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Why Everyone Is Patenting Software Inventions



### by Gerson S. Panitch

If someone tells you it is impossible to patent software, they are mistaken. Microsoft has over 40,000 active patents in the U.S. alone (and thousands more in process). It added 3,144 new U.S. patents in 2019, up 32% from 2018. Last year, Salesforce increased

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its U.S. patents over the prior year by 64%; Facebook by 78%; Oracle by 20%; SAP by 50%; Adobe by 40%, Bank of America by 30%, Alibaba by 96%; Accenture by 36%; and Capital One by a whopping 232%. Similar trends are occurring with much smaller software and internet companies. Click <a href="here">here</a> to find out why everyone is rushing to patent their software inventions.

## To Fee or Not to Fee?



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We all know that in certain circumstances, the winner of a patent suit in the U.S. may be able to collect attorneys' fees. But can fees be collected by litigants to contested IPR and other PTAB proceedings in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office? The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit recently spoke on this issue. To learn the answer, click <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a>.

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