Title: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR ADDING A REEL TO A GAME DISPLAY

Abstract: A method includes operating a gaming machine (100) in a first display mode (302) in which a display device (104) associated with the gaming machine displays a base array (412) and side graphics (414) and in which a result for a respective game play initiated through the gaming machine is represented by a set of symbols included in the base array and where the side graphics provide a continuous graphical theme on at least two sides of the base array. In response to detecting a trigger event (303), the gaming machine (100) switches to a second display mode (304) in which the display device (104) displays a graphical transformation of at least a part of the side graphics to replace that part of the side graphics (414) with at least one additional array location (513) and in which a result for a respective game play initiated through the gaming machine while operating in the second display mode is represented by a respective set of symbols included in the base array (412) and each additional array location (513).
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