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I would like to express my opinion that the micorsoft settlement is wrong. Microsoft's monopoly is so extensive that I cannot buy a computer, just the hardware, in any local store without also buying Windows. They will not sell me a box unless I buy Windows even if I want to use Linux or BE. For example, when my hard drive crashed last year I decided to upgrade the hardware and load my copy of Windows 95 on it. A paid for, legal copy, completely within the terms of the contract and MS license. I could not do it. Dell, HP, Compaq, Erols, Microcenter- no one would sell me the hardware without a new copy of Windows.

What's more, they will not sell me a box with just Windows on it. I have to buy MS Works or some type of office application even though I do not want it and will never use it. This situation is just wrong, and it should not be accepted unless we are willing to accept the total domination of the desktop PC forever by MS.

Thank you,

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