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I have sometimes written small pieces of software and made the source code to that software publicly available in cases where I have had no expectation of getting paid for that work. The software patent system as it currently exists is a disincentive to me doing such work in cases where I might risk infringing on a patent that I might know nothing about. And there is no way in which the patent system encourages me to do more such work.

I believe that putting an end to software patents would encourage individuals to innovate.

I also believe that for profit corporations find copyright is generally adequate to give them an incentive to create software.

I cannot think of one example of a piece of software that would not have been written had software patents not been available.

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