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I will keep this short and to the point..

I fail to see how the proposed settlement will, in any real way, punish Microsoft for past bad acts.. or prevent it from continuing the same illegal behavior. Considering the size and financial resources of Microsoft there must be an appropriately strong remedy if any change in behavior is to be expected.

If it were my choice to make... I would split the company into three sections: Operating Systems, Applications, and Network Ventures. Only through such separation can the monopoly leverage of 'bundling' be stopped. In my view.. the IE browser would be an application along with the Office suite and other standalone software products. IIS and other network server software, including streaming media, would fall under Network Ventures because of the necessary backend integration required for network services. This would prevent the dominance of the Operating System from being used as a vehicle to spread limitlessly into other areas such as online media format and content control.

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