Seminar proposal – COMP 680

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Proposed Topic: Software intellectual property rights - a presentation on software patents.

The proposal will discuss:

* + A brief overview of software patents and what they are
  + How to patent software
  + Differences between patents and copyrights
  + Liability Issues
  + Current industry issues related to software patents (for example Google vs Oracle)

References:

General articles on software patents:

<http://www.groklaw.net/staticpages/index.php?page=Patents2>

Patent Blog and ethics journal:

<http://patentlyo.com/>

Guide to patenting software:

<http://www.ipwatchdog.com/2013/02/16/a-guide-to-patenting-software-getting-started/id=35629/>

Differences between Copyright and patents:

<http://smallbusiness.chron.com/differences-between-copyright-trademark-3218.html>

Copyrights vs patents:

<https://www.law.washington.edu/lta/swp/law/copyvpatent.html>

Wikipedia Page on Software patent law:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software_patents_under_United_States_patent_law>

Wikipedia Page on Software copyrights law:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software_copyright>

Software Patents Index:

<http://www.bitlaw.com/software-patent/>

Copyright Registration for Computer Programs:

<http://copyright.gov/circs/circ61.pdf>