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I believe that the proposed settlement with Microsoft is insufficient. Microsoft has been found guilty yet it does not seem as though they are going to be punished at all. The settlement only attempts to force Microsoft to act a fair manner without punishment for its transgressions, and still fails to do that.

I feel one of the main problems with the settlement is the lack of protection afforded to the Open Source community. At this point, Linux and other Open Source projects appear to be the only viable competition to Microsoft, yet the settlement allows Microsoft to decide on their viability as a business and withhold access to Microsoft APIs, documentation, and communications protocols.

I call for further restrictions and punishment in the settlement with Microsoft. Thank you for your consideration.

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