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The purpose of patents is to stimulate invention.

In computers, algorithms are the building blocks of programs. One algorithm is based on another, which is based on two more, each based on even more algorithms. To patent one of these algorithms is to make it unavailable for anyone to build on, to invent with, to better society and advance computing.

In addition, copyright and trade secrets are more than sufficient to protect an entity's investment and invention.

Software patents don't contribute to innovation, rather they damage it.

Thank you for reading this.

~ Ian (a software developer)