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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,  
Elizabeth