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Subject: Re: Microsoft wants to patent smilies! WTF?!  
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Heh, considering how detailed you have to be in a patent, I wonder how the smiley/the way it's sent would be described.

Oh, and mrpirate, it has nothing to do with how they are sent, what they are trying for is this:

example: patent includes that the ";" character and the ")" character will combine in that order to create the image when compiled after transmission.

example: patent includes that the ":" character and the "D" character will combine in that order to create the image when compiled after transmission.

in the above examples the ";", ")", and ":", "D" characters will be patented in the order needed to create the";.)" and ":.D" sequence (this will also be patented) to create the final and after transmission (which will be patented as well)

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