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I am a software developer. I work in the industry. I have assisted as an expert in patent litigation. My work is intrinsically bound up in this world, and so I'm of two minds on this topic.

I have watched for years as the USPTO has struggled with software patents. Now, with Bilski, guidance has become so contorted that it has no hope of dealing with software patents. Examples of granted patents so obvious and easily demonstrated to be obviated by prior art, even textbooks, is making a mockery of the patent system. For it to work as it should, either there needs to be an awesome staffing effort where training and critical thinking are matched with deep, deep resources for prior art search, or the Office should disallow software patents altogether.

The chaos of the current system cannot stand. Our country needs to do this right or not at all.

Sincerely,  
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