CONSUMER-OPERATED KIOSKS FOR BUYING AND/OR SELLING CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND ASSOCIATED SYSTEMS AND METHODS

Consumer-operated kiosks for buying and/or selling consumer products and associated systems and methods are disclosed herein. In various embodiments, for example, a method for purchasing consumer electronic products includes providing a consumer-operated kiosk that has a card reading device, a user interface, and an inventory of consumer electronic products stored locally within the kiosk. The method can further include displaying the inventory and displaying transaction options to the user. At least one transaction option corresponds to purchasing one of the consumer electronic products in the inventory. The method can continue by receiving a user selection corresponding to purchasing a product from the inventory, and dispensing the first product from an access door.
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