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Hello. I'm a professional software developer. I believe that software patents greatly hinder progress in the industry as a whole, and discourages innovation. At their worst, software patents are used by those who do not contribute to leech money from those who actually create. Simply no longer issuing them could be a great step forward to fixing the situation.