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Microsoft has filed a patent application for a technology referred to as “Magic Wand”, as revealed by the Patent Gazette published by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

The application was originally filed in November 2007. Its inventors include Mr. J Allard, Chief Experience Officer (CXO) and Chief Technology Officer of the software giant, and Mr. Andrew Wilson, one of the developers of the table-shaped computer Surface.

According to Microsoft, the Magic Wand is an architecture able to manipulate and control its environment. It can be incorporated into a wand-shaped instrument, and uses one or more sensors to determine the orientation and movement of the wand and issue relevant instructions.

Reference:

(i) <http://www.itmedia.co.jp/news/articles/0905/19/news007.html>

(ii) <http://japan.internet.com/webtech/20090520/12.html>

Microsoftが「魔法の杖」の特許を出願した。同社が「Magic Wand (魔法の杖)」と題した技術の特許を出願していることが、米特許商標局が公開した出願公開公報から分かった。



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この特許は2007年11月に出版され、発明者にはチーフエクスペリエンスオフィサー(CXO)で最高技術責任者(CTO)のジェイ・アラード氏や、テーブル型コンピュータ「Surface」の開発に携わったアンドリュー・ウィルソン氏が名前を連ねている。

Microsoftの説明によると、Magic Wandは環境を操作し、管理できるアーキテクチャで、杖のような形の機器に組み込むことができる。センサーを使って杖の方向や動きを判断でき、方向に基づいて命令を出すことができるという。

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The US companies Hewlett-Packard (HP) and Microsoft announced on May 20, 2009 the renewal of their cross-license agreement, granting the two companies the right to use each other's patents. The terms of the agreement have not been disclosed. According to the official announcement, the renewal will allow both companies to "further the development of each company's research and development (R&D) efforts and expand technological innovation".

This kind of patent license agreements between HP and Microsoft is long-standing, with the present renewal being the third.

Both HP and Microsoft stated that the agreement, which covers a broad range of products, will further the development of their R&D while enabling them to establish stronger partnerships and to innovate in a more open environment – which would, in turn, benefit not only their business but customers and end users as well.

Reference:

- (i) http://enterprise.watch.impress.co.jp/docs/news/20090521_169683.html
- (ii) <http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/press/2009/may09/05-20HPIPPR.msp>

米Hewlett-Packard (HP)と米Microsoftは2009年5月20日(米国時間)、特許の利用権を相互に認めるクロスライセンス契約を更新したと発表した。条件は公表していない。自社の研究開発を前進させ、技術イノベーションを拡大できるとしている。

両社は以前から特許ライセンス契約を結んでおり、今回で3回目の更新となる。幅広い製品をカバーし、互いの研究開発作業をさらに推進。より強固なパートナーシップを構築する道を明確にして、オープンな環境でのイノベーションをもたらし、ビジネスだけでなく、最終的には顧客やユーザーのメリットになるとしている。

【参照URL】

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