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Please don't let Microsoft get away with their crimes once again. The last DOJ anti-trust settlement with them was a wrist slap. That's what this new one is shaping up to be as well. The settlement is a joke, allowing them to get away with their abusive practices without any real penalties.

As written, the settlement has too many holes in it, which will allow Gates & Company to continue their arrogant practices. The remedies only protect commercial companies. What about Linux? The biggest competitors to Microsoft are not-for-profit organizations, which aren't covered in the scope of this ludicrous settlement!! Section III(J)(2) pretty much rules out not-for-profit organizations from getting any benefit at all from this settlement, and indeed allows Microsoft to ignore them, not providing them with API's, documentation or comm protocols.

PLEASE PUNISH MICROSOFT!! You won the trial, for crying out loud. Now you're going to let them off the hook?

I urge you to throw out this pro-Microsoft settlement, and come up with something that is strong enough to STOP them from behaving the way they do, and something that has some punitive measures in it!!

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