WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable communication device for use in supporting voice and/or data communication, said portable communication device comprising:

a housing;

a processor disposed at least partially within said housing; and

an interface connector disposed at said housing and coupled to said processor, said interface connector configured to couple to a module configured to provide at least one accessory function, wherein said processor is configured to communicate, through said interface connector, via a plurality of communication protocols and to select at least one of the plurality of communication protocols based on the module coupled to said interface connector.

2. The portable communication device of Claim 1, wherein said interface connector comprises at least two of a USB interface, an I^2C interface, an SPI interface, a UART interface, or a display interface.

3. The portable communication device of Claim 1, wherein said interface connector comprises a detect connection configured to permit said processor to detect the presence of the module.

4. The portable communication device of Claim 1, wherein said processor is configured to authenticate the module, wherein said processor is configured to inhibit communication with an unapproved module.

5. The portable communication device of Claim 4, wherein said processor is further configured to select the at least one of the plurality of communication protocols substantially only for approved modules.

6. The portable communication device of Claim 4, wherein said interface connector comprises at least two of a USB interface, an I^2C interface, an SPI interface, a UART interface, or a display interface.

7. The portable communication device of Claim 1, further comprising a crypto processor coupled to the processor, said crypto processor configured to provide cryptographic operation on a portion of data accessed by said processor.

8. The portable communication device of Claim 1, wherein housing is configured to slidably engage the module configured to provide at least one accessory function.

9. The portable communication device of Claim 1, further comprising a GPS component coupled to said processor.

10. The portable communication device of Claim 1, further comprising a cellular controller, at least two SIM card sockets coupled to said cellular controller, and an input device, each of said at least two SIM card sockets configured to couple to a SIM card associated with a user account, said input device configured to toggle between SIM cards coupled to said at least two SIM card sockets.

11. The portable communication device of Claim 1, wherein said processor is configured to manage power at said interface connector to permit hot-swap of the module.

12. The portable communication device of Claim 1, wherein said interface connector is structured to provide a high mating life cycle.

13. The portable communication device of Claim 1, further comprising a battery disposed within said housing, said processor is configured to detect a module battery associated with the module configured to provide at least one accessory function and provide charging in at least one direction between said battery and the module battery.

14. A method for use in appending at least one accessory function to a portable communication device, the portable communication device including a processor and an interface connector, said method comprising: detecting the presence of a module coupled to the interface connector of the portable communication device;

identifying, at the processor, the module; and

selecting, at the processor, at least one of a plurality of communication protocols supported by the portable communication device to communicate through the interface connector with the module, based on the identity of the module.

15. The method of Claim 14, wherein identifying the module includes determining if the module is an approved module for use with the portable communication device, based on the identity of the module.

16. The method of Claim 15, further comprising powering at least one communication channel between the module and the portable communication device to support the selected communication protocol.

17. The method of Claim 14, further comprising determining if the module includes at least one battery, selecting the at least one battery of the module to power the portable communication device when included, and monitoring a power level of the at least one battery.

18. The method of Claim 14, wherein selecting at least one of a plurality of communication protocols includes selecting at least two of a plurality of communication protocols.

CLAIMS:

1. A portable communication device for use in supporting voice and/or data communication, said portable communication device comprising:

a housing;

a processor disposed at least partially within said housing;

an interface connector disposed at said housing and coupled to said processor; and

a back panel, wherein said housing is configured such that said back panel is removably coupleable to said housing and such that a module is coupleable to said portable communication device in place of said back panel when said back panel is uncoupled from said housing, said module is communicatively coupleable to said interface connector when said module is coupled to said portable communication device, and said module is configured to provide at least one accessory function.

2. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein said interface connector comprises at least one of a USB interface, an I2C interface, an SPI interface, a UART interface, and a display interface.

3. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein said interface connector comprises a detect connection configured to permit said processor to detect the presence of the module.

4. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein said processor is configured to authenticate said module, wherein said processor is configured to inhibit communication with an unapproved module.

5. The portable communication device of claim 4, wherein said processor is further configured to select at least one of a plurality of communication protocols substantially only for approved modules.

6. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein said back panel defines a cross-section substantially consistent with said housing.

7. The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising a crypto processor coupled to the processor, said crypto processor configured to provide cryptographic operation on a portion of data accessed by said processor.

8. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein said back panel is removably coupleable to further provide access to said interface connector.

9. The portable communication device of claim 8, wherein said housing is configured to slidably engage said module while simultaneously engaging a mating connector of said module with said interface connector.

10. The portable communication device of claim 8, wherein said housing is configured to snap engage said module to communicatively couple said module and said interface connector.

11. The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising a GPS component coupled to said processor.

12. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein said processor is configured to manage power at said interface connector to permit hot-swap of said module.

13. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein said processor is configured to communicate through said interface connector, based on an identity of said module coupled to said interface connector.

14. The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising a void disposed within said housing and proximate to said interface connector, said void configured to permit a module connector of said module to be positioned proximate to the interface connector for sliding engagement with said interface connector.

15. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein said housing comprises a plurality of latching mechanisms for removably coupling said back panel and replacing said back panel with said module, such that said module is removably coupleable.

16. A method for use in appending at least one accessory function to a portable communication device, the portable communication device including a processor and an interface connector, said method comprising:

uncoupling a back panel from a housing of the portable communication device;

coupling a module to the housing in place of the back panel such that the module is communicatively coupled to the interface connector of the portable communication device, the module providing at least one accessory function;

identifying, at the processor, the module; and

communicating by the processor, through the interface connector with the module, based on the identity of the module.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein identifying the module includes determining if the module is an approved module for use with the portable communication device, based on the identity of the module.

18. The method of claim 16, further comprising powering at least one communication channel between the module and the portable communication device to support the selected communication protocol.

19. The method of claim 16, further comprising determining if the module includes at least one battery, selecting the at least one battery of the module to power the portable communication device when included, and monitoring a power level of the at least one battery.

20. The method of claim 16, further comprising selecting at least one of a plurality of communication protocols based on the identity of the module.