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Subject: Please stop issuing software patents.

Dear USPTO,

I don't live in the USA, but your software patents still negatively effect my life. They cripple the software I use. They force deprecated systems and interfaces to propagate and insure that the software I use is below standard. They inhibit progress and prevent efficient use of computers worldwide. They inhibit progress by all other developers, having to find other un-patented solutions that are often sub optimal. It wastes time energy and enthusiasm. A world of people are being dissuaded from committing themselves to software development, due to your artificial barriers in the field. I want to personally urge you to reconsider your policies.

'The USPTO can, and should, exclude software from patent eligibility on other legal grounds: because software consists only of mathematics, which is not patentable, and the combination of such software with a general-purpose computer is obvious.'

Regards

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