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I beleive that the continued existance of Microsoft as an intact entity poses an extreme danger to all other software companies. Microsoft has a long history of using any method available to kill competition and stifle inovation in the computer industry. Quite simple they cannot be trusted to uphold any agreement they enter into.
To mitigate the continued danger of Micro$oft, I propose that the corporation be divided into to seperate entities. One that will continue to produce Operating Systems (OS) and One that will develop end user applications (office, Internet Explorer, etc). Absolutly no communications, other than normal discourse between two rival companies, should be permitted between the two halves of the company.
To mitigate the advantages already achieved by the company, Microsoft need to be forced to disclose all proprietary information regarding the various protocols and file formats used by the companie's software. If microsoft continues to try and "pollute" public domain standards (HTML, TCP/IP, ETC) they should be quicly and severly punished and forced to recind the changes.
The end user needs to have the option to un-install or decline the installation of any "bundled" software (Internet Explorer, Media Player, etc.) without crippling the operation of the OS or any other software component.
As the final step, all of the current Microsoft senior executives should be forced to sell off their microsoft holdings and seek employment elsewhere. It seems patently unfair to me that they should be rewarded with the continued leadership of a comapny that has engaged in criminal behavior for 20+ years.

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