display screen, wherein each of the presented suffices is made selectable for said user.

[0015] Advantageously, also the prefix that corresponds to said partial word input is presented in said predetermined area.

[0016] By presenting only the suffices for the candidates, and not the entire full words that they represent, considerable display screen space may be saved. In turn, saving display screen space means a reduced risk of blocking or otherwise interfering with other information on the display screen. For instance, if the partial word is "compl", displaying "ete", "etion" and "ex" versus "complete", "completion" and "complex" takes a lot less space. Mentally repeating "compl" several times is unnecessary. In the mental process of writing a word the user has the whole word in his or her mind, and therefore selecting just a suffix like "etion" is not difficult in practice.

[0017] In one embodiment, where the display screen is touch-sensitive and said text input means includes a virtual keyboard which is presentable on said touch-sensitive display screen, said step of receiving a partial word input from said user involves detecting successive actuations, by said user using a writing tool, of virtual keys of said virtual keyboard which accumulate into said partial word input.

[0018] In this or another embodiment, the display screen is again touch-sensitive, and said text input means includes handwriting recognition (HWR) functionality for interpreting a hand-written input, made by said user with a writing tool on said touch-sensitive display screen, into at least one symbol among a set of possible symbols in a predefined symbol set, so as to generate said partial word input.

[0019] In one embodiment, a particular presented suffix may belong to a full word completion candidate, i.e. a candidate that represents a full word, made up by the candidate's prefix and suffix, in a currently active language for said word completion functionality.

[0020] Moreover, in this or another embodiment, a particular presented suffix may belong to an incomplete word completion candidate, i.e. a candidate that represents an incomplete word in the currently active language for said word completion functionality. In this case, the prefix of a particular word completion candidate corresponds to a first portion of a full word in a currently active language for said word completion functionality, whereas the presented suffix of said particular word completion candidate corresponds to a second portion of said full word, following after said prefix and being followed in said full word by at least a third portion of said full word, wherein said step of presenting involves presenting the second portion but not the third portion.

[0021] The second portion may advantageously be a syllable or other practically sized segment of said full word.

[0022] The existence of said third portion of said full word is advantageously indicated to said user by adding a visually recognizable indication to the presented second portion of said full word.

[0023] For such an incomplete word completion candidate, the method may further involve:

[0024] detecting selection by said user of the presented suffix for said particular word completion candidate;

[0025] appending the selected suffix to said partial word input; and

[0026] repeating said steps of deriving and presenting for the thus appended partial word input, consisting now of the first and second portions of said full word.

[0027] Embodiments that allow a presented suffix to belong to an incomplete word completion candidate have a particular advantage in that they will make a large number of word completion candidates available for selection by the user with a limited number of manual selection steps.

[0028] The method according to any of the embodiments referred to above may advantageously involve the steps of

[0029] receiving an additional character input made by said user employing said text input means;

[0030] appending said additional character input to said partial word input; and

[0031] repeating said steps of deriving and presenting for the thus appended partial word input.

[0032] This will allow the user to continue inputting one or more additional characters manually, in case none of the presented suffices is what he is looking for. Once the one or more additional characters have been received, the presented set of suffices will be updated dynamically to reflect word completion candidates that now match the appended partial word input.

[0033] In one embodiment, the suffices for all of the word completion candidates in the derived set are presented in the predetermined area—i.e., the word completion functionality will derive the exact number of word completion candidates, the suffices of which are to be presented and made selectable. In another embodiment, though, the word completion functionality may derive more word completion candidates than can be presented at the same time in the predetermined area. In such a case, some principle of selection may be applied as regards which of these suffices that are to be presented, as will be explained in more detail in the following.

[0034] A typical number of suffices presented in the predetermined area may range from 2 to 4, but other values are also possible.

[0035] In an advantageous embodiment, the predetermined area is located within or at said virtual keyboard on said display screen. Advantageously, the prefix is shown first, followed by each presented suffix in successive order horizontally from left to right on said display screen.

[0036] Even more advantageously, the predetermined area is located within, or on top of, a space bar included in the virtual keyboard. This is in fact a very logical and consistent positioning of word completion candidates on the display screen. A word is completed by tapping the space bar, so displaying word completion candidates in the same area as the space bar allows a more consistent mechanic movement pattern for the hand of the user. In turn, this will improve on the user's text input speed.

[0037] Advantageously, the space bar, and therefore the predetermined area, is located at one edge of the display screen. Positioning the candidates in this way at the edge of the display screen makes efficient use of Fitt's law, which