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As a computer user and software developer, I am very concerned with the expansion of software patents.

As computers become a larger part of everyone's lives there are more and more reasons that a person may want to make a change to the software they use to accomplish their daily tasks. Software patents are damaging to users of software who want to be able to make customizations to that software. Software patents are dangerous to developers, who time and again, are accused of patent violation.

I agree wholeheartedly with the Free Software Foundation. Software should not be patentable. It does not make sense. It discourages innovation within the industry.

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