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Subject: Re: Microsoft want to patent smilies! WTF?!  
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Quote:The patent, which was published by the US patent office on Thursday, covers selecting pixels to create an emoticon image, assigning a character sequence to these pixels and reconstructing the emoticon after transmission.

The patent is for the way smileys are sent. However, this patent is frightening.

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