





What is an invention? What is a patentable invention?

For a valid Patent to be obtained, an invention must be:

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2. Inventive
3. Capable of industrial application
4. Not excluded from patentability
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