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The DOCX requirement is IT bureaucracy run amuck. All preliminary evaluations by practitioners shows that the software is not ready for prime time. The burden of checking a filed document in detail should not be placed on the filer.

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