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You really have Gates laughing now. Two courts have ruled he had abused a position of a monopoly and you are giving him a slap on the wrist. He has not been effected by other orders to change his practices, why do you think he will now. In fact he is already positioning things to go around the restrictions and they have not yet been finalized.

Microsoft continues to claim the each new version of software adds features the customers ask for. But I can tell you (having 15 years experience in the business world and now in academics) they have added very little to office, since the first windows version, that even advanced users need. What they have done is incorporated features into Windows that little designers have developed and put them out of business.

And now this school 'gift' is part of the penalty, ha! Gates feels if he can get the young using his software he will have them when they are older. He should have to donate 1B worth of other developers software, to make up for past practices, help the competitors and dilute Microsoft' hold on the market.

If Gate's can out muscle IBM (OS/2), Lotus (Office suite, also IBM) and other large corporations, what chance does the consumer have of seeing creative new produces from small developers?

You need to do much more!

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