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FIG. 3 depicts an embodiment of a method of labeling rack-mounted computer system components. Step 302 indicates that a label holder, as described above, may be provided. An identification label may be placed on the label holder at step 304. As previously described, the identification label may be placed on the label holder using adhesive or magnetically and/or physically (e.g., with a hook and loop fastener, etc.). The at least one retaining foot of the label holder may be engaged with the surface of the computer system component at step 306. In an embodiment, engaging at least one foot of the holder may include sliding a first retaining foot into a first opening on the surface of the computer system component. A second retaining foot may then be engaged with a second opening on the surface by applying an engaging force to the holder. As used herein, an “engaging force” may refer to a force that tends to urge the elongated body toward the surface of the computer system component to which the labeling holder is being applied. In an embodiment where the second retaining foot has a beveled lower surface, the engaging force may cause the beveled surface to generate a component of force that tends to deform at least one of the legs such that the second retaining foot may engage the second opening in the surface of the computer system component. In an alternate embodiment, the second retaining foot may be engaged with the second opening by elastically deforming at least one leg and/or the elongated body such that the retaining foot may be engaged with the opening.

While the present invention has been described with reference to particular embodiments, it will be understood that the embodiments are illustrated and that the invention scope is not so limited. Any variations, modifications, additions and improvements to the embodiments described are possible. These variations, modifications, additions and improvements may fall within the scope of the invention as detailed within the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A label holder for retaining an identification label on a surface of a rack-mounted computer system component, the surface of the rack-mounted computer system component comprising a ventilation grating, the holder comprising:

an elongated body;

a plurality of legs extending from the body;

at least one retaining foot coupled to at least one leg proximate an end of the leg; and

a shoulder ledge proximate an end of at least one leg; wherein each retaining foot is configured to engage an opening in the surface of the rack-mounted computer system component during use,

wherein, when each retaining foot is engaged to an opening in the surface of the rack-mounted computer system, each combination of a retaining foot and a shoulder ledge is configured such that the elongated body is spaced from the surface of the rack-mounted computer system, and

wherein dimensions of the elongated body are selected to allow airflow between the holder and the rack-mounted computer system component during use.

2. The holder of claim 1, wherein the combination of the shoulder ledge and at least one retaining foot is configured to limit motion of the label holder such that the holder maintains a predetermined distance from the surface of the rack-mounted computer system component during use.

3. The holder of claim 2, wherein the predetermined distance is selected such that the holder does not preclude airflow through the ventilation grating.

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4. The holder of claim 1, further comprising at least one stiffening member coupled to at least one of the legs and the elongated body, wherein the at least one stiffening member is configured to brace the at least one leg to the elongated body.

5. The holder of claim 1, wherein the at least one retaining foot comprises a beveled lower surface, wherein the beveled lower surface is configured to provide a lateral component of force to at least one of the legs when an engaging force is applied to the holder.

6. The holder of claim 1, wherein dimensions of the legs are selected to allow airflow between the holder and the rack-mounted computer system component during use.

7. The holder of claim 1, wherein the holder comprises plastic.

8. A method of labeling a rack-mounted computer system component comprising: providing a label holder comprising:

an elongated body;

a plurality of legs coupled to the body; and

at least one retaining foot coupled to at least one leg proximate an end of the leg; placing an identification label on the label holder; and

engaging the at least one retaining foot of the label holder with at least one opening in a surface of the computer system component, wherein the surface of the rack-mounted computer system component comprises a ventilation grating.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the label holder further comprises a shoulder ledge proximate an end of at least one leg.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the label holder further comprises a shoulder ledge proximate an end of at least one leg, and wherein the combination of the shoulder ledge and at least one retaining foot is configured to limit motion of the label holder such that the holder maintains a predetermined distance from the surface of the rack-mounted computer system component during use.

11. The method of claim 8, wherein the label holder further comprises a shoulder ledge proximate an end of at least one leg, wherein the combination of the shoulder ledge and the at least one retaining foot is configured to limit motion of the label holder such that the holder maintains a predetermined distance from the surface of the rack-mounted computer system component during use, and wherein the predetermined distance is selected such that the holder does not preclude airflow through the ventilation grating.

12. The method of claim 8, wherein engaging the at least one retaining foot with the surface of the computer system component comprises sliding a first retaining foot into a first opening, and applying an engaging force to the holder such that at least a second retaining foot engages a second opening in the surface.

13. The method of claim 8, wherein engaging at least one retaining foot with the surface of the computer system component comprises elastically deforming the combination of the elongated body and the plurality of legs to allow insertion of the at least one retaining foot into the at least one opening in the surface of the computer system component.

14. The method of claim 8, wherein placing an identification label on the label holder comprises applying an adhesive label to the holder.

15. The method of claim 8, wherein placing an identification label on the label holder comprises writing on a surface of the holder.

16. The method of claim 8, wherein the label holder further comprises at least one stiffening member coupled to at least one of the legs.