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[54] METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING TOUCH SCREEN DESKTOP OBJECTS VIA FINGERPRINT RECOGNITION

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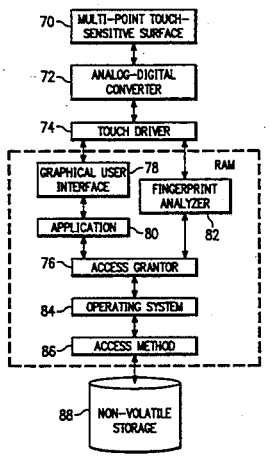
[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method of manipulating and obtaining access to graphical desktop objects is disclosed. Touch-sensitive fields are provided on a computer display for user selection. Upon selecting one of the fields with a fingertip, a fingerprint therefrom is analyzed and compared to a list of authorized fingerprints. Once the fingerprint passes inspection, the user is granted access to the underlying program.

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