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Forget the browser issue, Microsoft continues to steal from us all...

While PC hardware prices have fallen steadily, Windows OS and upgrade prices have risen. The proportions are completely out of whack. WindowsME lists for \$209 and you can buy basic PC hardware for not much more. Remember back when Win3.1 was \$119 and 79? Why the higher price now?

The enormous volume of PCs sold would indicate Microsoft could now charge less to everyone. Shouldn't the public benefit from economies of scale? No need to. There's no competition, so they charge more then call it innovation.

So when are they going to help consumers and drop their absurdly high pricing, and place reasonable charges on support? Where are the economies that come with high volume sales? When there's competition? There isn't any because they eliminated it. Microsoft simply continues to hold the huge userbase hostage.

Please DOJ. It is time to stop them.

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