
Subject: OT: Microsoft have a nice big fine!
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AircraftkillerSo? If they want to say that, they're more than entitled to do so. If I sell computers, and I don't want them being sold from retailers with competition side-by-side, then I have every right to tell them to take my products off their shelves.

Actually you don't have that right. In America it's illegal. Not sure if it's federal or state mandated, but there are laws to ensure competition and protect the consumer, and doing what you just said is a violation, now matter how you word it. Telling a store they can't sell other peoples products if they want to continue selling yours is illegal.

And there are many products that are better than Windows. First of all Apple is much more reliable and user friendly than Windows. Linux is much better for programmers and work stations. And in almost all cases there are better versions of the products that Microsoft offers. I am using Windows because I am forced to, because this is where the applications are, and since everyone else has Windows it's compatible. Products would be much better if MS did not hold such a monopoly over the industry and competition could actually compete.

Also, with the upcoming Longhorn MS is going to become even more controlling of personal computers. You will no longer have control over what you have in your machine and they have the right and capability to remove anything they want at will. MS needs to be taken down a few pegs, or else computers are gonna go all to shit real fast.
