To Whom It May Concern at USPTO:

I'm writing to support elimination or reduction of software patents in light of the Bilski v. Kappos decision. Software patents are written far too broadly, and cover behaviors that are fundamental to the medium of computer programs. As an interaction designer, I feel restricted by the many software patents that appear to remove obvious forms and behaviors from the purview of my abilities in order to conceive a new product. Infringement feels unavoidable, even when I'm ignorant of a patent.

Also, now that computers are near-ubiquitous, it's easier than ever for an individual to create or modify software to perform the specific tasks they want done — and more important than ever that they be able to do so. But a single software patent can put up an insurmountable, and unjustifiable, legal hurdle for many would-be designers and developers. This is a harm to education, and freedom of expression. Software should be an open channel of creative production to support the betterment of humanity.

Thank you for your time & attention.

Regards,
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