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I've been writing software professionally for over 25 years. Almost every software patent I've ever heard of makes me question the experience of the USPTO.

Given how hard it is to reverse bad patents, the USPTO should err against issuing software patents. If you don't have the expertise to fully understand a patent application, you should deny it. I've heard tales of patent lawyers deliberately seeking incomprehensible software patents so that they will be able to assert them against anything. This tactic should never succeed.

Patents are extremely powerful. The USPTO should be much more judicious about issuing them than it has been in recent memory.

Sincerely,  
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