

ABSTRACT

NETWORKED REFRIGERATOR AND PRINTER

The present invention provides a networked appliance having an integral printer. In preferred embodiments, the appliance is a refrigerator having a printer disposed in the door and receiving an electrical connection through a hinge connection between the refrigerator door and the refrigerator body. The printer device is operatively interconnectable with said network computer system, the printer device including a printer module operable to print at least one form delivered from said network computer system, and the printer device being configured to receive indicating data from a sensing device operated by an appliance user, the sensing device when placed in an operative position relative to said at least one form sensing the indicating data. Such an appliance is readily accessible, and is regularly visited by those who may be making use of the network terminal.

(Figure 31)