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### Systems and methods for handheld controller character entry

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#### Abstract

An information handling system may receive a first input indication from a first control stick of a handheld controller, wherein the first input indication indicates that the first control stick is in a first position, receive a second input indication from a first button of the handheld controller, wherein the second input indication indicates that the first button is pressed while the first control stick is in the first position, and determine that the first input indication corresponds to a first character in response to receipt of the first input indication. The information handling system may then select the first character based on the determination that the first input indication corresponds to the first character and receipt of the second input indication.

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## Background/Summary

### FIELD OF THE DISCLOSURE

(1) The instant disclosure relates to information handling systems. More specifically, portions of this disclosure relate to text entry using a handheld controller connected to an information handling system.

### BACKGROUND

(2) As the value and use of information continues to increase, individuals and businesses seek additional ways to process and store information. One option available to users is information handling systems. An information handling system generally processes, compiles, stores, and/or communicates information or data for business, personal, or other purposes thereby allowing users to take advantage of the value of the information. Because technology and information handling needs and requirements vary between different users or applications, information handling systems may also vary regarding what information is handled, how the information is handled, how much information is processed, stored, or communicated, and how quickly and efficiently the information

may be processed, stored, or communicated. The variations in information handling systems allow for information handling systems to be general or configured for a specific user or specific use such as financial transaction processing, airline reservations, enterprise data storage, or global communications. In addition, information handling systems may include a variety of hardware and software components that may be configured to process, store, and communicate information and may include one or more computer systems, data storage systems, and networking systems.

(3) A variety of input devices are available for use in providing user input to information handling systems. For example, one popular combination of input devices is the keyboard and mouse. A mouse may provide cursor and motion input to an information handling system, while a keyboard may provide up to one hundred or more specific inputs mapped to specific keys of the keyboard. Another popular input device is the handheld controller. Handheld controllers may provide fewer keys or buttons for input than a keyboard but may be more ergonomic to hold and use in certain situations, such as when using an information handling system away from a desk. Furthermore, handheld controllers may allow for types of inputs that are not present in a mouse and keyboard combination, such as control stick inputs. However, handheld controllers may not provide the wide array of selectable inputs provided by a mouse and keyboard combination.

(4) Shortcomings mentioned here are only representative and are included simply to highlight that a need exists for improved information handling systems. Embodiments described herein address certain shortcomings but not necessarily each and every one described here or known in the art. Furthermore, embodiments described herein may present other benefits than, and be used in other applications than, those of the shortcomings described above.

## SUMMARY

(5) An information handling system may receive input from one or more control sticks of a handheld controller corresponding to one or more characters to allow a user to easily enter text using the handheld controller. For example, control stick positions may be mapped to different characters, and a button may be pressed to select a character when a control stick is moved to a position corresponding to the character. Graphical indications of which characters, or sets of characters, are mapped to which control stick positions may be presented on a display by an information handling system. Such text entry may improve a user experience by allowing a user to quickly learn to enter text using control stick positions of a handheld controller. Furthermore, use of control sticks, or other input devices, for text entry as described herein may allow a user to rapidly enter text using a handheld controller.

(6) An information handling system may receive a first input indication from a first control stick of a handheld controller. The first input indication may indicate that the first control stick is in a first position. The information handling system may then receive a second input indication from a first button of the handheld controller. The second input indication may indicate that the first button is pressed while the first control stick is in the first position. For example, a user may move a control stick to a position corresponding to a character, and, while the control stick is held in the position corresponding to the character, may press a first button to select the character. The first information handling system may determine that the first input indication corresponds to a first character in response to receipt of the first input indication and may select the first character based on the determination that the first input indication corresponds to the first character and receipt of the second input indication.

(7) In some embodiments, a first control stick may be used to input selection of a particular character, while a second control stick may be used to input selection of a group of characters including the particular character. For example, a plurality of inputs of the second control stick may be mapped to a plurality of groups of characters, and when a character group is selected using the second control stick, the characters of the selected character group may be mapped to a plurality of inputs of the first control stick. The first control stick may then be used to select a character of the selected character group. For example, an information handling system may receive a third input

indication from a second control stick of the handheld controller. The third input indication may indicate that the second control stick is in a second position. The information handling system may determine that the third input indication corresponds to a first set of characters in response to receipt of the third input indication. The first set of characters may include the first character, and determining that the first input indication corresponds to the first character may be performed based on the determination that the third input indication corresponds to the first set of characters.

(8) In some embodiments, graphical indications of which characters and/or sets of characters are assigned to which control stick positions may be displayed for a user. The graphical indications may be updated to reflect current positioning of the control sticks, indicating to a user which character will be selected if the user presses the first button. For example, the information handling system may display a first graphical indication of a plurality of characters corresponding to a first plurality of inputs of the first control stick and a second graphical indication of a plurality of sets of characters corresponding to a second plurality of inputs of the second control stick. The information handling system may update the first graphical indication based on receipt of the first input indication to include an indication of the first position corresponding to the first character and the second graphical indication based on receipt of the third input indication to include an indication of the second position corresponding to the first set of characters. Thus, graphical indications may be updated based on received control stick inputs to guide a user for character entry.

(9) In some embodiments, each of two control sticks may be used to enter different characters. For example, a first set of characters may each be assigned to positions of the first control stick and a second set of characters may each be assigned to positions of the second control stick. In some embodiments, such positions may include control stick positions in an inner area of a range of movement of the control stick, such as positions closer to an origin of the control stick, and positions in an outer area of a range of movement of the control stick, such as positions beyond a certain distance from an origin of the control stick. As one example, the information handling system may receive a third input indication from a second control stick of the handheld controller. The third input indication may indicate that the second control stick is in a second position. The information handling system may receive a fourth input indication from the first button of the handheld controller. The fourth input indication may indicate that the first button is pressed while the second control stick is in the second position. The information handling system may determine that the third input indication corresponds to a second character, different from the first character, in response to receipt of the third input indication. The information handling system may then select the second character based on the determination that the third input indication corresponds to the second character and receipt of the second input indication. In some embodiments, determining that the first input indication corresponds to a first character comprises determining whether the first position is in an inner area of a range of movement of the first control stick or an outer area of a range of movement of the first control stick. Thus, each of two, or more, control sticks may be mapped to multiple character inputs for different positions of the control sticks.

(10) Graphical indications of which characters and/or sets of characters are assigned to which control stick positions may also be displayed for a user when different characters are assigned to different positions of each of first and second control sticks. For example, an information handling system may display a first graphical indication of a first plurality of characters corresponding to a first plurality of inputs of the first control stick and may also display a second graphical indication of a second plurality of characters, different from the first plurality of characters, corresponding to a second plurality of inputs of the second control stick. The information handling system may update the first graphical indication based on receipt of the first input indication to include an indication of the first positions corresponding to the first character and may also update the second graphical indication based on receipt of the third input indication to include an indication of the second position corresponding to the second character.

(11) In some embodiments, additional buttons, such as shoulder buttons, may be used to further adjust characters corresponding to positions of control sticks of a handheld controller. For example, a shoulder button may be used to toggle between symbols, numbers, lower case letters, and upper case letters mapped to positions of a control stick of a handheld controller. In some embodiments, the method may further include receiving a third input indication from a first shoulder button of the handheld controller. Determining that the first input indication corresponds to the first character may be performed based on the third input indication.

(12) In some embodiments, an information handling system may include a memory and a processor for performing the methods described herein. A computer program product may include a non-transitory computer-readable medium including instructions for causing an information handling system to perform the method described herein.

(13) For example, the methods described herein may be embedded in a computer-readable medium as computer program code comprising instructions that cause a processor to perform operations corresponding to the steps of the method. In some embodiments, the processor may be part of an information handling system including a first network adaptor configured to transmit data over a first network connection; and a processor coupled to the first network adaptor, and the memory.

(14) In some embodiments, the aspects described herein may be used to support the execution of gaming applications in different environments. Gaming sessions may execute on a service, either locally on a device, on another system on the network, or in the cloud. A device may access the gaming session by executing an application that communicates with the service to receive and transmit user input to the service and provide feedback to the user from the service. The device may include its own audio/visual (AV) output for displaying a graphical user interface and/or a rendered display from the gaming session. Different environments at a location may include different AV systems, and the device may be automatically paired with an AV system and may be reconfigured to support interaction with an application session using the paired AV system.

(15) A user's home is one example location that may have multiple environments, such as a living room, a dining room, a study, and/or a bedroom, each with different screen configurations, speaker configurations, and/or network availability. Aspects of embodiments disclosed herein may provide a system that enables game play from a set of candidate game hosts and environments to consumption devices of a user's choice while the user moves about their home between the different environments. The system may employ methods to determine where a user is located within the home, availability and selection of candidate game hosting and target environments, homing and direction of related I/O, and/or AV for consumption. The system then migrates the user and their information to the determined environment by coordinating gameplay by the user. The solution accommodates multiple users simultaneously within the home, whether in single player, multiplayer using the same screen, or multiplayer using separate screen games. The solution may configure AV and input/output (I/O) such that multiple users can consume one or multiple games in the home simultaneously, whether in separate locations or when seated together in front of the same consumption device, e.g., a large television, where multiple games might be hosted simultaneously.

(16) The mobility of a user between services and applications for executing an application session may be supported by an information handling system that uses available telemetry from multiple sources to build a confidence-based knowledge graph of the user's gaming environments and determine a position of the user within that graph. A system with knowledge of devices in a user's gaming environment may build a knowledge graph by aggregating and comparing telemetry. For example, network telemetry may reveal that devices are positioned relatively near each other, a mobile device may reveal an absolute location based on GPS data, and/or an infrared presence sensor may reveal that the user is sitting in front a device. An intelligent system may assemble these individual pieces of telemetry into a broader knowledge graph based on the absolute and/or relative locations of the user's devices, the location of the user in relation, and or characteristics of the devices. This knowledge graph may be updated in real time and/or based on changes in device

telemetry.

(17) As used herein, the term “coupled” means connected, although not necessarily directly, and not necessarily mechanically; two items that are “coupled” may be unitary with each other. The terms “a” and “an” are defined as one or more unless this disclosure explicitly requires otherwise. The term “substantially” is defined as largely but not necessarily wholly what is specified (and includes what is specified; e.g., substantially parallel includes parallel), as understood by a person of ordinary skill in the art. As used herein, “pressing” may refer to touching of a surface or applying pressure to a surface of a device, such as a touchpad.

(18) The phrase “and/or” means “and” or “or”. To illustrate, A, B, and/or C includes: A alone, B alone, C alone, a combination of A and B, a combination of A and C, a combination of B and C, or a combination of A, B, and C. In other words, “and/or” operates as an inclusive or.

(19) Further, a device or system that is configured in a certain way is configured in at least that way, but it can also be configured in other ways than those specifically described.

(20) The terms “comprise” (and any form of comprise, such as “comprises” and “comprising”), “have” (and any form of have, such as “has” and “having”), and “include” (and any form of include, such as “includes” and “including”) are open-ended linking verbs. As a result, an apparatus or system that “comprises,” “has,” or “includes” one or more elements possesses those one or more elements, but is not limited to possessing only those elements. Likewise, a method that “comprises,” “has,” or “includes,” one or more steps possesses those one or more steps, but is not limited to possessing only those one or more steps.

(21) The foregoing has outlined rather broadly certain features and technical advantages of embodiments of the present invention in order that the detailed description that follows may be better understood. Additional features and advantages will be described hereinafter that form the subject of the claims of the invention. It should be appreciated by those having ordinary skill in the art that the conception and specific embodiment disclosed may be readily utilized as a basis for modifying or designing other structures for carrying out the same or similar purposes. It should also be realized by those having ordinary skill in the art that such equivalent constructions do not depart from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the appended claims. Additional features will be better understood from the following description when considered in connection with the accompanying figures. It is to be expressly understood, however, that each of the figures is provided for the purpose of illustration and description only and is not intended to limit the present invention.

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## Description

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

(1) For a more complete understanding of the disclosed system and methods, reference is now made to the following descriptions taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

(2) FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating aspects of a configurable system for providing services to users according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(3) FIG. 2 is a block diagram illustrating possible game environments according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(4) FIG. 3A is a block diagram illustrating application and services hosted in different gaming environments according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(5) FIG. 3B is a block diagram illustrating application and services hosted in different gaming environments according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(6) FIG. 3C is a block diagram illustrating application and service hosted in a common gaming environment according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(7) FIG. 3D is a block diagram illustrating a cloud-based service arrangement for a gaming

environment according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(8) FIG. 4A is a perspective view of an example handheld controller according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(9) FIG. 4B is a perspective view of an example handheld controller according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(10) FIG. 4C is a layout of an example mapping of characters to a plurality of positions of a control stick according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(11) FIG. 4D is a layout of an example mapping of sets of characters to a plurality of positions of a control stick according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(12) FIG. 4E is an example layout of character adjustment options according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(13) FIG. 4F is an example layout of character adjustment options according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(14) FIG. 5A is a perspective view of an example handheld controller according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(15) FIG. 5B is a layout of an example mapping of characters to a plurality of positions of a control stick according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(16) FIG. 5C is a layout of an example mapping of characters to a plurality of positions of a control stick according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(17) FIG. 6A is an example user interface for character entry using a handheld controller according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(18) FIG. 6B is an example user interface for character entry using a handheld controller according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(19) FIG. 7 is a flow chart of an example method for character entry using a handheld controller according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(20) FIG. 8 is a flow chart of an example method for character entry using a handheld controller according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(21) FIG. 9 is a flow chart of an example method for character entry using a handheld controller according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

(22) FIG. 10 is a schematic block diagram of an example information handling system according to some embodiments of the disclosure.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

(23) These example embodiments describe and illustrate various aspects of a configurable and dynamic gaming environment that can be supported through the use of a hub device, which may be an information handling system. A hub device may be located in a user's home and used to arrange game play sessions (or more generically application sessions) between host devices and services. The host devices may execute an application for receiving an AV stream for displaying rendered content from a game play session (or other application session), and in some configurations also receive user input for interacting with the session from a peripheral device, such as a gaming controller. The AV stream presented by the host device may be generated by a service. The service may execute on the hub device or another information handling system, such as a cloud computing resource. A home may include one or several host devices (e.g., televisions, mobile computers, tablet computers, and personal computers) and may include one or several information handling systems executing the service (e.g., a hub devices and personal computers).

(24) The user's home may be divided into different environments defined by a space around a host device. For example, a living room with a television may be one environment and a bedroom with a personal computer may be another environment. A user may use a peripheral device in one of the environments and the hub device may configure a host device, a service, and the peripheral device for operation in the environment by determining the corresponding environment using a knowledge graph. The knowledge graph provides a database of historical information about the environments

from which the hub device may use current characteristics of the peripheral device to deduce the location, and thus current environment, of the peripheral device. For example, the knowledge graph may include information about location of rooms (e.g., environments) in the house based on wireless signatures of devices within the different rooms. This difference in signatures reflects that a device on a one side of the house may receive beacon signals from different neighboring access points than a device on an opposite side of the house. When a user carries the peripheral device around the house, the hub device may determine a location of the peripheral device based on visible access points to the peripheral device. Other example characteristics beyond wireless signature for determining location are described in further detail below, and the knowledge graph may be used to combine different characteristics to identify the location, and thus environment, of the peripheral device.

(25) Based on the location of the peripheral device determined from the knowledge graph, the hub device may initialize an application session for the peripheral device by determining an appropriate host device and service for the application session. For example, if the peripheral device is in the living room and is requesting a game that is within the capabilities of the service on the hub device to execute, the hub device may initialize an application session for the peripheral device between the television as a consumption device and the hub device as a service. The service on the hub device executes the game and streams rendered content to an application executing on the television consumption device.

(26) The hub device may be used to migrate the peripheral device to a different environment and/or migrate the application session between host devices and/or services. For example, initially the application session may use a communication link between the peripheral device and the television host device for receiving user input, in which the application executing on the television host device relays user input to the service through a backhaul communication link from the television host device to the hub device. During the application session, the hub device may monitor characteristics of the peripheral device, including signal strength of connection to other components, and determine that the communication link from the peripheral device to the hub device is stronger than the peripheral device to the television host device. The hub device may migrate the peripheral device to a communications link with the hub device such that the service executing on the hub device directly receives the user input but the streaming session continues from the service to the application executing on the television host device. Such a change is illustrated in the change in configuration from FIG. 3A to the configuration of FIG. 3B described in further detail below.

(27) Other aspects of the application session may also be migrated. For example, if the peripheral device is determined to move to a different environment, then the hub device may migrate the application session to an application executing on a host device within the new environment. As another example, if a connection between the television host device and the service becomes unstable, the hub device may recommend and/or initiate a migration of the application session to a different host device. One scenario for such a migration may be where the television host device is connected through a wireless link to the service in which the wireless link quality is reducing quality of the streaming and a second host device with a wired connection is available in a nearby environment. Each of these example migrations may be determined based on information in the knowledge graph regarding locations of environments and capabilities within those environments. As yet another example, a user may request execution of an application, such as a particular game, during the application session for which a better configuration exists than the current host device and/or current service. The request for a different application, such as a game requiring a certain GPU capability, may cause the hub device to determine that a second device executing a second service is better for hosting the application and migrate the peripheral device to the second service by, for example, reconfiguring network connections.

(28) The hub device may support connecting to multiple peripheral devices. In one example, the



hub device may support two peripheral devices using a shared session on one host device to play the same or different games on the host device. In another example, the hub device may support two peripheral devices in different environments using different sessions with different host devices. The hub device may determine the environment of each of the peripheral devices based on characteristics of the device and the knowledge graph and configure application session for each of the peripheral devices accordingly. Different arrangements of peripherals and players may be supported. For example, one hub device executing a service and one host device executing an application can support a configuration with Game A and one player (P1) with peripheral (C1) and Game B and one player (P2) with peripheral (C2); or can support a configuration with Game A and one player (P1) with peripheral (C1) and Game A and one player (P2) with peripheral (C2); or can support a configuration with Game A and two players (P1, P2) with peripherals (C1, C2).

(29) For purposes of this disclosure, an information handling system may include any instrumentality or aggregate of instrumentalities operable to compute, calculate, determine, classify, process, transmit, receive, retrieve, originate, switch, store, display, communicate, manifest, detect, record, reproduce, handle, or utilize any form of information, intelligence, or data for business, scientific, control, or other purposes. For example, an information handling system may be a personal computer (e.g., desktop or laptop), tablet computer, mobile device (e.g., personal digital assistant (PDA) or smart phone), server (e.g., blade server or rack server), a network storage device, or any other suitable device and may vary in size, shape, performance, functionality, and price. The information handling system may include random access memory (RAM), one or more processing resources such as a central processing unit (CPU) or hardware or software control logic, ROM, and/or other types of nonvolatile memory. Additional components of the information handling system may include one or more disk drives, one or more network ports for communicating with external devices as well as various input and output (I/O) devices, such as a keyboard, a mouse, touchscreen and/or a video display. The information handling system may also include one or more buses operable to transmit communications between the various hardware components.

(30) FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating aspects of a configurable system for providing services to users according some embodiments of the disclosure. A system **100** includes users **102** who may have access to a shared library of applications **106** including applications **108A-108N**. The users **102** may have separate libraries, with some overlapping applications between the libraries. The users **102** may access the library **106** through devices **110A-I**, such as mobile gaming device **110A**, tablet computing device **110B**, phone computing device **110C**, television **110D**, personal computing device **110E**, desktop computing device **110F**, laptop computing device **110G**, game controller **110H**, VR headset **110I**. The devices **110** may access services at any of locations **112**, including cars, busses, homes, hotels, offices, parks, etc. One or more of the devices **110** may communicate with an application session executing on a computing device **114**, such as a home application hub **114A**, a server **114B**, or a cloud execution environment **114C**. In some embodiments, environments may only exist for fixed devices, e.g., desktop computers, televisions, etc.

(31) FIG. 2 is a block diagram illustrating possible game environments according to some embodiments of the disclosure. A user's home **200** may include rooms **202A-F**, and each of the rooms may have different information handling systems present, different AV equipment present, and/or different characteristics. For example, a living room **202B** may include a large-size television, a bedroom **202D** may include a personal computer, and a dining room **202C** may include a table computing device. Gaming environments **204A-E** in the home **200** may be defined based on spaces where a user is likely to execute an application session. Each gaming environment **204A-E** may include numerous devices and gaming environments, devices that may or may not be capable of hosting games, and/or devices that may or may not be capable of receiving game output. A system **100** may allow multiple users in the home **200** to simultaneously execute an application session. In some embodiments, multiple games may be hosted on a single device. In some

embodiments, multiple games may target a single output device. In some embodiments, solution manages where games should be hosted, where game output should go, and how to best route peripheral I/O for users.

(32) A user may move between gaming environments **204A-E** within the home **200** and continue an application session. For example, a user may take a device, such as a gaming controller, from environment **204A** to environment **204C**. The gaming controller may migrate and reconfigure for operation in environment **204C** from a configuration for environment **204A**. For example, the controller may transition from an application hosted on a TV in living room **202B** to an application hosted on TV in dining room **202C** while remaining connected to a host service executing on a PC in bedroom **202D**.

(33) Example configurations for applications and services in gaming environments are shown in FIGS. **3A-3D**. FIG. **3A** is a block diagram illustrating application and services hosted in different gaming environments according to some embodiments of the disclosure. In FIG. **3A**, a first gaming environment **304A** may include a device, such as a TV or PC, hosting an application **302**, which is an endpoint for an application session such as a gaming session. The application **302** communicates with a service **306**, which may be hosted on a device in a different gaming environment **304B**. A controller **308** may communicate with the application **302** to receive user input for the application session to control, for example, a character in a game. In some embodiments, the controller **308** is connected to the environment **304A** hosting the application and the I/O is configured to be relayed to the environment **304B** hosting the actual game.

(34) Another arrangement for the application and service is shown in FIG. **3B**. FIG. **3B** is a block diagram illustrating application and services hosted in different gaming environments according to some embodiments of the disclosure. In FIG. **3B**, the controller **308** communicates with the service **306** for providing user input to an application session, with the AV rendering target of the application session being application **302** in a different gaming environment.

(35) Another arrangement for the application and service is shown in FIG. **3C**. FIG. **3C** is a block diagram illustrating application and service hosted in a common gaming environment according to some embodiments of the disclosure. In FIG. **3C**, the application **302** and the service **306** are executed in the same gaming environment **304A**, which may be a single device, two devices, or a combination of devices in the gaming environment **304A**. The controller **308** may communicate with either the service **306** and/or the application **302**.

(36) A further arrangement for the application and service is shown in FIG. **3D**. FIG. **3D** is a block diagram illustrating a cloud-based service arrangement for a gaming environment according to some embodiments of the disclosure. In FIG. **3D**, the controller **308** may communicate with a service **306** hosted in a gaming environment **304B** that is remote from the gaming environment **304A** in which the application **302** is executing. The service **306** may be executing, for example, on a remote device, such as when the user's home includes the gaming environment **304B** but the user is engaging with application **302** at a location on a different network from their home (e.g., at a friend's house). The service **306** may also or alternatively be executed, for example, on a cloud computing device available as a subscription service to the user.

(37) As discussed above, a controller, such as a handheld controller, is one device that may be used by a user to provide input to an information handling system. A number of inputs of a handheld controller may, however, be limited when compared a number of inputs of a mouse and keyboard. In order to facilitate efficient text entry by a user, positioning of one or more control sticks of a handheld controller may be used to select characters for entry by an information handling system. An example handheld controller **400** is shown in FIG. **4**. The controller **400** may include a variety of inputs, such as a first shoulder button **410A**, a second shoulder button **410B**, a touch input pad **406**, a first set of buttons **408A-D**, a second set of buttons **412A-D**, a first control stick **402**, and a second control stick **404**. First and second shoulder buttons **410A-B** may, for example, be shoulder bumper buttons. FIG. **4B** shows a back of controller **400**, including first and second rear buttons

**414A-B**, and third and fourth shoulder buttons **410C-D**. Third and fourth shoulder buttons **410C-D** may, for example, be shoulder trigger buttons.

(38) Input indications from the first and second control sticks **402**, **404** may be used by an information handling system to determine sets of characters and/or specific characters for selection by a user. For example, different positions of control stick **404** may each be mapped to different groups of characters, and different positions of control stick **402** may each be mapped to different characters of a group of characters selected by control stick **404**. Thus, a user may select a group of characters based on a position in which the user holds control stick **404**, and may select a specific character of the selected group of characters based on a position in which the user holds control stick **402**. In some embodiments, touch pad **406** may be used in addition to or in place of control stick **402** for character selection. In such embodiments, areas of a touchpad may be assigned to characters or groups of characters similar to areas of motion of control stick **402**. In some embodiments, positions of control stick **404** may be mapped to different groups of characters, while positions of control stick **402** may be mapped to different characters of a selected group of characters. In some embodiments one or more of buttons **410A-D**, may be used by a user to select a character indicated by a position of control sticks **402**, **404**. For example, a user may hold control stick **404** in a first position to select a first group of characters, may hold control stick **402** in a second position to select a first character of the first group of characters, and may press a button, such as button **414A** to instruct an information handling system to select the character indicated by the positions of control sticks **402**, **404**. Thus, an information handling system may receive, from the controller **400**, a first input indication from the first control stick **402** that indicates that the first control stick is in a first position. The information handling system may receive a second input indication from a first button of the handheld controller **400**, such as one of buttons **410A-D**, **414A-B**, **408A-D**, or **412A-D**, indicating that the first button is pressed while the first control stick **402** is in the first position. The information handling system may determine that the first input indication corresponds to a first character, such as a first character mapped to the position of the first control stick **402**, and may select the character based on the determination.

(39) In some embodiments, the information handling system may further receive a third input indication from a second control stick **404** of the handheld controller **400** indicating that the second control stick **404** is in a second position and may determine that the third input indication corresponds to a first set of characters of a plurality of sets of characters. Then, the information handling system may determine the character indicated by the position of the first control stick **402** based on the selected set of characters. In some embodiments, a button of the controller **400**, such as button **414B** may be selected by a user to enter a backspace to delete a character. In some embodiments, one or more buttons, such as shoulder button **410A** may be used to adjust a case or Unicode variant of the selected character. For example, while the first control stick **402** and the second control stick **404** are held in first and second positions, a user may press shoulder button **410A** to adjust a case or Unicode variant of the selected character.

(40) An information handling system may adjust a case or Unicode variant of a selected character based on receipt of an input indication indicating that the shoulder button **410A** or other shoulder button was pressed while the first control stick **402** was in the first position corresponding to the selected character. As another example, a right shoulder button **410B** may be used by a user to toggle between capital character selection, lower case character selection, and number or symbol character selection. Thus, a full array of alphabetical, or other, characters, numbers, and symbols may be selectable by a user using controls sticks and buttons of a handheld controller **400**. In some embodiments, control sticks **402**, **404** or touch input **406** may provide localized haptic feedback based on inputs received, such as to indicate when a control stick is moved across a border between areas assigned to different characters.

(41) An example mapping **415** of characters to positions of a control stick of a handheld controller is shown in FIG. **4C**, and an example mapping **418** of sets of characters to positions of a control

stick of a handheld controller is shown in FIG. 4D. In some embodiments, the mapping **415** may be applied to the control stick **402** of the controller **400** and the mapping **418** may be applied to the control stick **404** of the handheld controller **400**. In some embodiments, the characters of mapping **415** may be adjusted based on selection of a group of characters according to mapping **418**. For example, mapping **418** may divide a range of movement of a control stick, such as control stick **404**, into a plurality of wedges, such as four equal wedges. A first wedge **419A** may be mapped to a set of characters including A-F, a second wedge **419B** may be mapped to a set of characters including G-L, a third wedge **419C** may be mapped to a set of characters M-S, and a fourth wedge **419D** may be mapped to a set of characters T-Z, although other mappings of other groups of characters may be used. Thus, when second control stick **404** mapped to sets of characters by mapping **418**, is in the first position shown in FIG. 4A, an indication of the position of the second control stick **404** may be sent to an information handling system, and the information handling system may determine, based on the indication of the input that the first set of characters A-F should be mapped to the first control stick **402**.

(42) Likewise, a set of characters, such as a set of characters determined based on selection using the mapping **418**, may be mapped to the first control stick **402** by mapping **415**. For example, a first wedge **416A** may be mapped to a first character, a second wedge **416B** may be mapped to a second character, a third wedge **416C** may be mapped to a third character, a fourth wedge **416D** may be mapped to a fourth character, a fifth wedge **416E** may be mapped to a fifth character, and a sixth wedge **416F** may be mapped to a sixth wedge. Thus, a range of movement of the first control stick **402** may be divided into six wedges, with each wedge corresponding to a character. In some embodiments, different-shaped areas and/or fewer or more than six areas may be used for assignment of characters to different positions of a control stick. Thus, when the first control stick **402** is in the first position shown by FIG. 4A, an indication of the position of the first control stick **402** may be sent to the information handling system, and the information handling system may determine, based on the indication of the input of the first control stick **402**, that the character C is selected. In some embodiments, such a determination may be further based on pressing of a button of controller **400** by a user to select a character determined based on the positions of the first and second **402**, **404** control sticks. In some embodiments, a character, such as a period, may be mapped to a null or center position **417**, and a character, such as a space, may be mapped to a null or center position **420**.

(43) In some embodiments, different cases, or Unicode variants, of a character may be toggled by pressing a shoulder button. For example, in the selection of variants shown in layout **422** of FIG. 4E, a variety of options for a character “c” may be selected by pressing a button, such as a shoulder button **410A** of controller **400**. Likewise, a user may toggle different sets of characters assigned to wedges or areas of movement of the mapping **418**. For example, a user may toggle between sets of lower case characters, sets of upper case characters, or sets of numbers and symbols according to layout **424** of FIG. 4F by pressing a button, such as a shoulder button **410B** of controller **400**. Thus, a variant of a character selected according to layout **417** and/or a layout of character sets mapped according to layout **418** may be adjusted by pressing one or more buttons of a handheld controller. As one particular example, shoulder buttons **410A-B**, may be bumpers with horizontal touch sensing functionality and haptics, providing a mouse scroll wheel effect. Thus, a user may swipe a finger along a shoulder button **410A** to select one of variants of a selected character shown in layout **422** of FIG. 4E. As another example, shoulder buttons **410C-D** may be pressure sensitive with haptics. Thus, a user may press button **410D** a certain amount to select one of the lower case, upper case, and symbol options shown in layout **424** of FIG. 4F. In some embodiments, shoulder buttons **410A**, C and **410B**, D may each be assigned to the same functionality for character selection.

(44) In some embodiments, layouts **415**, **418**, **420**, and **422** may be displayed on a display for use by a user of an information handling systems. For example, display of layouts **415** and **418** may

allow a user to determine which characters and/or sets of characters are assigned to which positions of the control sticks **402,404**. In some embodiments, when input is received from a handheld controller, a displayed layout may be adjusted to allow a user to determine the characters and/or sets of characters corresponding to current positioning of control sticks **402, 404**. For example, when input from control stick **404** is received by an information handling system indicating that the control stick **404** is in position **419A**, position **419A** of layout **418** may be highlighted for a user. Furthermore, display of layout **415** may be updated to include display of characters A-F each assigned to an area of layout **415**. When input from control stick **402** is received by an information handling system indicating that the control stick **402** is in position **416C**, position **416C** of layout **415** may be highlighted for a user. Thus displayed layouts may enable a user to determine a character corresponding to current positions of control sticks **402, 404** before pressing a button to select the character. Layouts **422, 424** may also be displayed for a user and may be similarly updated based on user input corresponding to the layouts **422, 424**.

(45) In some embodiments, individual characters may be assigned to individual positions of each of two, or more, control sticks, in place of or in addition to using a control stick to select a set of characters from among a plurality of sets of characters. An example controller **500** is shown in FIG. **5A**. The controller **500** may be the same as controller **400** of FIGS. **4A-B**, but shows the first control stick **402** and second control stick **404** in different positions. Different layouts for character entry may be assigned to control sticks **402, 404** of FIG. **5A** than control sticks **402, 404** of FIG. **4A**. For example, the layouts assigned to control sticks **402, 404** of FIG. **5A** may include assignment of individual characters to each of a plurality of positions. Similar to the description of character entry with respect to FIGS. **4A-B**, a user may select a character for entry by moving a control stick to a position corresponding to a character and pressing a selection button, such as button **414A** to select the character corresponding to the control stick position.

(46) An example first layout **514**, which may be assigned to first control stick **402**, is shown in FIG. **5B**. The first layout **514** may include a plurality of areas for positioning of a control stick assigned to a plurality of characters. For example, a first area **516A** may be assigned to a first character, a second area **516B** may be assigned to a second character, a third area **516C** may be assigned to a third character, a fourth area **516D** may be assigned to a fourth character, a fifth area **516E** may be assigned to a fifth character, a sixth area **516F** may be assigned to a sixth character, a seventh area **516G** may be assigned to a seventh character, an eighth area **516H** may be assigned to an eighth character, a ninth area **516I** may be assigned to a ninth character, a tenth area **516J** may be assigned to a tenth character, an eleventh area **516K** may be assigned to an eleventh character, a twelfth area **516L** may be assigned to a twelfth character, and a thirteenth area **516M** may be assigned to a thirteenth character. In some embodiments more or fewer areas for more or fewer characters may be included in the mapping **514**.

(47) Likewise, a second layout **518** which may be assigned to second control stick **404** is shown in FIG. **5C**. The second layout **518** may include a plurality of areas for positioning of a control stick assigned to a plurality of characters. In some embodiments, the characters assigned by the second layout **518** may be different from the characters assigned by the first layout **514**. For example, a first area **520A** may be assigned to a first character, a second area **520B** may be assigned to a second character, a third area **520C** may be assigned to a third character, a fourth area **520D** may be assigned to a fourth character, a fifth area **520E** may be assigned to a fifth character, a sixth area **520F** may be assigned to a sixth character, a seventh area **520G** may be assigned to a seventh character, an eighth area **520H** may be assigned to an eighth character, a ninth area **520I** may be assigned to a ninth character, a tenth area **520J** may be assigned to a tenth character, an eleventh area **520K** may be assigned to an eleventh character, a twelfth area **520L** may be assigned to a twelfth character, and a thirteenth area **520M** may be assigned to a thirteenth character. In some embodiments more or fewer areas for more or fewer characters may be included in the mapping **518**. Thus, in some embodiments, layouts **514, 518** may each be divided into 13 areas so that an

area corresponds to each letter of the alphabet.

(48) As shown in FIG. 5B, an area of movement of a first control stick mapped to characters by the first mapping **514** may be divided into an inner portion, including areas **516A-F** and an outer portion, including areas **516G-M**. The outer portion **516G-M** may correspond to positioning of a control stick at positions at a furthest range of movement of a control stick, such as movement of a control stick to an edge of a range of movement in certain angular directions, or positioning of a control stick beyond a first distance from an origin or center position of the control stick. Likewise, the inner portions **516A-F** may correspond to positioning of a control stick at positions away from an origin or center position of the control stick but not as far as an edge of a range of movement of the control stick or within the first distance from the origin or center position of the control stick. In some embodiments, an inner portion of a range of movement of a control stick may be divided into fewer areas than an outer portion of a range of movement of a control stick, as outer portions may be easier to select than inner portions. The second mapping **518** of FIG. 5C may be laid out similarly with an outer portion including areas **520G-M** and an inner portion including areas **520A-F**.

(49) In some embodiments, layouts **514**, **518** may be displayed on a display for use by a user of an information handling systems. For example, display of layouts **514**, **518** may allow a user to determine which characters are assigned to which positions of the control sticks **402, 404**. In some embodiments, when input is received from a handheld controller, a displayed layout may be adjusted to allow a user to determine the characters corresponding to current positioning of control sticks **402**, **404**. For example, when input from control stick **404** is received by an information handling system indicating that the control stick **404** is in position **520B**, position **520B** of layout **518** may be highlighted for a user. Thus displayed layouts may enable a user to determine a character corresponding to current positions of control sticks **402**, **404** before pressing a button to select the character. Similar layouts to layouts **422**, **424** of FIGS. 4E-F may also be displayed for a user and may be similarly updated based on user input corresponding to the layouts **422**, **424**. Shoulder buttons **410A-D** may also be similarly used to adjust case or Unicode variants of characters and/or to adjust selection of lower case, upper case, or symbol characters for mapping using mappings **514**, **518**, as described with respect to FIGS. 4A-F.

(50) An example display window **600** of an information handling system is shown in FIG. 6A. The window **600** may, for example, include a webpage. A user may control cursor **602** using a control stick, such as control stick **402** of handheld controller **400**, to select a text entry box **604**. When the user selects the touch entry box **604**, the information handling system may display a first character entry mapping **606** and a second character entry mapping **608**, as shown in FIG. 6B. In some embodiments, when the user selects the text entry box **604**, the window **600** may magnify the text entry box **604**. For example, the information handling system may overlay the character entry mappings **606**, **608** on the window **600**. In some embodiments, the first character entry mapping **606** may correspond to a left control stick, and the second character entry mapping **608** may correspond to a right control stick. The second character entry mapping **608** may, for example, indicate a plurality of sets of characters corresponding to a plurality of positions of the right control stick. The first character entry mapping **606** may indicate a plurality of characters of a selected set of characters corresponding to a plurality of positions of the left control stick. The second character entry mapping **608** may be updated based on input indications received from the right control stick to indicate a current position of the right control stick. For example, as shown in FIG. 6B, the second character entry mapping **608** may be updated to indicate that the right control stick is in a position corresponding to a character set including characters G-L. Based on the position of the right control stick, the first character entry mapping **606** may be updated to indicate mapping of characters G-L to positions of the left control stick. Furthermore, the first character entry mapping may indicate a current position of the left control stick, such as a position of the left control stick corresponding to the character "I". In some embodiments, the first and second character entry

mappings **606**, **608** may be updated to include auto-complete suggestions based on current text entry. For example, the first character entry mapping **606** may be updated to indicate an autocomplete selection in a center of the first character entry mapping corresponding to a center or null position of the left control stick. If a user presses a character selection button while the control stick is in the null position, the autocomplete text may be selected for entry. In some embodiments, the first and second character entry mappings **606**, **608** may each include character mappings, similar to the mappings **514**, **518** of FIGS. 5B-C. Thus, graphical indications of mappings of characters to different control stick positions may be displayed for a user and may be updated to indicate current control stick positioning.

(51) An example method **700** for character entry by an information handling system is shown in FIG. 7. For example, a plurality of characters may be mapped to a plurality of positions of a control stick of a handheld controller. Based on a position of the control stick when a character select button is pressed, the information handling system may select a character for entry. At block **702**, the information handling system may receive a first input indication from a first control stick of a handheld controller. The first input indication may, for example, indicate that the first control stick is in a first position.

(52) At block **704**, the information handling system may receive a second input indication from a first button of the handheld controller. The second input indication may, for example, indicate that the first button was pressed while the first control stick was in the first position. Such a button may, for example, be a button on a back of the controller as discussed with respect to FIGS. 4A-B.

(53) In some embodiments, the information handling system may, at block **706**, receive a third input indication from a second button of the handheld controller. The third input indication may be from a shoulder button of the handheld controller, as discussed with respect to FIGS. 4A-F.

(54) At block **708**, the information handling system may determine that the first input indication corresponds to a first character in response to receipt of the first input indication. For example, the information handling system may compare a position indicated by the first input indication with a mapping, such as mapping **417** of FIG. 4C, mapping **514** of FIG. 5B, or mapping **518** of FIG. 5C, of characters to areas of movement of the first control stick. Depending on which area the control stick is determined to be in based on the first input indication, the information handling system may determine the character corresponding to the first input indication. In some embodiments, such as when a third input indication is received from a second button of the handheld controller, the determination that the first input indication corresponds to the first character may be further based on the received third input indication. For example, as described above, one or more shoulder buttons may be used to adjust a case or Unicode variant of a selected character. In some embodiments, determining that the first input indication corresponds to a first character may include determining whether the first position is in an inner area of a range of movement of the first control stick or an outer area of a range of movement of the first control stick. For example, in some embodiments, areas of a range of movement of a control stick to which characters are mapped may be divided into inner and outer areas, as described above with respect to FIGS. 5B-C.

(55) At block **710**, the information handling system may select the first character based on the determination that the first input indication corresponds to the first character and based on receipt of the second input indication. For example, the second input indication may be used to determine that a user has selected the character corresponding to the first input indication for entry. Thus, characters may be entered by a user based on a position of a control stick when a character entry button is pressed. Such character entry may be easy to learn and use for users, including users with disabilities.

(56) In some embodiments, a first control stick may be used to select a character for entry while a second control stick may be used to select a group of characters from which the character is selected, such as described above with respect to FIGS. 4A-F. Furthermore, as described with respect to FIGS. 4A-F, graphical indications, such as layouts, of character mappings may be

displayed for a user and may be updated based on inputs received from control sticks. An example method **800** for selection of characters and groups of characters using a control stick of a handheld controller is shown in FIG. **8**. The method **800** may, for example, be performed along with one or more steps of the method **700** of FIG. **7**. At block **802**, an information handling system may receive a third input indication from a second control stick of the handheld controller. The third input indication may indicate that the second control stick is in a second position. The second control stick may, for example, be a different control stick from the first control stick of the method **700**.

(57) At block **804**, the information handling system may determine that the third input indication corresponds to a first set of characters. For example, the information handling system may compare a position indicated by the third input indication with a mapping, such as mapping **418** of FIG. **4D**, of sets of characters to areas of movement of the second control stick. Depending on which area the second control stick is determined to be in based on the third input indication, the information handling system may determine the set of characters corresponding to the third input indication. In some embodiments, the determination that the first input indication corresponds to a first character, described with respect to block **708** of FIG. **7**, may be performed based on the determination that the third input indication corresponds to a first set of characters. For example, characters of a mapping used to determine a character corresponding to the first position of the first control stick may be determined based on the third input indication, and the character of block **708** of FIG. **7** may be a member of the first set of characters.

(58) At block **806**, the first information handling system may display a first graphical indication of a plurality of characters corresponding to a first plurality of inputs of the first control stick. For example, a layout such as the layout **415** of FIG. **4C** may be displayed for a user. Likewise, at block **808** a second graphical indication of a plurality of sets of characters corresponding to a second plurality of inputs of the second control stick may be displayed. For example, a layout such as the layout **418** of FIG. **4D** may be displayed for a user. In some embodiments, display of the first layout may be based on the received third input indication, such as based on a group of characters corresponding to the second position of the second control stick. Display of such layouts may enhance a user experience allowing a user to easily determine where to position one or more control sticks for character entry.

(59) At block **810**, the information handling system may update the first graphical indication based on receipt of the first input indication to include an indication of the first position corresponding to the first character. For example, the information handling system may highlight or otherwise indicate an area of a first layout to indicate where the first control stick is currently positioned.

Likewise, at block **812**, the information handling system may update the second graphical indication based on receipt of the third input indication to include an indication of the second position corresponding to the first set of characters. For example, the information handling system may highlight or otherwise indicate an area of a second layout to indicate where the second control stick is currently positioned. Thus, a second control stick may be used to select from among a plurality of groups of characters to configure characters selectable by the first control stick of method **700**, and graphical indications of mappings of characters and/or sets of characters to positions of first and second control sticks may be displayed by an information handling system.

(60) In some embodiments, a first set of characters may be mapped to positions of a first control stick and a second, different, set of characters may be mapped to positions of a second control stick, such as described with respect to FIGS. **5A-C**. For example, 13 alphabetical characters may be mapped to 13 areas of a range of movement of a first control stick, and 13 alphabetical characters may be mapped to 13 areas of a range of movement of a second control stick. An example method **900** for character entry using two control sticks is shown in FIG. **9**. The method **900** may, for example, be performed along with one or more steps of the method **700** of FIG. **7**. At block **902**, an information handling system may receive a third input indication from a second control stick of the handheld controller. The third input indication may indicate that the second



control stick is in a second position. The second control stick may, for example, be a different control stick from the first control stick of the method **700**.

(61) At block **904**, the information handling system may receive a fourth input indication from the first button of the handheld controller. The first button, may, for example, be the first button of method **700**. The fourth input indication may, for example, indicate that the first button is pressed while the second control stick is in the second position.

(62) At block **906**, the information handling system may determine that the third input indication corresponds to a second character in response to receipt of the third input indication. For example, the information handling system may compare a position indicated by the third input indication with a mapping, such as mapping **518** of FIG. **5C**, of sets of characters to areas of movement of the second control stick. Depending on which area the second control stick is determined to be in based on the third input indication, the information handling system may determine the set of characters corresponding to the second input indication. At block **908**, the information handling system may select the second character based on the determination that the third input indication corresponds to the second character and based on receipt of the fourth input indication. Thus, two control sticks may be used, in combination with a character selection button, to input different characters.

(63) At block **910**, the first information handling system may display a first graphical indication of a plurality of characters corresponding to a first plurality of inputs of the first control stick. For example, a layout such as the layout **514** of FIG. **5B** may be displayed for a user. Likewise, at block **912** a second graphical indication of a plurality of characters corresponding to a second plurality of inputs of the second control stick may be displayed. For example, a layout such as the layout **518** of FIG. **5C** may be displayed for a user. Display of such layouts may enhance a user experience allowing a user to easily determine where to position one or more control sticks for character entry.

(64) At block **914**, the information handling system may update the first graphical indication based on receipt of the first input indication to include an indication of the first position corresponding to the first character. For example, the information handling system may highlight or otherwise indicate an area of a first layout to indicate where the first control stick is currently positioned. Likewise, at block **916**, the information handling system may update the second graphical indication based on receipt of the third input indication to include an indication of the second position corresponding to the second character. For example, the information handling system may highlight or otherwise indicate an area of a second layout to indicate where the second control stick is currently positioned. Thus, first and second control sticks may be used to select from among a plurality of characters, and graphical indications of mappings of characters to positions of first and second control sticks may be displayed by an information handling system.

(65) FIG. **10** illustrates an example information handling system **1000**. Information handling system **1000** may include a processor **1002** (e.g., a central processing unit (CPU)), a memory (e.g., a dynamic random-access memory (DRAM)) **1004**, and a chipset **1006**. In some embodiments, one or more of the processor **1002**, the memory **1004**, and the chipset **1006** may be included on a motherboard (also referred to as a mainboard), which is a printed circuit board (PCB) with embedded conductors organized as transmission lines between the processor **1002**, the memory **1004**, the chipset **1006**, and/or other components of the information handling system. The components may be coupled to the motherboard through packaging connections such as a pin grid array (PGA), ball grid array (BGA), land grid array (LGA), surface-mount technology, and/or through-hole technology. In some embodiments, one or more of the processor **1002**, the memory **1004**, the chipset **1006**, and/or other components may be organized as a System on Chip (SoC).

(66) The processor **1002** may execute program code by accessing instructions loaded into memory **1004** from a storage device, executing the instructions to operate on data also loaded into memory **1004** from a storage device, and generate output data that is stored back into memory **1004** or sent to another component. The processor **1002** may include processing cores capable of implementing any of a variety of instruction set architectures (ISAs), such as the x86, POWERPC®, ARM®,

SPARC®, or MIPS® ISAs, or any other suitable ISA. In multi-processor systems, each of the processors **1002** may commonly, but not necessarily, implement the same ISA. In some embodiments, multiple processors may each have different configurations such as when multiple processors are present in a big-little hybrid configuration with some high-performance processing cores and some high-efficiency processing cores. The chipset **1006** may facilitate the transfer of data between the processor **1002**, the memory **1004**, and other components. In some embodiments, chipset **1006** may include two or more integrated circuits (ICs), such as a northbridge controller coupled to the processor **1002**, the memory **1004**, and a southbridge controller, with the southbridge controller coupled to the other components such as USB **1010**, SATA **1020**, and PCIe buses **1008**. The chipset **1006** may couple to other components through one or more PCIe buses **1008**.

(67) Some components may be coupled to one bus line of the PCIe buses **1008**, whereas some components may be coupled to more than one bus line of the PCIe buses **1008**. One example component is a universal serial bus (USB) controller **1010**, which interfaces the chipset **1006** to a USB bus **1012**. A USB bus **1012** may couple input/output components such as a keyboard **1014** and a mouse **1016**, but also other components such as USB flash drives, or another information handling system. Another example component is a SATA bus controller **1020**, which couples the chipset **1006** to a SATA bus **1022**. The SATA bus **1022** may facilitate efficient transfer of data between the chipset **1006** and components coupled to the chipset **1006** and a storage device **1024** (e.g., a hard disk drive (HDD) or solid-state disk drive (SDD)) and/or a compact disc read-only memory (CD-ROM) **1026**. The PCIe bus **1008** may also couple the chipset **1006** directly to a storage device **1028** (e.g., a solid-state disk drive (SDD)). A further example of an example component is a graphics device **1030** (e.g., a graphics processing unit (GPU)) for generating output to a display device **1032**, a network interface controller (NIC) **1040**, and/or a wireless interface **1050** (e.g., a wireless local area network (WLAN) or wireless wide area network (WWAN) device) such as a Wi-Fi® network interface, a Bluetooth® network interface, a GSM® network interface, a 3G network interface, a 4G LTE® network interface, and/or a 5G NR network interface (including sub-6 GHz and/or mmWave interfaces).

(68) The chipset **1006** may also be coupled to a serial peripheral interface (SPI) and/or Inter-Integrated Circuit (I2C) bus **1060**, which couples the chipset **1006** to system management components. For example, a non-volatile random-access memory (NVRAM) **1070** for storing firmware **1072** may be coupled to the bus **1060**. As another example, a controller, such as a baseboard management controller (BMC) **1080**, may be coupled to the chipset **1006** through the bus **1060**. BMC **1080** may be referred to as a service processor or embedded controller (EC). Capabilities and functions provided by BMC **1080** may vary considerably based on the type of information handling system. For example, the term baseboard management system may be used to describe an embedded processor included at a server, while an embedded controller may be found in a consumer-level device. As disclosed herein, BMC **1080** represents a processing device different from processor **1002**, which provides various management functions for information handling system **1000**. For example, an embedded controller may be responsible for power management, cooling management, and the like. An embedded controller included at a data storage system may be referred to as a storage enclosure processor or a chassis processor.

(69) System **1000** may include additional processors that are configured to provide localized or specific control functions, such as a battery management controller. Bus **1060** can include one or more busses, including a Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) bus, an Inter-Integrated Circuit (I2C) bus, a system management bus (SMBUS), a power management bus (PMBUS), or the like. BMC **1080** may be configured to provide out-of-band access to devices at information handling system **1000**. Out-of-band access in the context of the bus **1060** may refer to operations performed prior to execution of firmware **1072** by processor **1002** to initialize operation of system **1000**.

(70) Firmware **1072** may include instructions executable by processor **102** to initialize and test the

hardware components of system **1000**. For example, the instructions may cause the processor **1002** to execute a power-on self-test (POST). The instructions may further cause the processor **1002** to load a boot loader or an operating system (OS) from a mass storage device. Firmware **1072** additionally may provide an abstraction layer for the hardware, such as a consistent way for application programs and operating systems to interact with the keyboard, display, and other input/output devices. When power is first applied to information handling system **1000**, the system may begin a sequence of initialization procedures, such as a boot procedure or a secure boot procedure. During the initialization sequence, also referred to as a boot sequence, components of system **1000** may be configured and enabled for operation and device drivers may be installed. Device drivers may provide an interface through which other components of the system **1000** can communicate with a corresponding device. The firmware **1072** may include a basic input-output system (BIOS) and/or include a unified extensible firmware interface (UEFI). Firmware **1072** may also include one or more firmware modules of the information handling system. Additionally, configuration settings for the firmware **1072** and firmware of the information handling system **1000** may be stored in the NVRAM **1070**. NVRAM **1070** may, for example, be a non-volatile firmware memory of the information handling system **1000** and may store a firmware memory map namespace **1000** of the information handling system. NVRAM **1070** may further store one or more container-specific firmware memory map namespaces for one or more containers concurrently executed by the information handling system.

(71) Information handling system **1000** may include additional components and additional busses, not shown for clarity. For example, system **1000** may include multiple processor cores (either within processor **1002** or separately coupled to the chipset **1006** or through the PCIe buses **1008**), audio devices (such as may be coupled to the chipset **1006** through one of the PCIe busses **1008**), or the like. While a particular arrangement of bus technologies and interconnections is illustrated for the purpose of example, one of skill will appreciate that the techniques disclosed herein are applicable to other system architectures. System **1000** may include multiple processors and/or redundant bus controllers. In some embodiments, one or more components may be integrated together in an integrated circuit (IC), which is circuitry built on a common substrate. For example, portions of chipset **1006** can be integrated within processor **1002**. Additional components of information handling system **1000** may include one or more storage devices that may store machine-executable code, one or more communications ports for communicating with external devices, and various input and output (I/O) devices, such as a keyboard, a mouse, and a video display.

(72) In some embodiments, processor **1002** may include multiple processors, such as multiple processing cores for parallel processing by the information handling system **1000**. For example, the information handling system **1000** may include a server comprising multiple processors for parallel processing. In some embodiments, the information handling system **1000** may support virtual machine (VM) operation, with multiple virtualized instances of one or more operating systems executed in parallel by the information handling system **1000**. For example, resources, such as processors or processing cores of the information handling system may be assigned to multiple containerized instances of one or more operating systems of the information handling system **1000** executed in parallel. A container may, for example, be a virtual machine executed by the information handling system **1000** for execution of an instance of an operating system by the information handling system **1000**. Thus, for example, multiple users may remotely connect to the information handling system **1000**, such as in a cloud computing configuration, to utilize resources of the information handling system **1000**, such as memory, processors, and other hardware, firmware, and software capabilities of the information handling system **1000**. Parallel execution of multiple containers by the information handling system **1000** may allow the information handling system **1000** to execute tasks for multiple users in parallel secure virtual environments.

(73) The schematic or flow chart diagrams FIGS. 7-9 are generally set forth as logical flow chart

diagrams. As such, the depicted order and labeled steps are indicative of aspects of the disclosed method. Other steps and methods may be conceived that are equivalent in function, logic, or effect to one or more steps, or portions thereof, of the illustrated method. Additionally, the format and symbols employed are provided to explain the logical steps of the method and are understood not to limit the scope of the method. Although various arrow types and line types may be employed in the flow chart diagram, they are understood not to limit the scope of the corresponding method. Indeed, some arrows or other connectors may be used to indicate only the logical flow of the method. For instance, an arrow may indicate a waiting or monitoring period of unspecified duration between enumerated steps of the depicted method. Additionally, the order in which a particular method occurs may or may not strictly adhere to the order of the corresponding steps shown.

(74) Machine learning models, as described herein, may include logistic regression techniques, linear discriminant analysis, linear regression analysis, artificial neural networks, machine learning classifier algorithms, or classification/regression trees in some embodiments. In various other embodiments, machine learning systems may employ Naive Bayes predictive modeling analysis of several varieties, learning vector quantization artificial neural network algorithms, or implementation of boosting algorithms such as Adaboost or stochastic gradient boosting systems for iteratively updating weighting to train a machine learning classifier to determine a relationship between an influencing attribute, such as received device data, and a system, such as an environment or particular user, and/or a degree to which such an influencing attribute affects the outcome of such a system or determination of environment.

(75) If implemented in firmware and/or software, functions described above may be stored as one or more instructions or code on a computer-readable medium. Examples include non-transitory computer-readable media encoded with a data structure and computer-readable media encoded with a computer program. Computer-readable media includes physical computer storage media. A storage medium may be any available medium that can be accessed by a computer. By way of example, and not limitation, such computer-readable media can comprise random access memory (RAM), read-only memory (ROM), electrically-erasable programmable read-only memory (EEPROM), compact disc read-only memory (CD-ROM) or other optical disk storage, magnetic disk storage or other magnetic storage devices, or any other medium that can be used to store desired program code in the form of instructions or data structures and that can be accessed by a computer. Disk and disc includes compact discs (CD), laser discs, optical discs, digital versatile discs (DVD), floppy disks and Blu-ray discs. Generally, disks reproduce data magnetically, and discs reproduce data optically. Combinations of the above should also be included within the scope of computer-readable media.

(76) In addition to storage on computer readable medium, instructions and/or data may be provided as signals on transmission media included in a communication apparatus. For example, a communication apparatus may include a transceiver having signals indicative of instructions and data. The instructions and data are configured to cause one or more processors to implement the functions outlined in the claims.

(77) Although the present disclosure and certain representative advantages have been described in detail, it should be understood that various changes, substitutions and alterations can be made herein without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure as defined by the appended claims. Moreover, the scope of the present application is not intended to be limited to the particular embodiments of the process, machine, manufacture, composition of matter, means, methods and steps described in the specification. For example, although processors are described throughout the detailed description, aspects of the invention may be applied to the design of or implemented on different kinds of processors, such as graphics processing units (GPUs), central processing units (CPUs), and digital signal processors (DSPs). As another example, although processing of certain kinds of data may be described in example embodiments, other kinds or types of data may be processed through the methods and devices described above. As one of ordinary skill in the art will

readily appreciate from the present disclosure, processes, machines, manufacture, compositions of matter, means, methods, or steps, presently existing or later to be developed that perform substantially the same function or achieve substantially the same result as the corresponding embodiments described herein may be utilized. Accordingly, the appended claims are intended to include within their scope such processes, machines, manufacture, compositions of matter, means, methods, or steps.

## Claims

1. A method, comprising: receiving, by an information handling system, a first input indication from a first control stick of a handheld controller, wherein the first input indication indicates that the first control stick is in a first position; receiving, by an information handling system, a second input indication from a second control stick of the handheld controller, wherein the second input indication indicates that the second control stick is in a second position; receiving, by the information handling system, a third input indication from a first button of the handheld controller, wherein the third input indication indicates that the first button is pressed while the first control stick is in the first position and while the second control stick is in the second position; determining, by the information handling system, that the combination of the first input indication and the second input indication corresponds to a first character in response to receipt of the first input indication and second input indication; and selecting, by the information handling system, the first character based on the determination that the combination of the first input indication and the second input indication corresponds to the first character and receipt of the third input indication.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising: determining, by the information handling system, that the second input indication corresponds to a first set of characters in response to receipt of the second input indication, wherein the first set of characters includes the first character, and wherein determining that the combination of the first input indication and the second input indication corresponds to the first character is based on the determination that the second input indication corresponds to the first set of characters.
3. The method of claim 2, further comprising: displaying, by the information handling system, a first graphical indication of a plurality of characters corresponding to a first plurality of inputs of the first control stick; displaying, by the information handling system, a second graphical indication of a plurality of sets of characters corresponding to a second plurality of inputs of the second control stick; updating, by the information handling system, the first graphical indication based on receipt of the first input indication to include an indication of the first position corresponding to the first character; and updating, by the information handling system, the second graphical indication based on receipt of the second input indication to include an indication of the second position corresponding to the first set of characters.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising: receiving, by the information handling system, a fourth input indication from the first control stick of the handheld controller, wherein the fourth input indication indicates that the first control stick is in a third position; receiving, by the information handling system, a fifth input indication from the second control stick of the handheld controller, wherein the fifth input indication indicates that the second control stick is in a fourth position; receiving, by the information handling system, a sixth input indication from the first button of the handheld controller, wherein the fifth input indication indicates that the second button is pressed while the second control stick is in the fourth position; determining, by the information handling system, that the combination of the fourth input indication and the fifth input indication corresponds to a second character, different from the first character, in response to receipt of the fourth input indication and the fifth input indication; and selecting, by the information handling system, the second character based on the determination that the combination of the fourth input indication and the fifth input indication corresponds to the second character and receipt of the sixth

input indication.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising: displaying, by the information handling system, a first graphical indication of a first plurality of characters corresponding to a first plurality of inputs of the first control stick; displaying, by the information handling system, a second graphical indication of a plurality of sets of characters corresponding to a second plurality of inputs of the second control stick; updating, by the information handling system, the first graphical indication based on receipt of the fourth input indication to include an indication of the third position corresponding to the second character; and updating, by the information handling system, the second graphical indication based on receipt of the fifth input indication to include an indication of the fourth position corresponding to a first set of characters comprising the second character.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein determining that the combination of the first input indication and second input indication corresponds to a first character comprises determining whether the first position is in an inner area of a range of movement of the first control stick or an outer area of a range of movement of the first control stick.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising: receiving, by the information handling system, a fourth input indication from a first shoulder button of the handheld controller, wherein determining that the combination of the first input indication and second input indication corresponds to the first character is performed based on the fourth input indication.

8. An information handling system, comprising: a memory; and at least one processor coupled to the memory, wherein the at least one processor is configured to: receive a first input indication from a first control stick of a handheld controller, wherein the first input indication indicates that the first control stick is in a first position; receive a second input indication from a second control stick of the handheld controller, wherein the second input indication indicates that the second control stick is in a second position; receive a third input indication from a first button of the handheld controller, wherein the third input indication indicates that the first button is pressed while the first control stick is in the first position and while the second control stick is in the second position; determine that the combination of the first input indication and the second input indication corresponds to a first character in response to receipt of the first input indication and the second input indication; and select the first character based on the determination that the combination of the first input indication and the second input indication corresponds to the first character and receipt of the third input indication.

9. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the at least one processor is further configured to: determine that the second input indication corresponds to a first set of characters in response to receipt of the second input indication; wherein the first set of characters includes the first character, and wherein the at least one processor is configured to determine that the combination of the first input indication and the second input indication corresponds to the first character based on the determination that the second input indication corresponds to the first set of characters.

10. The information handling system of claim 9, wherein the at least one processor is further configured to: display a first graphical indication of a plurality of characters corresponding to a first plurality of inputs of the first control stick; display a second graphical indication of a plurality of sets of characters corresponding to a second plurality of inputs of the second control stick; update the first graphical indication based on receipt of the first input indication to include an indication of the first position corresponding to the first character; and update the second graphical indication based on receipt of the second input indication to include an indication of the second position corresponding to the first set of characters.

11. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the at least one processor is further configured to: receive a fourth input indication from the first control stick of the handheld controller, wherein the fourth input indication indicates that the first control stick is in a third position; receive a fifth input indication from the second control stick of the handheld controller,

wherein the fifth input indication indicates that the second control stick is in a fourth position; receive a sixth input indication from the first button of the handheld controller, wherein the sixth input indication indicates that the first button is pressed while the second control stick is in the fourth position; determine that the combination of the fourth input indication and the fifth input indication corresponds to a second character, different from the first character, in response to receipt of the fourth input indication and the fifth input indication; and select the second character based the determination that the combination of the fourth input indication and the fifth input indication corresponds to the second character and receipt of the sixth input indication.

12. The information handling system of claim 11, wherein the at least one processor is further configured to: display a first graphical indication of a first plurality of characters corresponding to a first plurality of inputs of the first control stick; display a second graphical indication of a plurality of sets of characters corresponding to a second plurality of inputs of the second control stick; update the first graphical indication based on receipt of the fourth input indication to include an indication of the third position corresponding to the second character; and update the second graphical indication based on receipt of the fifth input indication to include an indication of the fourth position corresponding to a first set of characters comprising the second character.

13. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein to determine that the combination of the first input indication and second input indication corresponds to a first character, the at least one processor is configured to determine whether the first position is in an inner area of a range of movement of the first control stick or an outer area of a range of movement of the first control stick.

14. The information handling system of claim 8, wherein the at least one processor is further configured to: receive a fourth input indication from a first shoulder button of the handheld controller, wherein the at least one processor is configured to determine that the combination of the first input indication and the second input indication corresponds to the first character based on the fourth input indication.

15. A computer program product, comprising: a non-transitory computer readable medium comprising instructions for causing an information handling system to perform steps comprising: receiving a first input indication from a first control stick of a handheld controller, wherein the first input indication indicates that the first control stick is in a first position; receiving a second input indication from a second control stick of the handheld controller, wherein the second input indication indicates that the second control stick is in a second position; receiving a third input indication from a first button of the handheld controller, wherein the third input indication indicates that the first button is pressed while the first control stick is in the first position and while the second control stick is in the second position; determining that the combination of the first input indication and the second input indication corresponds to a first character in response to receipt of the first input indication and the second input indication; and selecting the first character based on the determination that the combination of the first input indication and the second input indication corresponds to the first character and receipt of the third input indication.

16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the non-transitory computer readable medium further comprises instructions for causing the information handling system to perform steps comprising: determining that the second input indication corresponds to a first set of characters in response to receipt of the second input indication, wherein the first set of characters includes the first character, and wherein determining that the combination of the first input indication and the second input indication corresponds to the first character is based on the determination that the second input indication corresponds to the first set of characters.

17. The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the non-transitory computer readable medium further comprises instructions for causing the information handling system to perform steps comprising: displaying a first graphical indication of a plurality of characters corresponding to a first plurality of inputs of the first control stick; displaying a second graphical indication of a

plurality of sets of characters corresponding to a second plurality of inputs of the second control stick; updating the first graphical indication based on receipt of the first input indication to include an indication of the first position corresponding to the first character; and updating the second graphical indication based on receipt of the second input indication to include an indication of the second position corresponding to the first set of characters.

18. The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the non-transitory computer readable medium further comprises instructions for causing the information handling system to perform steps comprising: receiving a fourth input indication from the first control stick of the handheld controller, wherein the fourth input indication indicates that the first control stick is in a third position; receiving a fifth input indication from the second control stick of the handheld controller, wherein the fifth input indication indicates that the second control stick is in a fourth position; receiving a sixth input indication from the first button of the handheld controller, wherein the sixth input indication indicates that the first button is pressed while the second control stick is in the fourth position; determining that the combination of the fourth input indication and the fifth input indication corresponds to a second character, different from the first character, in response to receipt of the fourth input indication and the fifth input indication; and selecting the second character based the determination that the combination of the fourth input indication and the fifth input indication corresponds to the second character and receipt of the sixth input indication.

19. The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the non-transitory computer readable medium further comprises instructions for causing the information handling system to perform steps comprising: displaying a first graphical indication of a first plurality of characters corresponding to a first plurality of inputs of the first control stick; displaying a second graphical indication of a plurality of sets of characters corresponding to a second plurality of inputs of the second control stick; updating the first graphical indication based on receipt of the fourth input indication to include an indication of the third position corresponding to the second character; and updating the second graphical indication based on receipt of the fifth input indication to include an indication of the fourth position corresponding to a first set of characters comprising the second character.

20. The computer program product of claim 16, wherein determining that the combination of the first input indication and second input indication corresponds to a first character comprises determining whether the first position is in an inner area of a range of movement of the first control stick or an outer area of a range of movement of the first control stick.

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