

Abstract of the Disclosure (Fig. 1)

A POS TERMINAL AND A PRINTING APPARATUS FOR THE SAME

The printer (10) of a POS terminal possesses a first connector (52) through which it exchanges data with a PC control unit (11) on a logical level, and a second connector (51) through which it exchanges data with an external device, for instance a display module. The printer is housed inside the first body frame in which both these connectors are installed. The PC control unit possesses a data processing system (20) driven by a general-purpose OS, and a control device connector which is connected to the first connector (52). The control unit is housed inside a second body frame in which the control device connector is installed. The second body frame is installed at or in said first body frame in a detachable manner so that both body frames are integrated as a single unit, and the control device connector is connected to the first connector. Thereby a POS terminal is provided that can be made compact and inexpensive by integrating the printer and control unit to single unit.