



# Software Patents in the United States

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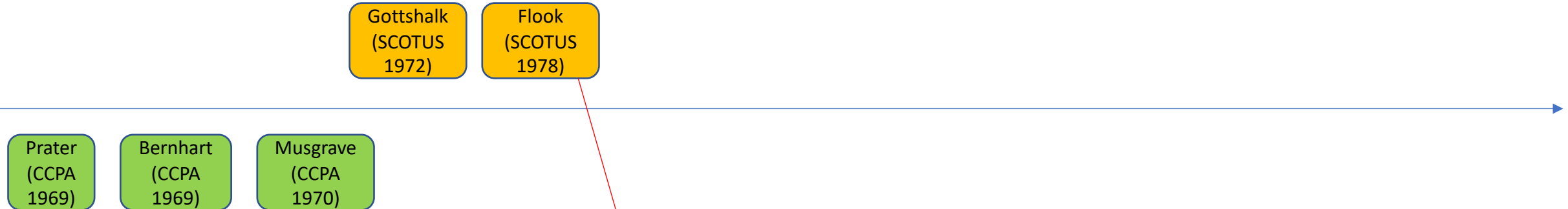
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“We do not hold that no process patent could ever qualify if it did not meet the requirements of our prior precedents. It is said that [our] decision precludes a patent for any program servicing a computer. We do not so hold. “



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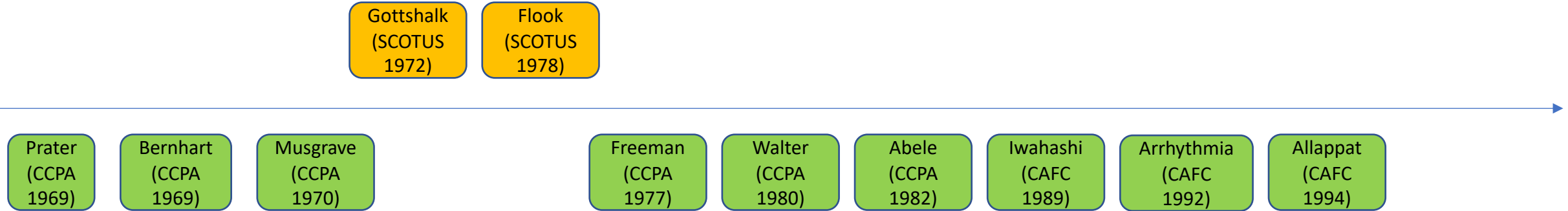
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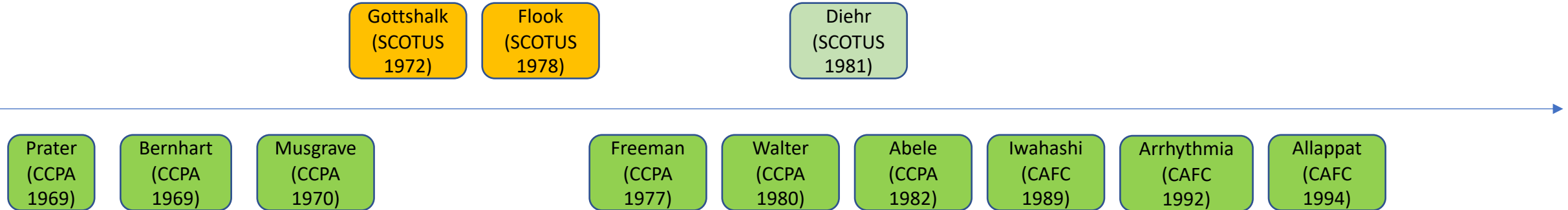
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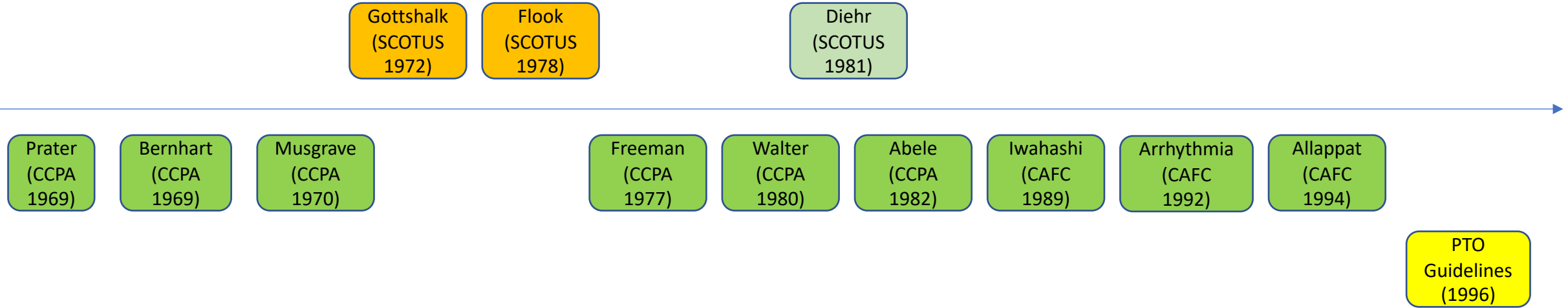


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# Estimates of Software Patents Issued in the United States

