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It stinks. It isn't punishment at all, it's a chance for Microsoft to establish a monopoly in the last area (education) in which it doesn't have a clear one yet.

This is just like the last slap in the hand that Microsoft got for pushing everyone around and holding the industry back, and will be just as effective -- not at all. Microsoft will ignore the new rules it's under because they will know, having had it happen twice, that they can break the law as much as they want, and all they have to do is go to court every ten years and get slapped with a tiny settlement.

Stand up and fight them. They have held back my industry long enough. They are the driving force behind making software worse for everyone. We are all affected, we're depending on you to stop it.

Yours,
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