

**From:** Violet Bliss Dietz [e-mail redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 8:26 PM  
**To:** Bilski\_Guidance  
**Cc:** [e-mail redacted]  
**Subject:** No Software Patents

I'm writing regarding the application of patents to software. I've been in IT since 1979. Though there is lots of new hardware technology, the process of writing software which controls the interaction between humans and the bits and pieces of hardware is hardly unique: the same processes have been done over and over again by programmers in various languages and development tools for many years. That graphic designs make the software appear to be different is an illusion. Graphic design is a pretty picture. Do you patent a picture?

Combining old processes with pretty pictures does not warrant a patent.

One of the most ridiculous patents was Amazon's one click button to buy. They weren't the first ones to develop such a thing. Just the first with deep enough pockets to apply for a patent on it and attempt to defend others from doing the same thing.

The real concern now is that software patents, which are by definition ridiculous, threaten the innovation process. As a freelance developer, I do not have the time or money to spend monitoring such a frivolous waste of taxpayer time and money. It is entirely within the realm of possibility that many developers unknown to one another will develop the same or highly similar software solution to a given problem or task. No developer should be denied the opportunity to use a solution they developed independently just because someone decided to patent what is, in essence, a common-sense solution that others have thought of before them.

Please exclude software as a patentable item.

Regards,

Violet Bliss Dietz

---

Violet Bliss Dietz  
[www.tzconsult.com](http://www.tzconsult.com)  
203-243-6658  
[e-mail redacted]