FLEXIBLY INTERFACEABLE PORTABLE COMPUTING DEVICE

ABSTRACT

A flexibly interfaceable portable computing device (100) includes a display (202) coupled to a processor (420), which is coupled or selectively coupled to either or both of a keyboard (204) and a reporting unit (101). The display (202) and the keyboard (204) provide a first user interface to the processor (420). The recording unit (101) is superimposable with a removable markable surface (150). A stylus (152) allows user marking on the markable surface (150). The stylus (152) provides a stroke signal and a stroke mark. The recording unit (101), the markable surface (150), and the stylus (152) provide a second user interface to the processor (420). Optionally, the display (202) also contributes to providing the second user interface to the processor (420). Switching among viewing modes for the display (202), and synchronization of information between the processor (420) and a processor (120) of the recording unit (101) are also provided. A casing (208) can enfold the display (202), the keyboard (204), and the recording unit (101) to form a relatively slim profile.

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