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Hello,
I'm an employee for a national lab within the department of energy,
as well as someone with a graduate degree in computer science.
One might think it may be in my interest to allow software to be
patentable.
After all, with the resources of the DOE at my disposal any great idea
I come up with could be patented to make money for my laboratory
as well as myself through royalties. However, I'm personally against
software patents. Being clever is what makes my profession fun, if
I'm able to devise a solution to a problem I shouldn't be allowed to bar
others from reaching that same conclusion.

There are plenty of ways to make money in technology, keeping
smart people from doing what they're good at isn't improving anything
for anyone except for the corporations able to afford the patent
process and lawyers.

The USPTO should exclude software from patent eligibility.

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