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Dear USPTO,

Among with many programmers, I would like you to consider
the standards for a software patent, if not eliminate software
patents all together.

A number of innovations in software are not documented explicitly
but appear in shareware and freeware programs that are available for
only a couple years. One example of such a patents are the ones
Lodsys are suing iOS developers over. A number of shareware
programs since the 1990s have used such a technology. In addition,
a number of software developers consider such a technology
obvious.

Independent programmers do not often have the resources to file
and obtain a patent on innovations so once the shareware program
is removed from the internet, there isn't always a clear record
of when a technology was first used.

In addition, a number of programmers recognize their ideas
are obvious to other programmers. A number of software patents
are blatantly obvious to many programmers such as Amazon's
one-click patent and are not innovations.

Please do what you can to undo the damage software
patents do on innovation in the software industry

Sincerely,
Jonathan