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*** NO SOFTWARE PATENTS!! ***

In a world with software patents, every programmer is likely to violate hundreds of patents throughout their career. There is no way they can know which, since they cannot read and remember the entire patent base, no matter how well-maintained. Every program is a ticking time bomb of patent litigation, as you never know when someone might turn up and say they have an ancient patent that is applicable.

THE MOVE TOWARDS SOFTWARE PATENTS IS INSANE,
ANTI-GROWTH, COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, AND
DESTRUCTIVE.

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