

at least small-scale pointer or other computer control by moving a finger or other object across a top surface of the micro touchpad; and

a macro touchpad including a touch sensor provided on an upper surface of each of a plurality of said keys, the macro touch pad adapted to allow at least large-scale pointer or other computer control by moving a finger or other object across a top surface of one or more the plurality of keys of the macro touch pad.

12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein one or more of the keys is capable of traveling a distance of at least 1 mm between a pressed position and a not pressed position.

13. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein each of the touch sensors provided on each of a plurality of the keys comprises a micro touchpad.

14. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein a resolution of the micro touchpad of the first key is greater than a resolution of the micro touchpads in one or more of the keys used for the macro touchpad.

15. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein one of the keys is adapted to operate as a mode key to select between a keyboard mode and a touchpad mode for the apparatus.

16. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the apparatus comprises a keyboard, and further comprising an indicator adapted to indicate when the keyboard is operating in a

keyboard mode and when the apparatus is operating in a touchpad mode, the indicator being provided on the keyboard or other location.

17. A method of selecting touchpad input and key input comprising:

determining if a key has been pressed;

determining if touch activity is detected;

if a key has been pressed, then enabling key input and disabling touch input for a period of time after each key has been pressed; and

otherwise, if a key has not be pressed, then:

enabling touch input; and

if touch input is detected, then disabling key input.

18. The method of claim 17 and further comprising:

buffering key input data temporarily when key input is disabled; and

buffering touch input data temporarily when touch input is disabled.

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