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As software professional I see no redeeming value in software patents. They are not, as intended, spurs to innovation. Instead, they have had a chilling, stifling effect on the industry. Countless small business have run afoul of large patent warchests which effectively restrict entry into the market. In a knowledge driven economy, the idea that someone can own and control an idea such as an algorithm is as ludicrous as trying to patent mathematical formulas and numbers. I daresay that none of these software patents are truly unique and, instead, build on and grow from an existing knowledge base. I urge you, then, to revise your policies to exempt software from patentability and level the playing field for all of us so that we can truly begin to innovate without fear.

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