

## Federal Circuit Supports Dual Patent/Copyright Protection for Interface Software

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*Oracle v. Google* (Fed. Cir. 2014)

More to come on this case, but the bottom line is that the Federal Circuit held that “API packages are entitled to copyright protection” despite their functionality. The court writes “we thus decline any invitation to declare that protection of software programs should be the domain of patent law, and only patent law.”

<http://www.cafc.uscourts.gov/images/stories/opinions-orders/13-1021.Opinion.5-7-2014.1.PDF>