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Software patents are harmful to us all:

- * They prevent work-alike standardization in digital tools, making them harder to use and build.

- * They allow predatory behavior among businesses that stifle innovation and beneficial economic activity.

- * They are demonstrably impossible to manage, organize, and research by the USPTO, causing results that are laughable and very counterproductive.

- * Prior art is all too often ignored, causing undue financial burden on individual and not-for-profit contributors and inventors.

Patenting software and software behavior causes problems akin to patenting seeds, genes, and medical advances. We need to be extremely careful not to privatize our species out of a better future.

Thank you.

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