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Why abolish software patents? Please have a read through any of the following argument points from [http://en.swpat.org/wiki/Why\\_abolish\\_software\\_patents](http://en.swpat.org/wiki/Why_abolish_software_patents)

Technology is our future, it's our exploration of space, it's our lifeblood. Patent "Trolls" aim to retard the progress of technology through meaningless patent harvesting and attacks on useful technological organizations merely for strategic and monetary gain.

- All businesses are targets
- Antitrust doesn't work
- Blocking innovation and research
- Blocking useful freedoms
- Blocks competing software, reducing choice
- Breaks software distribution methods
- Controlling entire markets
- Costs are astronomically disproportionate for SMEs and individuals
- Costs of the patent system to governments
- Examples of use for sabotage
- Freedom of expression
- Harm to standards
- Harms to education
- Hindering competition, obstructing the free market
- Incompatible timespans
- Infringement is unavoidable
- Insurance against patent litigation doesn't work
- Invalid patents remain unchallenged
- Jobs and skills
- Just a Use of the Patented General Purpose Computer
- Low risk
- Patent ambush
- Patent trolls
- Publishing information is made dangerous
- Software is math
- Software is too abstract, patent quality is bad
- Software patents harm SMEs
- Software progress happens without patents
- Speculation
- The disclosure is useless
- The failing solutions are expensive

Please put an end to Software patents.

Thank You!  
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