Input (Buxton) Reading

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This reading comprises excerpts from a working draft of a book by Bill Buxton, a former professor (who was
Jeff's PhD advisor's advisor's advisor) who is currently at Microsoft Research. Despite being a fairly rough
draft, it is still by far the best reading about input techniques.

In your response, select a modern day input device and classify it based on the dimensions and sensory
properties discussed within Buxton’s Taxonomy of Input Devices. In addition to that, list the states this
device would have in the state model.

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