MASS STORAGE PERIPHERAL DEVICE WITH ASSOCIATED PERSONALITY ROM

ABSTRACT

A mass storage peripheral device for use with a host computer has a data medium and a sensor for reading information from the data medium to develop data signals for delivery to the computer. A memory device containing computer readable information for characterizing the mass storage peripheral device is provided, and a data transmission path is provided by which the computer can access the information contained in the memory device for characterizing the mass storage peripheral device. The computer readable information for characterizing the mass storage peripheral device comprises physical data definitions. Also, a method is presented for starting a computer. The method includes reading data from a memory of a mass storage peripheral device and configuring the computer based upon the data read from the memory.

Figure 1