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Hello,

I am taking a moment to speak against software patents on the grounds that software consists solely of mathematics, which is not patentable, and the combination of such software with a general purpose computer is obvious.

Further, I based on my experience as a software research, professional, and entrepreneur, it is my opinion that software patents, as a whole, have done more to restrict innovation than they have done to foster it.

I encourage you to take these views into account while formulating your guidance.

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