

means for displaying those of the set of possible characters that have a number of completion candidates less than or equal to a threshold number differently from the remainder of the set of possible completion candidates displayed on the user interface.

25. A computer-implemented method of rapidly navigating amongst a plurality of candidates for user selection, the method comprising:

displaying a navigational object comprising a plurality of selection targets arranged in an arc-like manner on a user interface, each selection target being associated with one of the plurality of candidates for user selection; and

if one of the candidates is selected and has other candidates associated with it, redisplaying the navigational object with said other candidates for user selection once the selected one of the candidates is selected for a predetermined period of time.

26. A computer-readable medium having stored instructions for use in the execution of the method of claim 25.

27. A computer-implemented system for rapidly navigating amongst a plurality of candidates, comprising:

a display region for displaying candidates for user selection; and

a navigational object for navigating amongst the plurality of candidates, the navigational object comprising a plurality of selection targets arranged in an arc-like manner on a user interface, each selection target being associated with one of the plurality of candidates.

28. A computer-implemented system for data entry comprising:

means for character entry;

means for obtaining a set of completion candidates from a dictionary based on user character selection;

means for displaying the set of completion candidates on a user interface; and

means for rapidly navigating amongst displayed completion candidates for user selection, comprising means for selecting any of the displayed completion candidates for entry into an electronic document or for obtaining a more refined set of completion candidates based on a particular completion candidate from the displayed completion candidates.

29. The system of claim 28, wherein the means for character entry comprises a character entry system selected from at least one of a digital keyboard, a script-based recognition system and a hand-writing recognition system.

30. The system of claim 29, further comprising means for switching between two or more of the digital keyboard, the script-based recognition system and the hand-writing recognition system during character entry, each such character entry system adapted to cooperate with the means for rapidly navigating amongst displayed completion candidates for user selection.

31. The system of any one of claims 28 to 30, further comprising:

means for receiving a set of one or more characters making up a partial text entry selected via the user interface with a pointing device;

means for predicting a set of possible characters that a user is likely to next select from based on the set of one or more characters making up the partial text entry; and

displaying, for user selection, the set of possible characters in a distinctive manner in relation to the means for character entry.

32. The system of any one of claims 28 to 31, further comprising means for displaying the set of completion candidates in an arc-shaped list.

33. The system of any one of claims 28 to 32, wherein means for rapidly navigating amongst displayed completion candidates for user selection comprises a navigational object for navigating amongst sets of completion candidates and a search list for displaying the a current set of potential completion candidates for the user to select from.

34. The system of claim 28, wherein the means for character entry comprises a voice recognition system and another character entry system selected from at least one of a digital keyboard, a script-based recognition system and a hand-writing recognition system.

35. The system of claim 34, further comprising means for supporting data entry interchangeably with the voice recognition system and the other character entry system.

36. The system of claim 34, further comprising means for supporting data entry such that a partial text entry can be constructed using both the voice recognition system and the other character entry system.

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