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Hello, my name is Jon Elch and I am a u.s. citizen residing in Naperville, IL. I just wanted to point out my biggest problem with the current settlement, although I dont know how to fix it exactly. The EULA on MS-Visual C++ specifically prohibits redistributing any program developed with it for use on an MS operating system. While this may not be a huge problem currently since there are no functioning implementations of the windows api other than MS's that situation could change fairly quickly. I also do not understand how MS could have the right to stop you from distributing your own product. To me it seems perfectly reasonable to write code on one os but sell it for however many it will execute on. Not allowing this seems to me like a steel company selling to a distributor, but only as long as the distributor resold to GM or one of its subsidiaries. I dont think that is legal...is it? Thank you for your time
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