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As a software developer, I would like to voice my opinion on the upcoming patent guidelines.

I believe that innovation in software happens so rapidly that a company which brings an invention to market first will undoubtedly reap an economic advantage, and thus does not need the special rights granted by a patent. In such cases, a patent simply prevents other entities from creating similar products which most likely would have been created regardless. Additionally, this makes the development of innovative Free Software, on which so much of the world now relies, more difficult or impossible.

Software is the logical combination of mathematical principles, and thus should belong to the public.

Thank you-
-Greg Sabo