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I have been writing computer software for more than 40 years, using a variety of languages, operating systems, etc. When I started, there were no software patents; with luck, they will have disappeared again by the time I exit the field.

I have no legal training, either in general or in the field of patent law. However, my experience as a programmer tells me that software patents are a burden to the industry, with very detrimental effects on productivity.

Programmers produce inventions continually; it is a fundamental part of their work. Expecting them to search through millions of patents to find out whether each line of code is patented is an unreasonable and unrealistic burden.

Yours, Rich Morin
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