Dear Sirs:

As a software developer for 24 years, I have seen a lot of software. Many of it was very similar even though it was independently written. Allowing software to be patented that is just a reconfiguration of existing principles is wrong and eliminates the ability of companies to develop systems to support their business. It is similar to being able to copyright the use of words in a sentence. Yes a literary work should be protected but not the concept of putting words together into sentences.   If software is plagiarized then yes, but we must be careful to not let these patents overreach.

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