

a first set of symbols that only illuminate with a first light;
 a second set of symbols that only illuminate with a second light; and
 a light system capable of generating the first and second light.

24. The touch pad as recited in claim **23** wherein the symbols are embodied as light excitable elements configured to absorb and reemit the generated light, the light excitable elements associated with the first set of symbols being sensitive to a first wavelength of light, the light excitable elements associated with the second set of symbols being sensitive to a second wavelength of light, the light system being configured to generate light having the first and second wavelengths.

25. The touch pad as recited in claim **24** wherein the light system includes a first light source capable of generating light of a first wavelength, and a second light source capable of generating light of a second wavelength.

26. The touch pad as recited in claim **2** wherein the light excitable elements are formed from a photoluminescence material.

27. A circular touch pad, comprising:
 a circular light diffusing cover;
 a circular transparent touch sensing layer disposed below the light diffusing cover;
 an circular organic light emitting device (OLED) disposed below the transparent touch sensing layer;
 a printed circuit board disposed below the organic light emitting device (OLED), the printed circuit board carrying a controller that is operatively coupled to the transparent touch sensing layer and the organic light emitting device, the controller receiving touch data from the transparent touch sensing layer and instructing the organic light emitting device (OLED) how to present graphical information.

28. The touch pad as recited in claim **27** wherein the graphical information is based in part on the touch data.

29. The touch pad as recited in claim **27** wherein the graphical information is based in part on a mode.

30. The touch pad as recited in claim **27** wherein the touch pad includes a central integrated button such that the light diffusing layer, transparent touch sensing layer, and organic light emitting device (OLED) are circularly annular to provide space for the central integrated button.

31. A method of operating a multifunctional hand held electronic device having a touch surface, comprising:

displaying symbols in a circular fashion, each symbol representing a different input to be made in the hand held electronic device;
 mapping individual symbols being displayed to individual regions of the touch surface;
 detecting a touch on the touch surface;
 determining the region of the touch surface being touched;
 highlighting only the symbol associated with the region of the touch surface being touched;

detecting a selection event; and
 implementing the input associated with the symbol being highlighted when the selection event is initiated.

32. The method as recited in claim **31** wherein the touch surface is a circular touch pad, and wherein the symbols are displayed in a circular fashion about the circular touch pad.

33. The method as recited in claim **31** wherein the multifunctional handheld device includes a display, and wherein the symbols are displayed in a circular fashion about the display.

34. The method as recited in claim **31** further comprising:
 determining a mode of the multifunctional handheld device;
 displaying symbols in a circular fashion in accordance with the mode.

35. The method as recited in claim **34** wherein a first set of symbols are provided for a first mode of the multifunctional handheld device, and a second set of symbols are provided for a second mode of the multifunctional handheld device.

36. The method as recited in claim **35** wherein the first mode is a phone mode, and wherein the first set of symbols are symbols associated with phone operations, and wherein the second mode is a media player mode, and wherein the second set of symbols are symbols associated with media player operations.

37. A method of operating a handheld electronic device having a touch device, the method comprising:

designating input regions within a touch surface of the touch device, each input region representing a different location within the touch surface;
 assigning symbols to the input regions, the symbols characterizing the functionality of the input regions; and
 displaying the symbols associated with the input regions, the location of the symbols indicating the location of the input area within the touch surface.

38. The method as recited in claim **37** wherein the symbols are displayed on a display of the handheld electronic device.

39. The method as recited in claim **37** wherein the symbols are displayed on the touch surface.

40. The method as recited in claim **37** wherein the touch surface is circular, the input regions and symbols are placed at angular locations, the angular locations of the symbols matching the angular locations of their corresponding input region.

41. The method as recited in claim **37** wherein the input regions are designated and the symbols are assigned and displayed based on the mode of the handheld electronic device, each mode having a different set of input regions and symbols associated therewith.

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