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When determining an appropriate penalty, please remember that Microsoft's practices have harmed consumers and actually damaged the economy through reduced purchase options.

Whatever remedy is approved simply must ensure that the company cannot repeat it's monopolistic behavior. The company has repeatedly demonstrated it's total disdain for the legal system and (as displayed by the current version, Windows XP) it's intention to continue it's illegal practices through bundled software and leveraged control of third-party products. The proposed remedy does not accomplish this.

In the end, additionally, the penalty must address the consumer damages as well. I personally own multiple copies of Microsoft operating systems and office products. I had no choice in my purchases in order to ensure compatibility between my home workstations and my office (U. S. Government) workstation. Cheaper, faster, better options exist - but the Microsoft monopoly left me no choices and required that I spend additional funds. A rebate to consumers who can present valid licenses (which should be simple to track thanks to Microsoft's anti-piracy programs) would be appropriate. Such a rebate should not be in the form of credits toward further purchases of Microsoft products as that would only further enhance their domination.

Thank you.