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I do not believe that the proposed remedies represent what is in the best interest of the people or the computer industry. My company has been damaged by the illegal workings of Microsoft and so have many others in the world.
The entire Apple computer platform and Motorola has been damaged by the monopolistic practices and pressure put on Apple to stop certain developments. Netscape went from a majority player in the browser field to a minority player and almost bankrupt. Java was corrupted by the efforts of Microsofts J++ development and not Microsoft is after the internet with their .Net strategy which was really built upon Netscapes efforts.
Microsofts efforts also misrepresent the stability and security of all their operating systems and application programs. Many individuals and businesses have been damaged due to lost work and downtime caused by the low quality standards of the Microsoft software.
My remedies would include:

1 A payment to Netscape/AOL for the market stolen by Microsofts free browser. This might be one half of current estimated Internet explorer users times about 29 dollars for the people that would have purchased a Netscape product.
2. A major free update of Windows 98 and the Office program which would run on the computers purchased by businesses in the 1998 year which would work as advertised and be much more stabile.
3. A payment made to Sun for damages done to the JAVA platform
4. A payment made to Apple computer for the damage to the internal development of software which is known in the industry including Quicktime and Apple Works.
5. The inclusion of Quicktime as the default Windows Media Player/ Authoring medium to generally further the multimedia capabilities of millions of Windows users.
6. The inclusion of firewire support on all Windows desktops to further the advance of this quality high speed Apple bus technology.
7. Finally, a public admission of guilt from Bill Gates as to his involvement in the above matters and a media broadcast of the trial findings and testimonies key industry and Microsoft personnel.
I would find the truth of this case much more interesting than the OJ Simpson trial and much more valuable to the industry, the populace and history.
Thank you for this forum to come forward and for a small part in the process of Justice.
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