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The settlement is a bad idea. A breakup is the only solution to restore competition. There can be no effective solution that doesn't solve the problem of the operating systems complexities being withheld from competing companies who create windows software. These competing companies are always at a hopeless disadvantage. They attempt to compete against the hand that can choose to feed them the information they need to compete, or not to feed them the information. What would anyone do in Microsoft's situation? Not give the potential competitor the information they need to successfully compete with Microsoft of course. With their regular abuse of this power which is decidedly in violation of the Sherman Anti Trust Act, Microsoft's software invariably comes out looking superior when in fact, if they had not withheld the information, they would be on equal footing with other companies developing business solutions, and would no longer be able to create the illusion of superior workmanship and innovation. But why would a corporation whose primary concern is the bottom line share that information? They will not.