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Office Action (Official Letter) About Applicant's Trademark Application

U.S. Application Serial No. 97118532

Mark: DEVCYCLE

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NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

The USPTO must receive applicant's response to this letter within six months of the issue date below or the application will be abandoned. Respond using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). A link to the appropriate TEAS response form appears at the end of this Office action.

Issue date: August 24, 2022

The referenced application has been reviewed by the assigned trademark examining attorney. Applicant must respond timely and completely to the issue(s) below. 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(a), 2.65(a); TMEP §§711, 718.03.

Search Results

The trademark examining attorney has searched the Office's database of registered and pending marks and has found no conflicting marks that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d). TMEP §704.02; *see* 15 U.S.C. §1052(d).

Summary of Issues

Section 2(e)(1) Refusal – Merely Descriptive
Request for Information--Descriptive

Section 2(e)(1) Refusal – Merely Descriptive

Registration is refused because the applied-for mark merely describes a feature and function of applicant's services. Trademark Act Section 2(e)(1), 15 U.S.C. §1052(e)(1); *see* TMEP §§1209.01(b), 1209.03 *et seq.*

A mark is merely descriptive if it describes an ingredient, quality, characteristic, function, feature, purpose, or use of an applicant's goods and/or services. TMEP §1209.01(b); *see, e.g., In re TriVita, Inc.*, 783 F.3d 872, 874, 114 USPQ2d 1574, 1575 (Fed. Cir. 2015) (quoting *In re Oppedahl & Larson LLP*, 373 F.3d 1171, 1173, 71 USPQ2d 1370, 1371 (Fed. Cir. 2004)); *In re Steelbuilding.com*, 415 F.3d 1293, 1297, 75 USPQ2d 1420, 1421 (Fed. Cir. 2005) (citing *Estate of P.D. Beckwith, Inc. v. Comm'r of Patents*, 252 U.S. 538, 543 (1920)).

The applicant applied to register the mark DEVCYCLE for “software as a service (SAAS) services featuring software enabling developers and businesses to manage feature flags, experiments and personalization for development, deployment, and rollout of software code.”

As demonstrated by the attached entry from the online Dictionary.com, the term DEV is an abbreviation for “software development.” *See* also the attached websites from Abbreviation Finder and Acronym24 defining “dev” to mean “development.” The attached Wikipedia article defines “software development” as “the process of conceiving, specifying, designing, programming, documenting, testing, and bug fixing involved in creating and maintaining applications, frameworks, or other software components. Software development involves writing and maintaining the source code, but in a broader sense, it includes all processes from the conception of the desired software through to the final manifestation of the software, typically in a planned and structured process. Software development also includes research, new development, prototyping, modification, reuse, re-engineering, maintenance, or any other activities that result in software products.” The attached online Merriam-Webster dictionary defines CYCLE as “an interval of time during which a sequence of a recurring succession of events or phenomena is completed.” In addition, the attached third-party websites at <https://medium.com/@jilvanpinheiro/software-development-life-cycle-sdlc-phases-40d46afbe384> defines “cycle” regarding the life of a software, e.g., “software life cycle models describe phases of the software cycle and the order in which those phases are executed.” Moreover,

applicant's identification indicates software development services. Therefore, DEV merely describes a function and CYCLE merely describes a feature of applicant's services.

Generally, if the individual components of a mark retain their descriptive meaning in relation to the goods and/or services, the combination results in a composite mark that is itself descriptive and not registrable. *In re Fat Boys Water Sports LLC*, 118 USPQ2d 1511, 1516 (TTAB 2016) (citing *In re Tower Tech, Inc.*, 64 USPQ2d 1314, 1317-18 (TTAB (2002)); TMEP §1209.03(d); *see, e.g., Apollo Med. Extrusion Techs., Inc. v. Med. Extrusion Techs., Inc.*, 123 USPQ2d 1844, 1851 (TTAB 2017) (holding MEDICAL EXTRUSION TECHNOLOGIES merely descriptive of medical extrusion goods produced by employing medical extrusion technologies); *In re Cannon Safe, Inc.*, 116 USPQ2d 1348, 1351 (TTAB 2015) (holding SMART SERIES merely descriptive of metal gun safes); *In re King Koil Licensing Co.*, 79 USPQ2d 1048, 1052 (TTAB 2006) (holding THE BREATHABLE MATTRESS merely descriptive of beds, mattresses, box springs, and pillows).

Only where the combination of descriptive terms creates a unitary mark with a unique, incongruous, or otherwise nondescriptive meaning in relation to the goods and/or services is the combined mark registrable. *See In re Colonial Stores, Inc.*, 394 F.2d 549, 551, 157 USPQ 382, 384 (C.C.P.A. 1968); *In re Positec Grp. Ltd.*, 108 USPQ2d 1161, 1162-63 (TTAB 2013).

In this case, DEVCYCLE immediately describes a feature and function of applicant's services, i.e., software services to enable others in the development, deployment and rollout of software during its life or otherwise known as software development cycle and otherwise shortened to devcycle. Therefore, the combination of terms does not create a unique or incongruous meaning.

For the above reasons, the proposed mark DEVCYCLE directly and immediately conveys information about applicant's services. Accordingly, the proposed mark is merely descriptive, and registration is properly refused on the Principal Register under section 2(e)(1).

Although applicant's mark has been refused registration, applicant may respond to the refusal(s) by submitting evidence and arguments in support of registration.

Suggest Amendment to Supplemental Register

The applied-for mark has been refused registration on the Principal Register. Applicant may respond to the refusal by submitting evidence and arguments in support of registration and/or by amending the application to seek registration on the Supplemental Register. *See* 15 U.S.C. §1091; 37 C.F.R. §§2.47, 2.75(a); TMEP §§801.02(b), 816. Amending to the Supplemental Register does not preclude applicant from submitting evidence and arguments against the refusal(s). TMEP §816.04.

Request for Information--Descriptive

Due to the descriptive nature of the applied-for mark, applicant must provide the following information and documentation regarding the goods and/or services and wording appearing in the mark:

- (1) Fact sheets, instruction manuals, brochures, advertisements and pertinent screenshots of applicant's website as it relates to the goods and/or services in the application, including any materials using the terms in the applied-for mark. Merely stating that information about the goods and/or services is available on applicant's website is insufficient to make the information of record.;

(2) If these materials are unavailable, applicant should submit similar documentation for goods and services of the same type, explaining how its own product or services will differ. If the goods and/or services feature new technology and information regarding competing goods and/or services is not available, applicant must provide a detailed factual description of the goods and/or services. Factual information about the goods must make clear how they operate, salient features, and prospective customers and channels of trade. For services, the factual information must make clear what the services are and how they are rendered, salient features, and prospective customers and channels of trade. Conclusory statements will not satisfy this requirement.; and

(3) Applicant must respond to the following questions: services; e.g., Do applicant's services involve software development cycles? Do applicant's competitors use DEV CYCLE or DEV or CYCLE to advertise similar goods and services? Who is the typical consumer of applicant's goods and/or services? Where are applicant's goods and/or services typically purchased and/or provided?

See 37 C.F.R. §2.61(b); TMEP §§814, 1402.01(e).

If applicant submits webpage evidence to satisfy this requirement, applicant must provide (1) an image of the webpage, (2) the date it was accessed or printed, and (3) the complete URL address. *In re ADCO Indus.-Techs., L.P.*, 2020 USPQ2d 53786, at *2 (TTAB 2020) (citing *In re I-Coat Co.*, 126 USPQ2d 1730, 1733 (TTAB 2018)); TMEP §710.01(b). Providing only a website address or hyperlink to the webpage is not sufficient to make the materials of record. *In re ADCO Indus.-Techs., L.P.*, 2020 USPQ2d 53786, at *2 (citing *In re Olin Corp.*, 124 USPQ2d 1327, 1331 n.15 (TTAB 2017); *In re HSB Solomon Assocs., LLC*, 102 USPQ2d 1269, 1274 (TTAB 2012); TBMP §1208.03); TMEP §814.

Applicant has a duty to respond directly and completely to this requirement for information. *See In re Ocean Tech., Inc.*, 2019 USPQ2d 450686, at *2 (TTAB 2019) (citing *In re AOP LLC*, 107 USPQ2d 1644, 1651 (TTAB 2013)); TMEP §814. Failure to comply with a requirement for information is an independent ground for refusing registration. *In re SICPA Holding SA*, 2021 USPQ2d 613, at *6 (TTAB 2021) (citing *In re Cheezwhse.com, Inc.*, 85 USPQ2d 1917, 1919 (TTAB 2008); *In re DTI P'ship LLP*, 67 USPQ2d 1699, 1701-02 (TTAB 2003); TMEP §814).

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- 1 a software developer:
a game dev,
a web dev.

adjective

- 2 software development:
The programmers and animators on the dev team worked late into the night.



QUIZ

QUIZ YOURSELF ON "WAS" VS. "WERE"!

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"Was" is used for the indicative past tense of "to be," and "were" is only used for the subjunctive past tense.

true

false

TAKE THE QUIZ TO FIND OUT

ORIGIN OF DEV

By shortening

WORDS NEARBY DEV

Deutscher, Deutschland, Deutschmark, deutzia, Deux-Sèvres, **dév**, deva, De Valera, de Valois, devaluate, devaluation

OTHER DEFINITIONS FOR DEV (2 OF 2)

dev.

abbreviation

- 1 development.
- 2 deviation.

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HOW TO USE DEV IN A SENTENCE



The YouTube account of Spinks' game *dev* company, Re-Logic, was hit with some kind of terms-of-service violation, resulting in Google banning Spinks' entire Google account, greatly disrupting his company's ability to do business.

TERRARIA DEVELOPER CANCELS GOOGLE STADIA PORT AFTER YOUTUBE ACCOUNT BAN | RON AMADEO | FEBRUARY 8, 2021 | ARS TECHNICA

The way you proceed with step one will depend on your dev and staging environment.

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noun

[kroom-kah-kuh, krahm-keyk]



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Software development is the process of conceiving, specifying, designing, programming, documenting, testing, and bug fixing involved in creating and maintaining applications, frameworks, or other software components.

Software development involves writing and maintaining the source code, but in a broader sense, it includes all processes from the conception of the desired software through to the final manifestation of the software, typically in a planned and structured process.^[1] Software development also includes research, new development, prototyping, modification, reuse, re-engineering, maintenance, or any other activities that result in software products.^[2]

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Methodologies [\[edit\]](#)

One system development methodology is not necessarily suitable for use by all projects. Each of the available methodologies are best suited to specific kinds of projects, based on various technical, organizational, project, and team considerations.^[3]

Software development activities [\[edit\]](#)

Identification of need [\[edit\]](#)

The sources of ideas for software products are plentiful. These ideas can come from [market research](#) which could identify the [demographics](#) of potential new customers, existing customers, sales prospects who rejected the product, other internal software development staff, or a creative third party. Ideas for software products are usually first evaluated by [marketing personnel](#) for economic feasibility, for fit with existing channels distribution, for possible effects on existing product lines, required [features](#), and for fit with the company's marketing objectives. In a marketing evaluation phase, the cost and time assumptions become evaluated. A decision is reached early in the first phase as to whether, based on the more detailed information generated by the marketing and development staff, the project should be pursued further.^[4]

In the book "Great Software Debates", [Alan M. Davis](#) states in the chapter "Requirements", sub-chapter "The Missing Piece of Software Development"

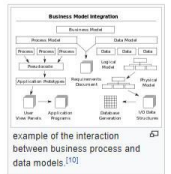
Students of engineering learn engineering and are rarely exposed to finance or marketing. Students of marketing learn marketing and are rarely exposed to finance or engineering. Most of us become specialists in just one area. To complicate matters, few of us

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...may need to integrate with external system engineering capabilities.

- Foster computer assistance in software development and software maintenance processes, and
- An engineering approach to software development and maintenance.

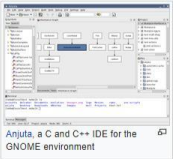
Typical CASE tools exist for configuration management, data modeling, model transformation, refactoring, source code generation.

Modeling language [[edit](#)]

A **modeling language** is any artificial language that can be used to express information or knowledge or systems in a structure that is defined by a consistent set of rules. The rules are used for interpretation of the meaning of components in the structure. A modeling language can be graphical or textual.^[15]

Programming paradigm [[edit](#)]

A **programming paradigm** is a fundamental style of computer programming, which is not generally dictated by the project management methodology (such as waterfall or agile). Paradigms differ in the concepts and abstractions used to represent the elements of a program (such as objects, functions, variables, constraints) and the steps that comprise a computation (such as assignments, evaluation, continuations, data flows). Sometimes the concepts asserted by the paradigm are utilized cooperatively in high-level system architecture design; in other cases, the programming paradigm's scope is limited to the internal structure of a particular program or module. Example: Grady Booch's object-oriented design (OOD), also known as object-oriented analysis and design (OOAD). The Booch model includes six diagrams: class, object, state transition, interaction, module, and process.^[16]



See also [[edit](#)]

- Continuous integration
- Custom software
- Functional specification
- Programming productivity
- Software blueprint
- Software design
- Systems design
- Software development effort estimation
- Software development process
- Software industry
- Software project management
- Specification and Description Language
- User experience
- Video game development
- Web development

Roles and industry [[edit](#)]

- Computer programmer
- Consulting software engineer
- Offshore software development
- Software developer
- Software engineer
- Software publisher

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Other Meanings of DEV

As mentioned above, the DEV has other meanings. Please know that five of other meanings are listed below. You can click links on the left to see detailed information of each definition, including definitions in English and your local language.

Definition in English: Development

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DEV Meaning in Web Development - What does DEV mean in Web Development?

The **meaning of DEV** is Developer and other meanings are located at the bottom which take place within Web Development terminology and DEV has 1 different meaning. All meanings which belong to DEV abbreviation are take part only within Web Development terminology and other meanings are not found. If you want to see other meanings, please click the DEV meaning link. Thus, you will be directed to page which indicates all meanings of DEV.

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DEV Meaning in Web Development

Developer

A software developer is a person concerned with facets of the software development process. Their work includes researching, designing, implementing, and testing software. A software developer may take part in design, computer programming, or software project management. They may contribute to the overview of the project on the application level rather than component-level or individual programming tasks. Software developers are often still guided by lead programmers but the description also encompasses freelance software developers.

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cy·cle | \ ˈsɪ-kəl |

Definition of cycle (Entry 1 of 2)

- 1 : an interval of time during which a sequence of a recurring succession of events or phenomena is completed
// a 4-year cycle of growth and development
- 2
 - a : a course or series of events or operations that recur regularly and usually lead back to the starting point
// ... the common cycle of birth, growth, senescence, and death.
— T. C. Schneirla and Gerard Piel
 - b : one complete performance of a vibration, electric oscillation, current alternation, or other periodic process
 - c : a permutation of a set of ordered elements in which each element takes the place of the next and the last becomes first
 - d : a takeoff and landing of an airplane
- 3 : a circular or spiral arrangement: such as
 - a : an imaginary circle or orbit in the heavens
 - b : RING sense 10
- 4 : a long period of time : AGE
- 5
 - a : a group of events or actions that have the same theme
// a cycle of poems
 - b : a series of narratives dealing typically with the exploits of a legendary hero
// the Arthurian cycle



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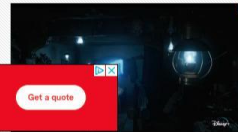
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- :
- the series of a single, double, triple, and home run hit in any order by one player during one baseball game

cycle verb

cycled; cycling \ ˈst-k(ə-)lɪŋ \

Definition of cycle (Entry 2 of 2)

intransitive verb

- 1
- a

:

to pass through a cycle

// The menu *cycles* through all the options.

// Because the traditional HVAC system *cycles* on and off—and is powered down when you leave—relief is inconsistent at best.

— Sarah Littleton
- b

:

to recur in cycles

// Freezing temperatures ... aren't the problem. It's when temperatures *cycle* between freezing and thaws, causing pavement to contract and expand ... that can create larger issues.

— Jonathan Oosting
- 2
- :
- to ride a cycle
- specifically*: BICYCLE
- // She *cycles* to work.

transitive verb

: to cause to go through a cycle
// The fact that it [the pump] runs constantly may be a bad sign. It may be *cycling* the water, not removing it.
— Popular Mechanics
// Everything is constantly *cycled* in nature. There is abundant waste in nature, just as there is in industry, but in nature waste constantly flows back into living systems.
— Paul Hawken and William McDonough



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Verb
cycl^{er} \ 'sī-k(a-)lər ➤ \ noun

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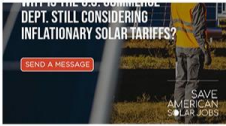
Synonyms: Noun
circle, merry-go-round, round, wheel, zodiac

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Examples of *cycle* in a Sentence

Noun
// We have to wait for the dishwasher's wash and dry *cycles* to end.
// The solar panel is a *cycle* of 180 degrees.



// the spin cycle on a washing machine
// He rode his cycle into town.

Verb

// The water is *cycled* back into the system after it has been used.
// The water *cycles* back into the system.

Recent Examples on the Web: Noun

// Protect Our Future has spent more than \$20 million so far this *cycle*, including \$10 million on a single House primary in Oregon.
— Freddy Brewster, *Los Angeles Times*, 12 Aug. 2022
// In this *cycle*, Johnson is the only sitting Republican senator running for re-election in a state that President Joe Biden won in 2020.
— Bill Glauber, *Journal Sentinel*, 10 Aug. 2022
// The Buckeyes missed on elite Georgia 2023 prospects Caleb Downs and Justice Haynes in this *cycle*, but another high-priority target from the talent-rich state has Ohio State at the top of his list heading into his junior season.
— Robert Fenbers, *cleveland*, 8 Aug. 2022

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First Known Use of *cycle*

Noun

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Verb

1842, in the meaning defined at [intransitive sense 1a](#)





History and Etymology for *cycle*

Noun
Middle English *cicle*, from Late Latin *cyclus*, from Greek *kyklos* circle, wheel, cycle — more at [WHEEL](#)

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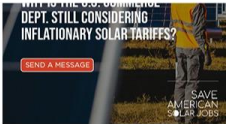
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Kids Definition of *cycle* (Entry 1 of 2)

1

: a period of time taken up by a series of events or actions that repeat themselves again and again in the same order
// the *cycle* of the seasons

2

: a complete round or series
// The dishwasher started its drying *cycle*.

3

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cycle verb

cycled; cycling

Kids Definition of *cycle* (Entry 2 of 2)

: to ride a bicycle or motorcycle

cycle noun

cy·cle | \ ˈsɪ-kəl \

Medical Definition of *cycle* (Entry 1 of 2)

- 1 : a recurring series of events: as
- a (1) : a series of stages through which an organism tends to pass once in a fixed order
// the common *cycle* of birth, growth, senescence and death
— T. C. Schneirla & Gerard Piel
also : a series of stages through which a population of organisms tends to pass more or less in synchrony
// the mosquito-hatching *cycle*
— see [LIFE CYCLE](#)
 - (2) : a series of physiological, biochemical, or psychological stages that recur in the same individual
— see [CARDIAC CYCLE](#), [MENSTRUAL CYCLE](#)
— [KREBS CYCLE](#)
 - b : one complete performance of a vibration, electric oscillation, current alternation, or other periodic process
 - c : a series of ecological stages through which a substance tends to pass and which usually but not always leads back to the starting point
// the *cycle* of nitrogen in the living world

2 : [RING sense 2](#)

Other Words from *cycle*

cyclic \ 'sī-klīk *also* 'sīk-līk \ or **cyclical** \ 'sī-klī-kəl ⓘ, 'sīk-lī- ⓘ \ *adjective*
cyclically \ -k(ə-)lē ⓘ *also* **cyclicly** \ 'sī-klī-klē, 'sīk-lī- ⓘ \ *adverb*

cycle *intransitive verb*

cycled; cycling

Medical Definition of *cycle* (Entry 2 of 2)

: to undergo the estrous cycle
// the mare has begun *cycling*



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