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The United States Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Va., recently unveiled an exhibit of 30 giant iPhone-like models honoring the inventions of the late Steve Jobs.

Each iPhone model displays patents that list Mr. Jobs as inventor or co-inventor. Altogether about 300 patents are on display, giving exhibit attendees a visual tour through Apple's history of design and innovation.

"It's interesting to see a lot of the shapes and figures that people are so familiar with now on a patent application," said Rini Paiva, executive director at the National Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum, the division of the patent office that created the exhibit.

Patents on technological devices do not always result in real products that hit the consumer market, but they document an inventor's research and methodology in different areas of design and engineering. Often, multiple patented technologies come together to form one real product, like the iPad.

Many have viewed Mr. Jobs's key role at Apple as that of business negotiator, but according to the patent records, [he was quite the prolific inventor](#). Patents that list Mr. Jobs as an inventor or co-inventor include the design of a [touch tablet computer](#) (which we now call the iPad), Apple's iconic [power "brick"](#) used to charge notebooks, and the [desk-lamplike iMac](#) made in 2002.

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- (54) **USER INTERFACE FOR PROVIDING CONSOLIDATION AND ACCESS**
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Methods and systems for providing graphical user interfaces are described. To provide greater access and consolidation to frequently used items in the graphical user interface, a userbar is established which includes a plurality of item representations. To permit a greater number of items to reside in the userbar, a magnification function can be provided which magnifies items within the userbar when they are proximate the cursor associated with the graphical user interface.

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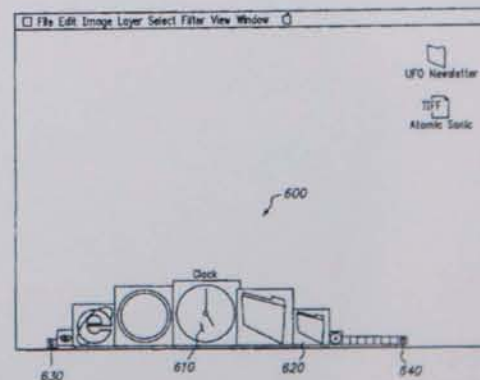
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CLAIM

We claim the ornamental design for an electronic device, substantially as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

The article is not limited to the scale shown herein. As indicated in the title, the article of manufacture to which the ornamental design has been applied is an electronic device. Examples of an electronic device are a computer, a portable or hand-held electronic device, media player (e.g., music, video and/or game player), media storage device, a personal digital assistant, a communication device (e.g., cellular phone), a novelty item, toy, and/or the like.

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of an electronic device in accordance with the present design.

FIG. 2 is a rear perspective view for the electronic device.

FIG. 3 is a front view for the electronic device.

FIG. 4 is a rear view for the electronic device.

FIG. 5 is a top view for the electronic device.

FIG. 6 is a bottom view for the electronic device.

FIG. 7 is a left side view for the electronic device; and,

FIG. 8 is a right side view for the electronic device.

The features shown in broken lines in the various Figures are for illustrating environmental structure and form no part of the claimed design.

- (73) Assignee: **Apple Inc.**, Cupertino, CA (US)
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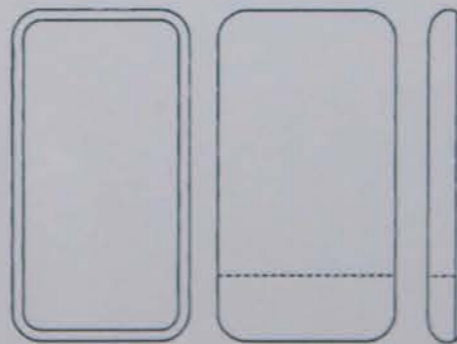
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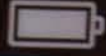
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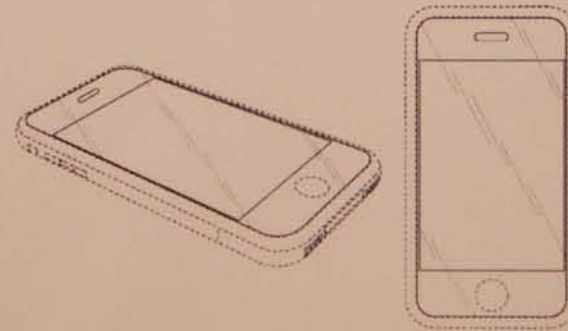
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