

Re: Lisp is Sin

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Cameron MacKinnon wrote:

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> So you're envisioning some sort of giant organization, like the Nobel
> Prize committee, but a million times bigger, presumably supported by
> taxation? And inventors would have to hope they get noticed, and that
> the judges don't show favouritism along country or zaibatsu lines? That
> sounds like a big, expensive, easily corruptible drag on the market to me.
[..]
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> The current system, for all its warts, has the advantage of bringing me
> an awful lot of neat stuff for cheap, having stimulated the greatest era
> of invention that mankind has ever known. The costs of regulation are
> comparatively low, and borne by the companies that benefit. I don't
> think your command-economy solutions would be either cheaper or more
> stimulative than the status quo. This probably isn't the place for this
> debate, either -- that's what slashdot is for.

Quick antidote to the above misinformation... I'm not going to spend much time on this, so I'll just use the words of Steele, Gabriel, Bill Gates's dad, John McCarthy, former Intel head honcho Andy Grove, Noam Chomsky, etc.

(Of course, corporations, patent offices, gov't, etc, are all "command economies," with bureacratic appendages.)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Command_economy

"2.10 Early Common Lisp

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