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It is very important that people are able to make open source software and effectively give it to others. Way too many trivial software ideas have been patented. Open source is a tremendously empowering process for individuals.
Ideas come mostly from individuals, not large entities. The internet itself is an example of the open dissemination of ideas.

The patent process must be open:

- applications for patents must be readily available and individuals should be alerted when a patent in a certain area is being files.
- patent law processes must be readily available to non-legally trained people.

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