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Having been through the pain of a lawsuit versus application I had in production at National Semiconductor, I request that no patent is valid unless it was created in the public realm as reality and not just a written concept.

I had a patent application for a live app. This company had what effectively was a draft concept later acquired by what I would call a patent troll that sued National for infringement. They continued to update their patent during the proceedings with written descriptions of my public web applications because he had a filing date. I had a real business in production. They just had a concept. They kept this patent filing open and continued to "clarify" what was really meant by the original application by going through my public application and documenting what they really meant when the original filing was made. Nuts.

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