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Subject: My opinion on the MS/DOJ settlement

I'm not all that happy with the MS/DOJ settlement. Rather than get angry, though, I'd like to suggest a small change to the terms of the settlement that would make me a lot happier:

Right now there is no penalty for Microsoft if it does not comply with the terms of the settlement. It seems to me that this panel of three experts that oversees Microsoft's compliance should have the power to extract fines from Microsoft for every incidence of noncompliance. Otherwise the whole settlement seems silly. Microsoft agrees not to do certain things - but there's no agreed consequence if it does so anyway! I'm especially concerned that Microsoft will find a way to obey the letter, but not the spirit, of the settlement - and that is why a third part must have the ability to punish Microsoft for ignoring this settlement.

Thanks very much for accepting the public feedback via this email address. It means a lot to know that even if you don't agree, you've heard my opinion.

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