

keyboard-type device selected from at least one of a keyboard and a keypad, the system comprising:

- (a) means for receiving input key events associated with a first process active within an operating system;
- (b) means for monitoring the input key events for a first predefined input key event associated with user selection of a first key of the keyboard-type device for at least a predetermined time period;
- (c) means for redirecting the input key events from the first process to a second process in response to identifying the first predefined input key event;
- (d) means for monitoring the input key events for a second predefined input key event associated with further redirection of the input key events; and
- (e) means for redirecting the input key events to another process in response to identifying the second predefined input key event.

17. A keyboard-type device comprising:

- (a) a plurality of user input signal generators for producing first input signals in response to user actuation thereof;
- (b) a display device;
- (c) a processor circuit in communication with said display device and said user input signal generators, said processor circuit configured to:

- (i) generate a plurality of predictive text completion candidates in response to said first input signals and display said plurality of predictive text completion candidates on said display device; and

- (ii) communicate at least one of said predictive text completion candidates to a personal computing device remote from the keyboard-type device in response to user selection of the at least one of said predictive text completion candidates.

18. The keyboard-type device of claim 17, wherein the plurality of user input signal generators comprises a plurality of keys.

19. The keyboard-type device of claim 18, wherein the plurality of keys comprises a plurality of physical keys.

20. The keyboard-type device of claim 18, wherein the plurality of keys comprises a plurality of virtual keys.

21. The keyboard-type device of claim 20, wherein the display device comprises a touch-screen display, and wherein the plurality of virtual keys comprises a plurality of respective portions of a touch-sensitive surface of said touch-screen display.

22. The keyboard-type device of claim 17, wherein the processor circuit is configured to receive display information from the remote personal computing device and to display such display information on a touch-sensitive portion of the display device.

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