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I spent much of my early days being ridiculed for envisioning a software service that didn't yet have an environment on which to exist. I reached out to larger more established companies for collaboration and sought customers to provide my service for, but instead had my brain picked, and my ideas siphoned off as these organizations then developed their own "in-house" products and services. My patent will be issued/published tomorrow by the USPTO and I can only thank you for ensuring that independent inventors like me are not robbed. Otherwise we will be reduced to nothing but "unpaid consultants" as larger companies use their much larger pockets to race us to the marketplace without due compensation. THANK YOU!

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