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We need to force Microsoft to FULLY document their APIs and adhere to open standards for communication protocols for all past and current operating systems. This would allow software developers to compete on the windows platform and compete with the windows platform with compatible operating systems. Closed standards and APIs are what has allowed Microsoft to abuse their monopoly power. If Microsoft had to compete properly, the price of their operating system would decline and consumers would get to keep more of their money to spend on other more tangible things like food, clothing and shelter.

If Microsoft sells 100,000,000 copies (a conservative figure) of their operating system and overcharges \$100.00 per copy, they have just stolen a 10 billion dollars from the citizens of the US and The government. Add to that their policy of using stock options to avoid paying any taxes and they present a drain to the economy greater than any terrorist network. Microsoft Must Be Leashed!

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