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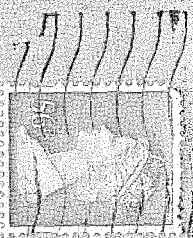
I feel strongly that Software patents should not be applied to any computer software. Computer software is written in programming languages, similar to books being written in languages. Copyright is enough protection for literature and so it should also be enough protection for computer software. It would be ridiculous to patent a phrase, I see a similar problem developing with software patents.

The great thing about software is one person or group of people can produce something and lots of people can use it. If it is under general license, (e.g gpl) programmers can alter it and pass it on. If it is subject to patents, Smaller software firms and free software will be threatened by larger software producers who will buy up substantial amount of patents effectively roadblocking new technologies for many developers and users.

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