

---

Subject: Re: Microsoft wants to patent smilies! WTF?!  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Sun, 04 Sep 2005 18:33:13 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

Chronojam wrote on Sat, 27 August 2005 01:10Chronojam wrote on Wed, 24 August 2005 02:59If I make a stylized "peace" sign the symbol for my company, and then get a copyright on it, is that so unthinkable or impossible to have happen?

Suppose though this sign were special. I could put a little symbol down digitally, and a vastly distributed operating system would recognize it was my characters, and instead replace it with my logo for me. Let's go a step further and have it recognize my symbol as standing for both those characters, and my company.

Too far fetched?

That has nothing to do with Patent law, as it is not an industrial design. That is Trademark law, as it is something that is used for easy recognition of a company. They have two completely different methods and requirements of obtaining them.

---