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Despite the restrictions placed upon the Microsoft Hegemony by the Settlement I doubt the Microsoft trust will be effected. Although the settlement has limited Microsoft's ability to control its competition it has not hit the root of the problem. Just by giving Microsoft competition room to grow will not be able to over turn the vast hold Microsoft has on the software industry. Microsoft is to large almost all of the worlds computers already contain Microsoft operating systems that are stacked full of Microsoft's programs. To the average consumer Microsoft is synonymous with the word computer most people only know how to interact with a computer using Windows. Allowing the Microsoft corporation to survive will do nothing to create companies capable of serious competition. The only true solution to the Microsoft Hegemony is by breaking the company up to create competition within the remnants of Microsoft allowing smaller outside companies to compete directly.

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