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Subject: Please cease issuing software patents.

Dear USPTO,

As a Computer Scientist, I find Software Patents highly worrying. You do not create a piece of software, just like you do not create a mathematical equation.

On top of that, the greater good is not served by issuing Software Patents. Much of the software that has helped to build the Internet as it's currently known was built as a communal exercise, building upon other programmers efforts to arrive at a truly useful piece of software (Sendmail, Fetchmail, Wikipedia, GCC, Telnet, Apache, and OpenSSH to name a few). None of that would have been possible if we had closed off the efforts of those who came before us, and I would not be able to send this e-mail to you today (chances are this conversation wouldn't be happening without the efforts of the Open Source community).

As such, I urge you, whole heartedly, to cease issuing Software Patents, as they are a danger to the future of computing, and to the welfare of society as a whole.

Thank you for your time,
Evan Niessen-Derry