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CC: [e-mail redacted]I write today on the topic of software inventions.

Software is an interesting field in that it allows a single author to create a completely unique invention while inadvertently infringing upon the patents of others. The infringed patents are often unrelated to the primary field of the invention and, as such, serve to hinder the advancement of the art of software. Furthermore, the breadth of software parents already granted ensures that my day-to-day activities result in inadvertent infringement. This occurs because software patents are often granted for solutions that are obvious to a software engineer and these solutions often have applicability to other situations.

As a small-business owner and software engineer, I ask that you consider software inventions to not be patentable.

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