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**Subject:** Request for Comments and Notice of Roundtable Events for Partnership for Enhancement of Quality of Software-Related Patents

Having participated in creating novel software systems for over a decade and having seen the effects of software patents on our industry, I have the following feedback for the three topics under question.

Extending patents to the software side of computers was a mistake. Patents should be limited to physical devices. We should rework patent law in favor of reducing the ability to patent algorithms, ideas, processes, user interface styles, and many other aspects of information technology.

The benefits will be increased innovation, competition, and progress for the industry. No new development would be harmed in the same way development of novel physical products can be harmed without the protection of traditional patents.

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Thanks,  
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