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Microsoft granted patent on button click timing

Microsoft Corp. has been granted a patent relating to the use of buttons on hardware devices that form part of a user interface. U.S. patent 6,727,830, granted April 27, is described as a "time-based hardware button for application launch." The patent abstract goes on to explain that the patent relates to how different functions can be invoked depending on whether a button is clicked once, clicked and held down for a period of time, or double-clicked within a short period of time. MacCentral