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Microsoft should not be able to expand their market share as a result of any settlement.

Rather, the courts should force microsoft to adopt standards in HTML (based on the W3C), XML, OpenGL, and other open standards--and not allow them to modify these standards in their own software. Microsoft cripples their competition by "adopting" standards like HTML, and then using their monopoly power to force the industry to change the standards. They have done this with HTML and XML already.

Now that they have purchased some of SGI's intellectual property, it's only a matter of time before they try to force OpenGL out of the 3D graphics arena.

Furthermore, they should be forced to pay damages to every company mentioned in Judge Jackson's opinion. They have seriously hurt these companies, and they should pay damages. Furthermore, this would reduce the court's workload, because if you awarded damages here, then companies could not do it in the future.

Finally, Microsoft should not be allowed to continue charging extremely high prices for their software.

Please stop them. Thanks for hearing my opinions.

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