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Thema: Microsoft Anti-Trust Litigation - The Case for Standards

Abstract:

The initial decision in the Microsoft anti-trust litigation was reached April 3, 2000 to split the company into two parts, not dissimilar to the way the AT&T monopoly was broken up in 1984. As of November 2, 2001 a new judgment is proposed which no longer requires splitting the company but still takes the same simplistic approach to having Microsoft publish its operating system application programing interfaces (APIs) to allow other companies to develop compatible products. Microsoft maintains their very successful operating system monopoly through the use of these proprietary APIs, as well as aggressive marketing. Publishing APIs does not render them open. Open standards are required. This talk addresses the history of monopolies and standards, the problems that are not resolved by published APIs and how open standards may be used to maintain both competition and competitive advantage.

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