SWITCHING BETWEEN APPLICATIONS OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE

Abstract of the Disclosure

An electronic device (10) with user selectable applications has a display (12), a user input (14) and a controller (16). User input (14) has a history key (22) and a home key (24). When a user actuates history key (22), controller (16) switches device (10) to a desired preceding application. When the user actuates home key (24), controller switches device (10) to a home screen that is indicative of other applications. Upon switching to either the desired preceding application or the home screen, history key (22) is updated to indicate the application in use just prior to actuation of history key (22). History key (22) is not updated when it or home key (24) is not actuated. Hence, history key (22) is used to indicate an application that the user may desire to return to use.

FIG. 1 accompanies this abstract.