A device for supporting equipment and for attaching to an apparatus. The device includes a tray which supports the equipment and which includes a mounting location. The device also includes a back plate which is configured to engage the mounting location. The back plate is also attached to the apparatus. The mounting location may include a tooth and notch, a step or other types of mounts that engage the back plate. The device is suitable for supporting a computer or other equipment, and for attaching to an exercise apparatus or other apparatus.
A. CLASSIFICATION OR SUBJECT MATTER

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B. RELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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### Box No. II  Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. **Claims Nos.:**
   - because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. **Claims Nos.:**
   - because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. **Claims Nos.:**
   - because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

### Box No. III  Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

**see additional sheet**

1. **As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.**

2. **As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.**

3. **As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:**

4. **No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:**

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**Remark on Protest**

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee.
- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest 'fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.
This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-10

A) A device for supporting equipment and for attaching to an apparatus, comprising:
B) a tray which supports the equipment and
C) which includes a mounting location; and
D) a back plate
E) which is configured to engage the mounting location and which is attached to the apparatus.
Object: to provide a device whose supporting tray is mounted (coupled, connected or engaged) with an attaching back plate.

2. claims: 11-16

A) A device for supporting equipment and for attaching to an apparatus, comprising:
B) a tray which supports the equipment and
F) which includes an upward lip and at least one downward tooth and notch; and
D) a back plate
G) which includes an opening with a bottom edge and a top edge having a back surface;
H) wherein the upward lip engages the back surface and the at least one downward tooth and notch engage the bottom edge.
Object: to provide a device wherein the tray is releasably engaged with the back plate.

3. claims: 17-20
A) A device for supporting a computer laptop and for attaching to an exercise apparatus, comprising:
B) a tray for supporting the computer laptop,
C) the tray including a mounting location
F) comprising an upward lip and a plurality of downward pointing teeth and notches;
D) a back plate
G) which includes an opening to receive the mounting location, the opening having a bottom edge and a top edge having a back surface and inwardly curved lip;
I) wherein the tray is adjustably mounted to the back plate by the upward lip engaging the back surface or the inwardly curved lip, and one of the downward teeth and notches engaging the bottom edge; and
J) a strap attaching the back plate to the exercise apparatus.
Object: to provide a device which is releasably attachable to an exercise device.