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The proposed settlement is not sufficient.

There are many problems it does not address, but I'm most concerned about lack of protection for interoperability with so-called Open Source software. It appears that Microsoft will be able to block access to interoperability information because Open Source organizations don't operate as conventional businesses (for instance, they don't have business plans).

Open Source software, such as the SAMBA project, is used by hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of users worldwide. It provides essentially free software which would most likely be rendered useless by future generations of Microsoft software. Microsoft has a history of changing protocols simply to block competition.

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