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I urge the US government team pursuing the DOJ-Microsoft anti-trust case to work towards appropriate penalties towards a convicted monopolist for their criminal and unethical behavior.

The current penalties and remedies currently proposed by the DOJ are not enough to ensure competition and prevent future abuses of monopoly power by Microsoft. The actions of the company since Judge Jackson's ruling was overturned clearly shows their arrogance -- Internet Explorer is now even more deeply integrated into Windows XP, smaller companies have been purchased to prevent competitive products from being brought to market, and their .NET and Passport technologies have placed the future of the Internet in jeopardy.

Not once has Microsoft made any concessions nor shown any willingness to self-police themselves to even partially address DOJ concerns. Their actions in the related civil case is further proof of their continued attempts to extend their monopoly to other fields, including the Internet, the game industry, mobile communications, education, and security.

Those of us in the computer community know that the damages caused by Microsoft's monopoly has far surpassed that of any other company in history. Enron's collapse is small compared to the consequences of an ongoing and potentially permanent Microsoft monopoly.

I don't want a bleak digital future dominated and controlled by Microsoft. As a web site administrator, I have seen the problems caused by that company in their quest for monopoly power. The legal system moves slowly compared to Internet time, but a strong remedy and decision against Microsoft would open up the doors to competition and innovation. Those are two qualities that have never been exhibited by Microsoft, despite their press releases and advertising campaigns.

Please encourage the competition and innovation that make our free enterprise system great - ensure that a predatory company like Microsoft can do no more harm nor threaten our future.

You have my support.

Sincerely,

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