured for manipulation by a user, and wherein said second image is a component associated with said first image.

11. The method of claim **10**, wherein said component is selected from a group consisting of a software function, a template, a drop down menu, a function key, a cursor, a tool bar and a heads-up display.

12. The method of claim **1**, wherein said first and second display screens each comprise a respective liquid crystal display (LCD).

13. The method of claim **1**, wherein said assigning said first and second screen designation codes are performed by a display driver.

14. The method of claim **1**, wherein said first and second images are associated with an application configured for execution by a computer system coupled to multiple display devices.

15. The method of claim **1**, wherein said first and second images are associated with an operating system.

16. The method of claim **1**, wherein said first and second images are associated with a web browser.

17. The method of claim **1**, wherein said first and second images are associated with an application selected from a group consisting of a spreadsheet application, a word-processing application, a database application, a presentation application, a graphical application, a drawing application, an instrumentation application, a medical application, a financial application, a scientific application, and a gaming application.

18. The method of claim **1**, wherein said first and second images are associated with a geographical information system.

19. The method of claim **1**, wherein said first and second images are associated with content selected from a group consisting of a video and a still image.

20. A computer-usable medium having computer-readable program code embodied therein for causing a computer system to perform a method of assigning screen designation codes to images, said method comprising:

accessing data operable to display a first image and a second image;

assigning a first screen designation code to said first image, wherein said first screen designation code is associated with a first display screen of a multi-component display, and wherein said first screen designation code is operable to cause a display of said first image on said first display screen of said multi-component display; and