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I would encourage you to reduce or eliminate the use of "Software
Patents".

I am a talented computer programmer, of the sort whom one might expect
would be the beneficiary of such patents. Instead, they are a
disincentive for me to do any work in the field. I do not believe it
is possible to release any significant piece of software in this
country without exposing myself to undue legal liability through
patent infringement.

This is not because my ideas are not original, but because too many
unduly broad patents patents have already been issued. If properly
challenged, many of these patents would fall due to obviousness or
evidence of prior art. But lacking the resources to mount such a
defense, I simply avoid making creations that would otherwise be of
benefit to society.

I do not believe this is the intended effect of patents. I and the
country would benefit from a better law.

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