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Dear Patent Office

I urge you to stop software patents. I use the GNU General Public License software and write software using this free software. I view writing software like mathematical equations not patentable. If I write a math equation like the quadratic equation in software it should not be patentable. Software Patents stifle innovations because the person has to figure out what Patent they might infringe. I would have to patent research on everything I wrote. It would put America at a disadvantage will the rest of the world at an advantage. There are other vehicles such as Copyrights for software which have a greater impact. Software can be only made with writing it in software. If math equations were patentable it would put us back years. Think of Albert Einstein sharing  $E=mc^2$  with the world it revolutionized the physics world. Think about if it had to patented where we would be at. I would think behind the rest of the world. If an idea is based on a physical object being made yes but on writing of software no. Where will it stop. Should I start patenting letters. Please stop software patents.

Thank you

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