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I am a professional programmer, and as such have serious concerns about the proposed settlement and its effect upon my life and the future of the industry. To put it bluntly, letting Microsoft off with such a minor slap on the wrist is beyond bad and into the realm of gross negligence.

Microsoft is a proven monopoly. The findings of fact show that they used their monopoly illegally to extend it to other areas. They have a history of doing this- they proudly call it "embrace and extend". Their illegal business tactics have destroyed the OS market, the browser market, the office software market, decimated the compiler market, and threaten many others.

The only real solution is to force competition in the OS marketplace. Either force Microsoft to open source Windows and all APIs, or split Microsoft into pieces with contending OSes. If any other option is selected, we will only see these practices extended until Microsoft has crushed all the software markets.

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