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I don't believe the public is served when judicial oversite or legislation is made to stiffle companies that create technology to the degree that Microsoft has. The main reason we have this predicament in my opinion, is that "weakened" competitors like AOL, SUN Micro, et.al., and their legal teams purposly sought remedy through the courts as a viable competitive marketing tactic. Unfortunately for the consumer, these "do-gooders" have influenced the justice system to prosecute Microsoft for being successful. The band-wagon effect in this is huge with lobyists, lawyers and those "weakened" competitors all reaping employment and huge sums of money. And then there is Microsoft, trying to exist by selling what we all agree are a great series of products addressing consumer preferences and providing what the market demands, and being punished for being successful at it. RTP.