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I've just read the news on the proposed one billion dollar settlement.

As I understand the deal, this seems to me to be very much in favor of Microsoft. In addition to few to no changes to their behavior, a portion of the punishment is, in fact, a real benefit to them. The resolution including the dissemination of their software and compatible hardware, training to use their products, and loads of their often bundled software, seems to fly in the face of the very point of the trial.

They have been declared a monopoly for illegal tactics that were specifically meant to increase their market share, for bundling products for free to get market share, and for illegally blocking other's products to gain market share, and now, a good portion of the settlement specifically increases their market share of both the OS and their bundled products.

I believe this settlement should be declined. Microsoft has once again gained the upper hand and will only benefit. The settlement should be made in order to change their behavior, this does nothing to address their behavior and will not change it in the future, allowing them to continue to bilk the public.

In addition, it gives Microsoft an "in" to a market that is currently one of the last strongholds of their only operating system competitor: Apple. How can this be fair to either company?

Please reconsider.

Thank you,

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