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Dear People,

Thank your for this opportunity for public comment.

I have worked in the Information Technology field all of my professional life. I have observed many good technological advances thwarted by the Microsoft monopoly, either by being muscled out of the marketplace or acquired by Microsoft and diluted. This is extremely hurtful to our country's technological leadership and tradition of entrepreneurship.

The most important outcome of the settlement of this case must be that competitive and alternative operating systems (e.g. Linux, Macintosh OS X) as well as applications and standards (e.g. Quicktime, Java) be given a fair chance to survive and prove themselves on their technical merits. Without DoJ imposed constraints, the Microsoft Corporation will continue its monopolistic elimination of competitors. We will then be left with one option for computing systems from a company with no motivation to innovate or produce quality products.

I urge you to maintain and nurture an environment where existing and new competitive products can be developed and thrive without being squashed by Microsoft.

Thank you.

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