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Subject: Software Patents Hurt American Businesses and Consumers

Dear USPTO,

I am glad to hear that you are considering narrowing or eliminating software patents. As a software developer, I can tell you that many software patents prevent me from doing things that are "obvious." Most software patents cover algorithms that any programmer would arrive at in an effort to tackle a problem, and thus the publication of how a particular developer arrived at this solution and the protection granted them by law is unnecessary and damaging to others. Consumers lose because software programs that would otherwise be developed inexpensively out of the good will of the development community will either not be developed because they are cost prohibitive, or require a fee that is passed on to the patent holder. I urge you to eliminate or restrict these patents as much as possible.

Thanks,
Noah Dyer