

ABSTRACT

Personal Computer with Dissociated Keyboard

This invention relates to a personal computer with a folding keyboard and, more particularly, to a personal computer contained within a compact enclosure when stored in a non-use position. The personal computer has a clamshell enclosure having first and second housings joined for pivotal movement one relative to the other about an elongate housing axis and between a folded position and a use position. Computer operating components are mounted in the enclosure. A keyboard assembly is operatively associated with the enclosure and the computer operating components and has first and second keyboard portions each bearing manually engageable elements for entering characters and commands. The portions are coupled together for pivotal movement one relative to the other about a keyboard axis perpendicular to the housing axis and coupled with the enclosure for sliding movement relative between a folded, stored position interposed between the housings and an opened, use position partially displaced from and overlying a side edge of the enclosure. The keyboard assembly has, when folded about the keyboard axis, dimensions received wholly within the outline configuration of the enclosure.

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