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Dear Sir,

Not only are they anticompetitive weapons, they are ridiculous as to what flows out of the PTO. I have seen routines patented that have been around for decades. So, besides the fact that the PTO doesn't know what it's doing, it's probably impossible to manage effectively, efficiently, and with any sort of fairness. It's an anticompetitive tool for corporate behemoths, plain and simple. You will get all of the reasons from others but surely you can see this.

Who started software patents? Why IBM and Microsoft of course.

In addition, all you are doing is driving the industry into other markets.

End software patents. It's an abomination of the notion of "intellectual property."

Regards,

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