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Microsoft has for many years used anti-competative practices to corner the market and stifle the progression of the industry. Over the past 10 years they've released around 10 different operating systems. All of which have had some level of incompatibility with one another and make it almost impossible to produce an application that will work on their next platform's release. When a market exists that they wish to control they either add the feature free of charge (driving companies like Netscape out of business), or if they wish to control a standard they create their own standard and cut support for the currently accepted standard (DirectDraw, .Net, etc). Or, in the worst type of situation, they try to fork an existing standard to devalue the standard altogether (Java, JavaScript). Being that they control a vast percentage of the market, progression in the computer industry has actually regressed in many ways in the last 10 years.

Sincerely
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