

sensed by said sensing means, said second processing including activation of a processing previously assigned to said second touch-driven member.

8. A display unit having a display panel, and a touch panel disposed on a display surface of the display panel for detecting a position touched by indicating means, said touch panel permitting an operator to touch a touch-driven member displayed on said display surface to handle said touch-driven member, said display unit comprising:

sensing means for sensing a pushing force P produced by the indicating means when said indicating means touches said touch-driven member; and

a control unit for performing first processing associated with said touch-driven member pushed by the indicating means when the pushing force P detected by said sensing means is equal to or larger than a first set pressure P_1 and smaller than a second set pressure P_2 ($P_1 \leq P < P_2$), said second set pressure P_2 being larger than said first set pressure P_1 , and for performing second processing associated with said touch-driven member pushed by said indicating means when the pushing force P is equal to or larger than the second set pressure P_2 ($P_2 \leq P$),

wherein, as said touch-driven member, a touch-driven member when said indicating means touches said touch-driven member with the pushing force P equal to or larger than the first set pressure P_1 and smaller than the second set pressure P_2 ($P_1 \leq P < P_2$) as detected by said detecting means, capable of the first processing including a dragging operation for moving said touch-driven member pursuant to a movement of said indicating means, and when said indicating means touches said touch-driven member with the pushing force P equal to or larger than the second set pressure P_2 ($P_2 \leq P$) as sensed by said sensing means, capable of the second processing including activation of a function previously assigned to said touch-driven member, is displayed.

9. A display unit having a display panel, and a touch panel disposed on a display surface of the display panel for detecting a position touched by indicating means, said touch panel permitting an operator to touch a touch-driven member displayed on said display surface to handle said touch-driven member, said display unit comprising:

sensing means for sensing a pushing force P produced by the indicating means when said indicating means touches said touch-driven member; and

a control unit for performing first processing associated with said touch-driven member pushed by the indicating means when the pushing force P detected by said sensing means is equal to or larger than a first set pressure P_1 and smaller than a second set pressure P_2 ($P_1 \leq P < P_2$), said second set pressure P_2 being larger than said first set pressure P_1 , and for performing second processing associated with said touch-driven member pushed by said indicating means when the pushing force P is equal to or larger than the second set pressure P_2 ($P_2 \leq P$),

wherein, as said touch-driven member, a touch-driven member when said indicating means touches said touch-driven member with the pushing force P equal to

or larger than the first set pressure P_1 and smaller than the second set pressure P_2 ($P_1 \leq P < P_2$) as detected by said detecting means, capable of the first processing including a dragging operation for moving said touch-driven member pursuant to a movement of said indicating means, and capable of the second processing for activating a function previously assigned to said touch-driven member in combination with a region to which said touch-driven member is moved in said first processing.

10. An information processing method for use with a display unit having a display panel, and a touch panel disposed on a display surface of the display panel for detecting a position touched by indicating means, said touch panel permitting an operator to touch a touch-driven member displayed on said display surface to handle said touch-driven member, said method comprising the steps of:

sensing a pushing force P produced by said indicating means when said indicating means touches said touch-driven member using sensing means for sensing the pushing force P ;

performing first processing associated with said touch-driven member pushed by the indicating means when the pushing force P detected by said sensing means is equal to or larger than a first set pressure P_1 and smaller than a second set pressure P_2 , said second set pressure P_2 being larger than said first set pressure P_1 ($P_1 \leq P < P_2$); and

performing second processing associated with said touch-driven member pushed by said indicating means when the pushing force P is equal to or larger than the second set pressure P_2 ($P_2 \leq P$),

wherein said first processing includes dragging said touch-driven member following said indicating means pursuant to a movement of said indicating means, and said second processing includes activating a function previously assigned to said touch-driven member.

11. An information processing method for use with a display unit with a touch panel according to claim 10, wherein said second processing includes activating the function previously assigned to said touch-driven member in combination with a region to which said touch-driven member is moved through said first processing.

12. An information processing method for use with a display unit having a display panel, and a touch panel disposed on a display surface of the display panel for detecting a position touched by indicating means, said touch panel permitting an operator to touch a touch-driven member displayed on said display surface to handle said touch-driven member, said method comprising the steps of:

sensing a pushing force P produced by the indicating means when said indicating means touches said touch-driven member using sensing means for sensing the pushing force P ;

performing first processing associated with said touch-driven member pushed by the indicating means when the pushing force P detected by said sensing means is equal to or larger than a first set pressure P_1 and smaller than a second set pressure P_2 ($P_1 \leq P < P_2$), said second