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(54) Title: VIRTUAL HARD KEYS ON A WIRELESS DEVICE

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Detect the Orientation of the Device at a First Time

(Step 400)

Sense a Change in the Orientation of the Device to a Second Orientation

(Step 402)

Map a Different Function to a Specific Soft Key

(Step 404)

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(57) Abstract: Embodiments of the claimed invention provide systems and methods whereby the functionality of soft keys on a mobile electronic device may be shifted depending on the orientation of the device. The device detects its orientation and then maps a different function to the appropriate soft keys to ensure that the soft keys retain their functionalities from the end-user's perspective.
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