

Australian questions on Graphical User Interface (GUI), Icon and Typeface / Type Font Designs for SCT 40

1. How do GUIs fit within your legislative definition of a design?
2. Does your jurisdiction allow the registration of standalone GUIs applied to any product, and if so, how are these designs examined?
3. Where GUIs are applied to a product, how are they examined in terms of weight given to the visual features where:
 - a. the GUI is the same or similar but applied to different products in the prior art base
 - b. the product is the same but shown in active/resting state in the prior art base vs active/resting state in the application
 - c. the product and GUI in the prior art base is the same similar to one or more but not all of the representations provided showing different stages of the GUI
4. Does legislation in your jurisdiction allow for GUIs to be considered in their active state and is it office practice to consider them in their active state?