

## Software patents...

IBM have filed a "friend of the Court" brief as the USA Supreme Court considers "Re: Bilski".

Apparently, we've all been worrying unnecessarily because "patent protection has promoted the free sharing of source code [&] which has fuelled the explosive growth of open source software development"

This statement reminds of an off-colour joke about Rodney King, "if you play the film backwards you can see that, actually, the LAPD are helping him up"

I've never rated the OIN as a solution, because it's always felt a bit like neighbourhood restaurant fire "insurance"

Brush up your arguments against software patents I think the EU will be getting a "friendly" briefing

-- Gerry Gavigan, OSC Chairman, 3rd September 2009