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#### USPTO Guideline

#### Something (1) with a Something (2)

- Display screen
- Display panel
- Computer screen
- (or portion thereof)

- Icon
- Graphical User Interface
- integral and active component in the operation of a computer
- Mere display of a picture on a screen will not be accepted

https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-25473.pdf



# What about protecting Virtual Goods?

Consumers spend around \$50 billion USD on gaming loot boxes and skins





https://headstuff.org/entertainment/gaming/it-costs-how-much-unraveling-the-economics-of-gaming-skins/



# What about protecting Virtual Goods?

- AND for metaverse and other applications
- 10 "impossible" virtual furniture pieces sold for \$450,000 at auction







Chair on right went tangible – sells for \$27K and is now in Barcelona museum

https://www.dezeen.com/2021/02/23/andres-reisinger-the-shipping-digital-furniture-auction/



### What about protecting NFT?

- Separately salable and authenticated products
- CrypoPunks Total value of all sales (lifetime) over \$3B
- Solare Player cards selling for more than \$20K







https://cryptopunks.app/ AND https://sorare.com/



### What about protecting NFT?

- Creative exchange value
- Owner of NFT can redeem the digital asset for the physical one.
  (1800 Tequila and Hennessy cognac)
- NFT sneaker drops can be redeemed for physical copies of their digital counterparts







hhttps://blockbar.com/how-it-works AND https://www.nicekicks.com/jeff-staple-rtfkt-studios-meta-pigeon-nft-physical-sneakers/



## EU Design No. 015082730-0001 Animated Characters





# India Reg. No. 419266-001 Device for image analysis in virtual environment





CN Reg. No. 307942043 Person Model (OV AVATAR 02).

The purposes of present design product: for animation, virtual community, the model or doll played.





CN Reg. No. 308420051 Virtual avatar of the intelligent voice assistant in the central control program of the in-vehicle computers.





