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Subject: Comment of the Supreme Court's Bilski decision and software patents

Hi,

I would like to share my opinion on the Supreme Court's Bilski decision. Being a computer programmer for the US Department of Labor hired as a private contractor to perform work on Government web sites, my programming work is not very different than writing a novel. Though the government owns my complete work (e.g. a particular web application), portions of what I have written in computer code should not be subject to be patented anymore than particular sentences of a novel can be copyrighted. The same basic sets of code I have used to build their web site will be reused when I take on other contracts for other companies or government agencies. No two products will be alike in their finality, but each will include reusable code that no one should be able to patent and restrict the usage of.

Allowing IT companies to patent basic principles of computer mechanics is like allowing the NFL to patent a forward pass or the NBA to patent its double dribble rule. It just makes no sense and stymies productivity and the common sense use of universally known technologies. I support the elimination of all software patents, and hope you consider to do so as well.

Thanks,

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