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I feel like anything I have to say on the matter will have already been more eloquently stated by someone else, but in my opinion, this country desperately needs to put a stop to the practice of patenting software.

Software source code is already protected by copyright, which is as it should be. Vague ideas (which are never truly unique) do not deserve legal protections. The only winners are the lawyers.

Software patents stifle, rather than promote innovation. From my perspective, the entire software industry sits in a morass of confusion largely as a result of software patents. No one really understands what is going on, because the system does not make sense and does not work.

When you have companies whose sole business plan is to buy up software patents (or any other rights) to sue other people for work that they did not actually do, the system is broken and needs patched.

Today, we can live with it, although it's getting more difficult as the years go by. I genuinely fear for the future of the industry in this country unless the madness stops.

Please give serious consideration to the arguments against the software patenting process from the people who are experts on the situation.