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Hello,

Wanted to throw in my 2 cents.

I believe software patents do more harm than good. They hurt innovation. They hurt hobbyists and tinkers. They do this by putting legal roadblocks in the way of the people that want or are required to use the software.

It confuses me on how software can even be patented. Inside of software they are math, logic and algorithms( more math ) that cannot and should not be patentable. In our current day and age software is increasingly being built on top of other software. My average web project consists of 20% - 50% open source code from elsewhere and the rest stuff I created with the help of the the previously mentioned open source non patented code.

Thanks,

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