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Subject: Here's a new one...

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You read that right. I'm really not certain whether I should be laughing or crying.

Here's the patent application

For the dimwits who are too lazy to read for themselves, here's a short article and a summary:

Apple, together with Nike, has been marketing shoes with a sensor that sends data to your iPod. This is useful for runners and other athletic types who want a pedometer to record how many steps they've taken and so forth. However, you can presently take that sensor right out of the shoe- or buy it separately- and stick it in another shoe of your choosing (i.e. one that's more comfortable) or do whatever you damn well please with it. The Powers That Be don't like this very much, so they want to stick an RFID tag (or something like it) in "authorized" shoes and change the sensor so that it will only work with those specific shoes. It may not be exactly the same thing as the "anti-piracy" software we all know and loathe, but it is the same bloody concept.

All under the guise of quality control, of course- because the output data might be different if you use another kind of shoe with the sensor. Oh no, the horror!

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