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See.....I told you you were using pirated software, but did you listen???.....NOOOOoooooooooooo!!! Now, that, if you'll just start sending me that \$100.00 licensing fee, I'll see that it gets to the *right people*.

;o)

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I never knew patents could impede progress and efficient design.

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is that like the paddle/crick thingy?

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Mon, 14 May 2007 23:07:22 GMT
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That's a useful analogy, Don.

It appears that Microsoft may be attempting to "innovate" the legal system to try to control things they didn't invent.

This would fit with past Microsoft criminal behavior.

Cheers,
-Jamie
www.JamieKrutz.com

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I enjoyed Monkey Boy Ballmer's comment about how Micro\$oft always respects other companies' IP and therefore, other companies should respect theirs as well.

Ahhhhh. It must be fun to live in BallmerWorld.

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Agreed...I just hope that whatever occurs, we the end users don't pay the potentially billions of dollars in legal fees...

that's how all this crap got started in the 1st place, me thinks.
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MS stomps on anybody or anything that appears to be a threat.

When Gates ran down to Mexico, Central America and South America to head off the free computers with MS bribes, he just showed the world again what a worm he is. Slime!

They have stolen from many, and then sue others for doing the same, thats so hypocritical! They have never had a real serious consequence for the things they have done, thanks to political influence. They got nothing more than a slap on the wrist. Now they have set the standards for other companies to follow, and other companies are following suit. Nothing but greed will rule the day.

The killing of technologies, corrupting good technologies, crappy products, call centers in India, monopolies, government bribes and favoritism, corporate

espionage, and out right theft, all make for a nice world.

It's hard for me to support a company like MS.

Speaking of call centers in India, HP is really starting to suck. Their newer drivers for PC and Mac both suck. I hate any software that insists on getting in the way when I'm trying to get some work done. Talk about spyware virus-ware, It's a pain to turn off, and uninstalling HP software is a PITA to, it tries to keep showing up and connecting to the mother ship, reminds me of MS.

I liked the HP video. I thought it was a creative way for our boys to get in their mandatory target practice.

Here's a little SUN shine for HP: <http://youtube.com/watch?v=YOnRJi9QJr8&mode=related&search=>

While Americans are out of work, people should let these companies know that we don't appreciate Indian call centers. It really is too bad, HP is not the company it once was.

I still use MS and HP products, but for not too much longer. They don't need anymore of my money anyways.

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Contrary to popular opinion IP rights are central to free software. Without them the GPL (or the Debian license or whatever) becomes unenforceable. Most free software people question software patents in general, but the enforcement of copyright is the only thing that allows the GPL to have teeth.

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More MS fans!

<http://www.macworld.co.uk/business/news/index.cfm?newsid=180> 34

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Most

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>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:

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>bet

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"Wireline" <wirelinestudio@sbcglobal.net> wrote in message
news:46490bf9\$1@linux...
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> Seems it really doesn't matter who invented that, its who hold the
> patents...
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WOW,

You can get a patent on almost anything these days.

Kool.

db~Id like to see that sometime.
