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Dear USPTO,

I'm writing to add to comments for the software patents round table event.

Software patents are a scourge on the IT industry. They simply enable patent trolls to shake down successful entrepreneurs. It hampers the innovation that the patent system is supposed to promote. No software engineer looks at existing patents when looking to implement an idea. Nobody. Only lawyers looking to profit from someone else's success are interested in software patents.

Software research and development has very little up front cost. It's nothing like the industries where patents make sense, like the drug industry. Innovation in the software industry will best occur if there are no software patents.

The software patent system is broken. We don't need it fixed. We need it removed. Please do so.

thanks,

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