

From: Paws
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 12/6/01 6:02pm
Subject: Microshafted

To the DOJ and Monoposoft,

Over the past 20 years, I have enjoyed employment as a computer operator, programmer, instructor and lately, end user myself. During the 80s and early 90s, I enjoyed Microsoft products as I did many others. For the last 6+ years, I have sought only to support any product that was not Microsoft, and have found it a virtual impossibility to function as a professional without using Microsoft's overpriced, unwanted, and increasingly obtrusive products. This sad fact is entirely the result of illegal practices on the part of Microsoft causing the demise of many worthy contenders, and limiting the choices of tired consumers. The freedom to choose our own product purchases is gone.

The recent and overdue finding by the DOJ that "Microsoft is a monopoly" might have provided very small concillation if the punishment were grave enough and restitution to all the victims were enforced. Imagine my dismay to find that no punishment for past actions, no restitution to the victims of their crimes, and no protections against future monopolistic practices are provided for in the DOJ settlement. What a joke!

We are all so proud to be American tax payers. Thanks for your protection.

--

See ya,
Ron Tapp rtapp@lsu.edu
Microshafted Consumer