Claims

1. A stylus which is usable with an electronic device, the stylus comprising:

a head portion;

a body portion having a tip portion at one end; and

a tail portion,

wherein the head portion is detachably coupled to the body portion and the tail portion is detachably coupled to the body portion, and

wherein the tip portion is accessible when the head portion is detached from the body portion and inaccessible otherwise.

2. The stylus as in claim 1, further comprising at least one of:

a tracking device carried by one of the body portion and the tail portion; and

a communication device carried by one of the body portion and the tail portion.

3. The stylus as in claim 2, the tracking device being configurable to generate and communicate input signals based on tracked movement of the stylus.

4. The stylus as in claim 3,

wherein the input signals are communicable from the stylus to the electronic device,

wherein the electronic device comprises a display screen, and

wherein the electronic device is configurable to receive and process the input signals to produce output signals corresponding to digital ink displayable on the display screen, digital ink displayed in the display screen being based on tracked movement of the stylus.

5. The stylus as in claim 1, at least one of the electronic device and the stylus being configurable to generate and communicate a security signal in a manner such that the security signal is communicable between the electronic device and the stylus,

wherein based on the security signal, an alarm signal is communicable from at least one of the electronic device and the stylus.

6. The stylus as in claim 5, the stylus being configurable to generate and communicate the security signal and the electronic device being configurable to detect the security signal so as determine whether the stylus is in the vicinity of the electronic device.

7. The stylus as in claim 6, wherein the electronic device is configurable to communicate the alarm signal if based on the security signal, the electronic device one of:

determines that the stylus is unable to be detected; and

determines that the stylus is beyond a predetermined distance away from the electronic device.

Claim(s)

1. A stylus which is usable with an electronic device, the stylus being configurable to generate and communicate a security signal, and the electronic device being configurable to detect the security signal so as to determine whether the stylus is in the vicinity of the electronic device,

wherein the electronic device is configurable to communicate an alarm signal if based on the security signal, the electronic device one of:

determines that the stylus is unable to be detected; and

determines that the stylus is beyond a predetermined distance away from the electronic device.