

**IMPROVED METHOD AND APPARATUS IN COMPUTER SYSTEMS TO
SELECTIVELY MAP TABLET INPUT DEVICES USING A VIRTUAL BOUNDARY**

ABSTRACT

An improved method and apparatus in pen-based computer systems using a tablet input device to select the outer boundary area of a graphics display through use of a virtual cursory boundary is disclosed. The tablet input device has a first inner active area surrounded by a second outer active boundary. An operator selectively moving a pointing device in the first inner active area of the tablet input device causes a cursor to move correspondingly on the graphics display image. When the operator selectively moves the pointing device in the second outer active area, the digitizing table causes the cursor to move to a corresponding graphics display boundary position.

Fig. 3