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(57) Abstract

In component mounting method and apparatus, a screen saver function on a monitor screen is canceled upon detection of an event from an operating section or an event from the apparatus, while the screen saver function is executed only when it is truly desired to display nothing on the monitor screen. Thus, it is enabled to maintain the quality of the screen without deteriorating the workability. The order of operation menus on the screen is dynamically rearranged according to the user's selection frequencies so that the menu having the higher frequency is easier to select. With respect to a group of menus on the same hierarchy having a common upper-order menu, the menus preferentially displayed are dynamically reshuffled according to the operational frequencies of the menus. By those means, the optimum arrangement of menus can be maintained according to the state of the apparatus and its operational management by the user. In a data input method, a cursor is moved to an input-waiting position based on a calculated cursor moving direction and the positions of input object candidates, and a cursor moving velocity, even without an input of detailed positional designation.

