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Hello,

I've been a software engineer for 11 years, and have my name on a few patents filed by employers.

Software patents are a large mess. They are seemingly granted to anyone for any reason, regardless of often vast amounts of prior art, and are then used as bargaining chips by large rich companies against one another, or by those same companies to crush innocent small companies and individuals, causing a chilling effect or financial destruction.

-bob hagemann