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Hello,

As a professional software engineer, please allow me to join the chorus against software patents.

Software is an incredibly complicated and nuanced field. The USPTO lacks the personnel to effectively grant software patents, as demonstrated by many patents on laughably ubiquitous software ideas.

Even if this lack of knowledge were remedied, I believe the abolition of software patents as a whole would be a wonderful thing for our industry. The current patent system is simply a mismatch for this new field.

Thank you,
Ben Orenstein