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I work as a software developer. I've done this for 12 years. Software patents create a minefield which I cannot help but to ignore, because software boils down to algorithms, and algorithms are simply math. I am sure to accidentally tread upon someone's patent every single day.

No one can patent  $2+2=4$ , and no one should be able to patent software algorithms, or by extension software itself.

Thank you for soliciting the feedback of those most affected by software patents, the developers and users of software.

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