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I am a free-lance programmer trying to develop new products. I want to innovate. Patents only discourage me from doing that. I cannot afford thousands of dollars to file patents, and I know that if I ever become successful there will always be the possibility that patent litigation could bankrupt my business.

I am not against software patents in principle, just in practice. I don't know of a single case where software patents have encouraged innovation. I am sure such a case exists. However, I know of many cases where software patents have discouraged innovation. We have lost track of the intent of patents. Please keep that in mind when creating the new guidelines.

Thank You,
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