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Hi,

I run a software business. According to the founding fathers, the purpose of patents was to encourage innovation. However, software patents (in my case) discourage innovation. The software I write is not very complex. I am able to design any algorithms or source code that I need by myself.

On the contrary, I am often fearful that my software is violating hundreds of patents that have been granted by the patent office, unknowingly. I have good reason to suspect this given some of the trivial patents that I have seen granted.

So in my case, software patents do not encourage innovation. Rather they discourage my business endeavors through fear and uncertainty.

Please stop or severely restrict the issuance of software patents.

Thanks for considering this input.

Sincerely,

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<http://www.fastmail.fm> - Same, same, but different...