

PATENT PROTECTION

Q Can I obtain patent protection for a new graphical user interface (GUI) or clever computer icon?

A Yes, if you meet certain conditions. For example, a design patent may be obtained for a novel software display, such as a GUI, computer icon, animation, or type font. Unlike a utility patent (which protects new useful ideas), a design patent protects the novel ornamental appearance of an object. Compared to a utility patent, a design patent can cost significantly less to obtain, and the process is typically faster as well. Apart from design patent protection, you also may be able to obtain copyright and/or trademark protection for some software displays. An experienced intellectual property attorney can help you explore your options.

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