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Software is a nascent field that has a long way to go.

Imagine patenting the ability to use mud and bricks to build buildings when the building industry was being created.

It would have stifled innovation for a long time and we would still be living in caves (if someone didn't patent that first).

Patents would make a lot of sense in mature industries where the next innovative idea is harder to come-by and is resource intensive.

I believe software has a long way to go and USPTO would help its progress by invalidating software patents for a few decades.

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