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Executive summary: Eliminate all software patents

Software patents offer nothing to benefit the citizens of the United States, and only stymie innovation and growth through overly broad approval and resulting legal fights. The only beneficiaries of software patents are lawyers who profit over the wrangling, and large corporations with the resources to enforce mutually ensured destruction via lawsuit. Individual innovators and smaller companies cannot compete.

Truly unique code can readily be protected via copyright.

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