
Subject: OT: Microsoft have a nice big fine!
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K9TrooperThing is you are not forced to use Windows Media. Windows Media is a plug-in developed by MS, so why should they be forced to remove it from being included in their OS'? That is like telling GM that they have to put a Ford engine in their cars.

As other people have said, it's more like telling GM they can't use a GM radio or whatever than engine. Telling them not to use the engine would be comparable to a court saying MS must uses Apples source code.

And anyway, although you're not forced to use Windows Media it makes it extremely hard for competition to sell their product. If this software comes standard then many people won't bother to look for any alternatives - or even know that there are alternatives. It totally destroys the marketplace and makes it to where there's very little competition. As ACK said, most of the competition sucks, this is because there's no way that anyone can compete with something that comes free on 90% of all computers. There are better media players out there but few people know about them, if Microsoft didn't have such a monopoly over the industry then we would have much higher quality products.
