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Hi Victoria Espinel,

I read your article at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2010/02/23/intellectual-property-and-risks-public> and I have only two comments. First I think in order for our IP to be an asset in increasing American Ingenuity the patent office needs to be able to award patents faster; I don't think patents protection lengths should be longer as this just stagnates the economy and doesn't allow for further innovations; but taking 3 years to file a patent or resolve a patent re-examine request just doesn't work. Second, as a professional computer engineer I don't believe software should be given the IP protections of patents as I don't believe anything made with a common "language" can be genuinely unique and it creates an over burden on our IP system, see point 1. I think software should absolutely receive copyright protections as it is a vital system and needs to be encouraged to innovate but I don't think the patent system is a acceptable fit as it limits use of what is always obvious given a implementation language.

Thank you for taking this time for public opinions,
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