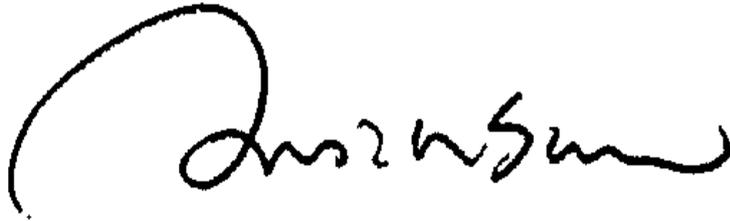


IN THE REGISTRY OF DESIGNS
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF SINGAPORE
PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 4 OF 2014
REGISTRATION OF GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACES (GUIs)

This Practice Direction is issued under Rule 4(4) of the Registered Designs Rules to specify the practice to be adopted when applying for the registration of GUIs as designs with the Registry of Designs.

This Practice Direction shall come into effect on 11th December 2014.

Dated this 10th day of December 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tan Yih San', with a large, sweeping flourish at the beginning.

TAN YIH SAN
REGISTRAR
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1. Applicants can file with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore to seek the registration of Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs) as designs under the Registered Designs Act (RDA). This practice direction supplements and is to be read in accordance with the Registered Designs Act and Rules, other relevant provisions in other Acts and Rules, as well as other practice directions and circulars issued by the Registry.
2. Applicant must indicate, in Form D3, the article that the GUI is applied to
To meet the definition of “design” in Section 2(1) of the RDA, GUIs have to be applied to an article by any industrial process. When filing an application for registration of a design in Form D3, the field provided for the article name must also indicate the article that the GUI is applied to (e.g. “electronic devices display, with Graphical User Interface applied to it”). In Form D3, under the part on “statement of novelty”, the applicant can select the option “Others” and provide a statement of novelty stating, e.g. “Novelty resides in the design applied to the electronic device as shown in the representation”. For further details on filing Form D3 via the electronic online system (EOS), please refer to the special IP²SG Practice Direction No. 2 of 2014 which specifies the practice to be adopted when using the EOS provided by the Registry of Designs.
3. Applicants must file a dynamic GUI as a series of static representations of the design
GUIs may be either static (e.g. non-animated) or dynamic (e.g. animated). A dynamic GUI is to be filed in an application as a series of static representations, where each representation (in the form of a drawing or photograph) shows a freeze-frame of the GUI in action. The parts for which protection is sought are to be identified in solid lines. The parts for which protection is not claimed are to be indicated by means of broken or stippled lines, or shaded portions, and these disclaimed portions are to be indicated in Form D3 accordingly. The applicant may provide, in a cover letter or separate document accompanying Form D3, an explanatory statement for each representation to clearly describe the elements in the GUI (e.g. how they are activated, how they interact, whether the GUI only appears in an “on” state, whether certain GUI elements subsequently arise from user interaction, etc.). As far as possible, the representations must be filed in consecutive order.
4. Number of views allowed for GUIs
Each application should contain a sufficient number of different views to completely disclose the appearance of the claimed design. A total of up to 40 different views of the same GUI may be filed as representations of the design which protection is being sought for. At least 2 views should be filed for a single dynamic GUI. The Registry may, on written request, allow for more than 40 views to be filed.