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Subject: Software patents are idiotic and stifle innovation.

Free up your resources and stop this nonsense with software patents. Our world is screwed up enough as it is without having to track and enforce these stupid patents given out to things like "One Click", which exactly how many websites do "One Click" and came up with it independently? My highly technical number - a bazillion. It helps consumers, everyone does it, and yet it's still technically "illegal" to use because Amazon patented the process.

Think of all the man-decades that have been spent creating, reviewing, processing, analyzing, defending, suing, and having heart attacks over these patents; think of how many other more useful things could have been done with that effort and money. You, the USPTO, have many other more important things to do with yourselves.

As a developer myself, I can't tell you how many times I've been inspired by or downright stolen an idea or process and tried to make it better. It is that way in art, it is that way in business, and yet the government and law seem to abhor the idea. Think of all the great FOSS that is out there that wouldn't have been able to survive if it had been patented. Is that some sort of coincidence? I posit that it is not.

Anyway, stop this madness, it'll only get worse.

Sincerely,
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