

"Special skills" draft on the drawing board

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The [U.S.] government is taking the first steps toward a targeted military draft of Americans with special skills in computers and foreign languages.

Apparently, there is already a special system to draft “health care personnel”, whatever that means. Can you imagine the havoc that could be wrought by disgruntled programmers forced to write code for the government? So all I have to do now is volunteer at the local hospital and I’ll have hit the conscription jackpot.

[Raymond is currently on vacation; this message was pre-recorded.]

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