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The proposed settlement appears to be a complete surrender by the Department of Justice, after soundly trouncing Microsoft in court. What's the point of spending years in court only to barely slap Microsoft on the wrist? A breakup would have been a minimally acceptable outcome, but since the courts have rejected that option, you need to come up with a next-best-thing, instead of throwing your hands up in the air and calling it quits.

If the proposed settlement goes through, it will spell doom for the computer industry.

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