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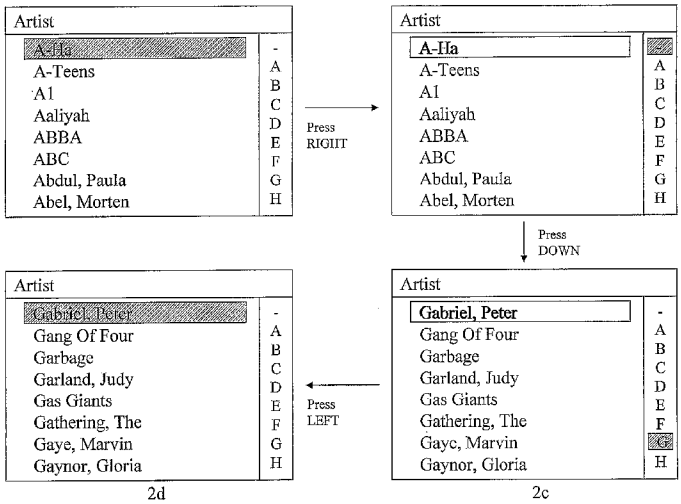
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(57) Abstract: There is provided a method for finding a particular item from a listing of items sorted by category, on a user interface. The user interface comprises a first portion showing the sorted listing of items and a second portion showing a listing of categories by which the items are sorted. The method comprises moving a visual marker through the listing of categories on the second portion of the user interface, those items in a given category showing on the first portion of the user interface at the same time as the visual marker passes over the given category on the second portion of the user interface; and moving the visual marker to the first portion of the user interface; and finding the particular item on the first portion of the user interface. There is also provided a user interface for finding a particular item from a listing of items sorted by category and an electronic device comprising such a user interface.

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