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Hello,

As a software professional, I would strongly advise the USPTO to stop issuing software patents for the following reasons:

- patents are not appropriate mechanisms for encouraging innovation in software, it would be like an author being able to patent a plot device. It is not appropriate.
- they dramatically reduce the effectiveness of the USPTO by flooding the office with patent requests
- they create an industry out of patent purchasing and lawsuit (so called "patent trolls") that is clearly not good for the country or its innovators.

Please, do the right thing, stop issuing software patents.

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