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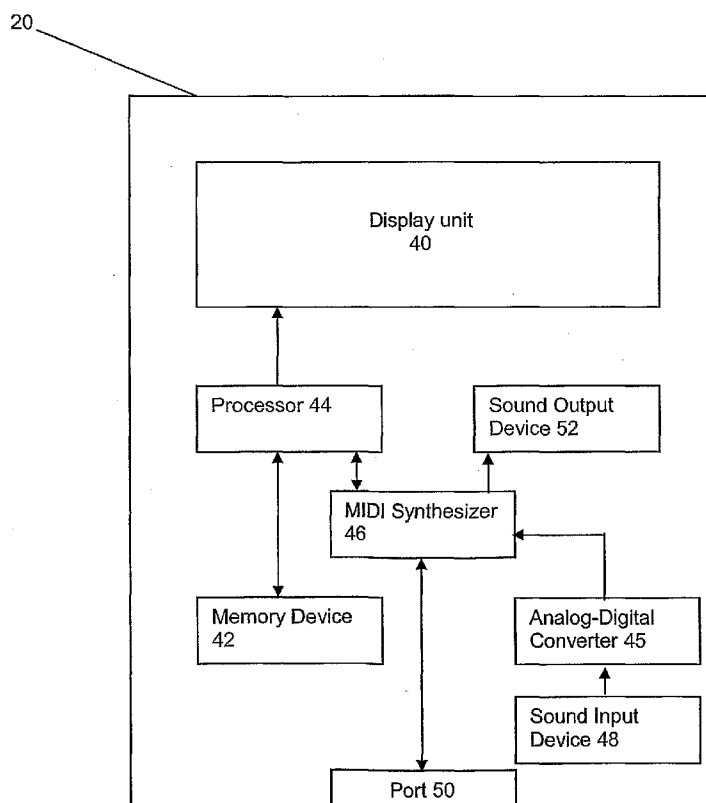
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(57) Abstract: There is provided a portable media player including: a non-volatile memory; a decoder for playing back media files stored in the memory; a display unit for displaying information from the media files stored in the memory; a MIDI synthesizer coupled to the processor; a sound input for passing sound signals through an analog-digital converter and subsequently, the synthesizer. There is also a sound output for transmitting sound signals from the synthesizer; and a port for the coupling of a sound composition apparatus to the media player. A method for composing music using the portable media player is also disclosed.

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