To Whom it May Concern:

I am encouraging you to reduce or eliminate the applicability of "Software Patents".

I am a talented computer programmer, of the sort whom one might expect would be the beneficiary of such patents, but I see software as a bunch of inputs and outputs. These inputs get processed by computation (math) to produce a result (an output). By viewing the input and seeing the output, most computer programmers can figure out the algorithm employed, or come up with an entirely new algorithm of getting the same result. This problem space boils down to math, and math isn't patentable.

Regards,

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