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Hi!

I am a postdoctoral researcher at University of California.

I would like to express my view on the settlement.

It is a very good idea to force Microsoft to develop a fully-featured version of their monopolistic software (defined by example by more than 75% of the market and more than 1 million users worldwide) for 2 or 3 most popular non-MS OSes. This would mean: Linux, MacOS and probably BeOS or BSD. For me this is fully analogical to telecom market: client should have full right to use any (any of the major) long distance providers (Operating Systems) even if in his just one company has monopol for local phone service (Office suite or Internet Explorer monopol).

The second thing concerns API. In order to allow non-profit organisations to compete with Microsoft products - they should be granted the full access to MS OS API necessary for their goals. Non-profit organizations have important impact on our economy: WWW was developed this way as well as Apache (running more than 50% of internet servers). Such rapid growth, allowing other companies to profit on different kinds of business is unthinkable if WWW protocols and API was kept secret as Microsoft does with its OS interface.

Best Regards,

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