Claims

1. Apparatus for providing user identification associated with a Point of Sale (POS), comprising a stand-alone kiosk physically remote from the POS adapted to capture and derive transactional information data relating to purchases of each of a variety of individual users, the kiosk providing a promotional response or reward for a particular individual user based on said captured data for said user of the apparatus.

2. Apparatus according to Claim 1, the kiosk comprising a scanner.

34. Apparatus according to Claim 23, the said kiosk and scanner being integral.

45. Apparatus according to Claim 34, the scanner comprising an OCR scanner.

56. Apparatus according to Claim 34, the scanner comprising a web cam device.

67. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, the kiosk comprising a touch screen.

78. Apparatus according to Claim 67, comprising OCR software adapted for decoding the transactional information data and provide the reward to a user.

89. Apparatus according to Claim 78, the reward comprising a message on the touch screen.

910. Apparatus according to Claim 78, the reward comprising a coupon printed by the device.

1011. Apparatus according to Claim 910, the coupon being readable by a suitably programmed POS to process the reward.

1112. Apparatus according to any preceding claim~~of Claims 3 to 11~~, the kiosk being adapted to provide an identity transaction of a user of the apparatus.

1213. Apparatus according to Claim 1112, the kiosk comprising an interactive touch screen for providing a scanning sequence using the scanner to provide user identification.

1314. Apparatus according to Claim 1213, adapted to provide a verified user identification means.

1415. Apparatus according to Claim 1314, the means comprising a bar-coded means.

1516. Apparatus according to Claim 1314, the means comprising a printed copy of a scanned user identification document or documents.

1617. Apparatus according to any of Claims 1314 to 1516, and a postal device for receiving mail from a verified user.

1718. Apparatus according to Claim 1617, the mail being selected from the group comprising parcels, packages and the like and the postal device comprising a drop-off box.

1819. Apparatus according to Claim 1617, the drop-off box being adjacent the kiosk.

1920. Apparatus according to any of Claims 1617 to 1819, comprising means for weighing and/or dimensioning mail.