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Hi.

I read about this online, which I know has gone over the deadline so i shall keep it very quick in the hope I don't waste anyone's time.

I read somewhere that patents were not created just to protect the inventor of something, but to also provide a means of protecting the intellectual capital of an invention - as the patent should be registered with all the information required to re-create the invention itself.

Now, for software patents, I understand that just ideas are being patented (such as clicking a link in a web browser to buy something), so I would suggest that such ideas are invalid to the patent office - because they do not show how this idea would be used. There is no blueprint or example of this being used in any practical way.

So, I would like to see (if software patents are kept) the actual software implementation of such ideas. If someone wants to patent a software system that clicks links in a shopping cart - then let them deliver the patent with code that does just that!

Not only will this end the vague 'idea only' patents as something of substance would have to be shown to the patent office, but it would help with subsequent lawsuits as any patent granted would be able to be validated against infringing code with little ambiguity. The code could be compared to see if it was (substantially?) similar. Also the invented code would be present for all to see if the patentee disappeared or otherwise failed to keep the patent valid.

thank you.
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