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Subject: I'm against Software Patents

Hello folks.

My name is John Fiala, and I've been a software developer for the last, oh twenty years in one way or another. I'm against Software patents because they stifle my job - just because I try doing something fun in code, I don't want or shouldn't have to search around and see if someone's come up with the same sort of ways of doing things. Physical items I can see patenting, but software is just an arrangement of methods of processing data, and I just don't see how that makes any sense at all. I'm sorry I'm not terribly eloquent on this subject - I'm not a Patent Lawyer, I'm just a dude in the trenches who doesn't see how software patents help innovation at all.

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