

Grüß Gott Herr Schestowitz,

Just wanted to thank you for posting more good articles on why the business practices of Microsoft are unethical, illegal and anti-competitive (see figure 1 below)!

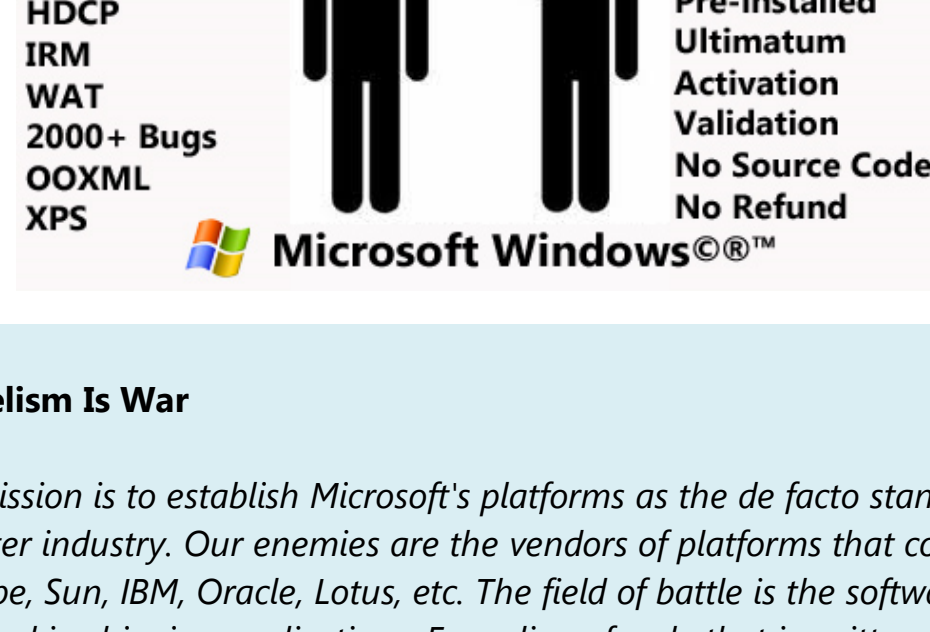
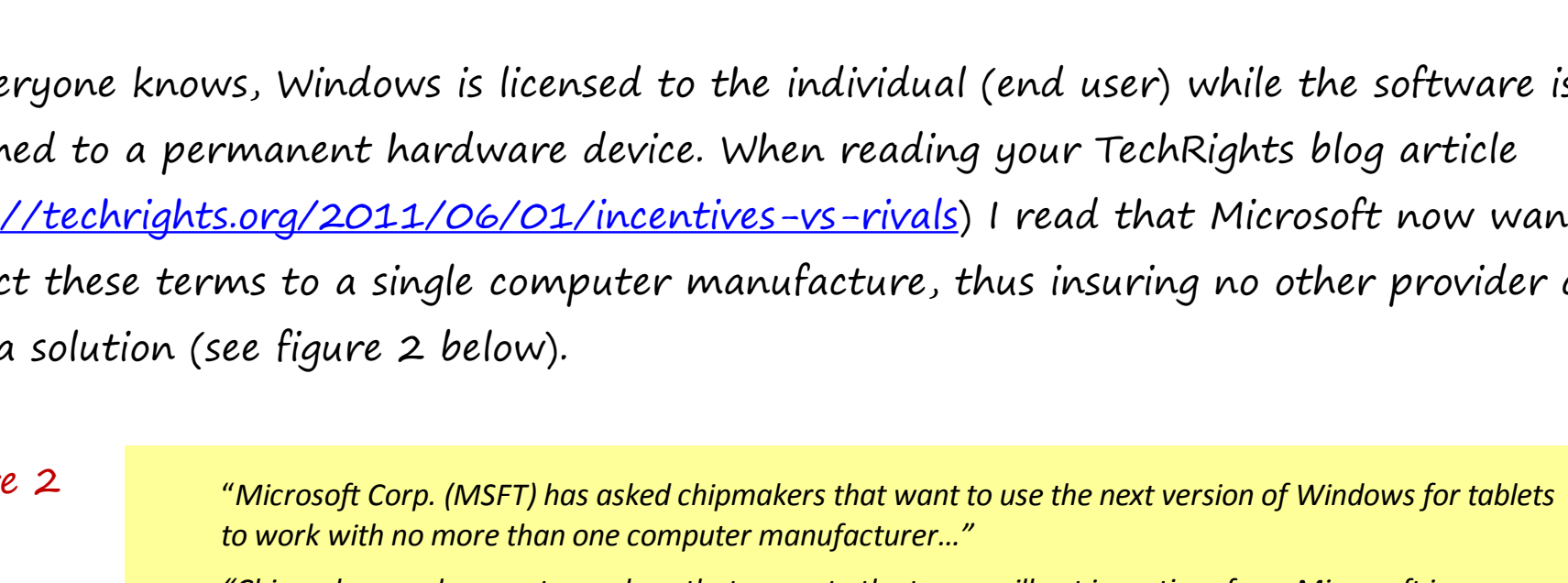


Figure 1

Evangelism Is War

"Our mission is to establish Microsoft's platforms as the de facto standards throughout the computer industry. Our enemies are the vendors of platforms that compete with ours: Netscape, Sun, IBM, Oracle, Lotus, etc. The field of battle is the software industry. Success is measured in shipping applications. Every line of code that is written to our standards is a small victory, every line of code that is written to any other standard, is a small defeat. Total victory, for DRG, is the universal adoption of our standards by developers, as this is an important step towards total victory for Microsoft itself: "A computer on every desk and in every home, running Microsoft software."

This memo comes from within Microsoft's own people that clearly tells how they were conspiring to create a megalithic monopoly by eliminating consumer choice.



Society then becomes fully dependent upon Microsoft's proprietary umbrella. It's why Microsoft is pushing software patents to lock-in their own "platforms"™®" with "extortion protection" against ALL of society!

As everyone knows, Windows is licensed to the individual (end user) while the software is attached to a permanent hardware device. When reading your TechRights blog article (<http://techrightrights.org/2011/06/01/incentives-vs-rivals/>) I read that Microsoft now wants to restrict these terms to a single computer manufacture, thus insuring no other provider can offer a solution (see figure 2 below).

Figure 2

"Microsoft Corp. (MSFT) has asked chipmakers that want to use the next version of Windows for tablets to work with no more than one computer manufacturer..."
 "Chipmakers and computer makers that agree to the terms will get incentives from Microsoft in exchange for accepting the restrictions, which tie a single chipmaker to one tablet design..."

This doesn't surprise me, as that's what Apple has been doing, and getting away with for years in a manner of speaking! Is it any wonder why Steve Jobs and Bill Gates are partners in criminal anti-competitive business practice behavior?

Figure 3

Third-Party Applications and Business Solutions

Platforms, by themselves, are of little or no value to end users. Their value is derived from the applications and business solutions which take advantage of the platforms' services in order to deliver real value to the customer. If we wish our platforms to be successful, we must ensure that our platforms are used by the applications and business solutions that customers want.

In figure 3 above, even Microsoft knows the platform itself is of little or no value to end users! This holds true for Linux, because as I had mention before, end users don't care about what operating system they use, when the issue is what operating system will my SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS work on to perform a task that gets work done!

It is why I had thought to suggest the turning of "Windows" proprietary into "open source freedom" so that the following would become true;

1. Linux and any other distro would be able to know how to support Windows proprietary software, thus insuring freedom of choice on any platform;
2. by insuring software programs if even proprietary can run on any other operating system which then would ADD value to third party developers, knowing their work insures a broader audience and or market;
3. and by eliminating the stagnation of society by holding back innovation, due to a monopoly that doesn't allow society to improve, modify or build upon a lock-in proprietary monopoly platform that includes protectionism;
4. which provides a path to transform from proprietary software to ethical software.

Ethical software = open source code that serves society by letting everyone build upon the source code, in a responsible manner compliant with just and fair laws that uphold the moral conduct and behavior of it's use.

Note: "Free software" gives the wrong impression by avoiding all the prior effort given that made it possible to build upon the innovation. Nothing is free, it comes with a price, be financial or through sacrifice. When individuals talk about free software, they are thinking in terms of cost, but it should be viewed as in terms of "choice", that confers the freedom for which makes possible the rights for everyone else to produce ethical software based upon doing the right thing for society (humankind).

If we just replace one for another, such as "Windows" for "Linux" we would still have the same problems, to be without any choice and worse, no platform to run proprietary software programs and applications that are already heavily invested upon without letting consumers and businesses have any choice. The notation between consumers and businesses is a marketing ploy. This needs to be viewed as a "resource of society", when society has integrated and adapted the innovation as a main part of the body in society.

Should the effort behind Linux be about replacing one platform with another, or the greater value in which a more meaningful working solution would transform the whole software industry into "ethical software" for ALL humankind?

In order to do that, shouldn't we include bridges that transcend that goal? Should we be asking everyone to just drop "Windows" for "Linux" and completely avoid why Linux was needed in the first place, being how "Windows" wasn't "open" with its source code! To cut off Windows proprietary, is no different than telling everyone no gasoline will be sold tomorrow! So what would all those users (PC) and owners (automobiles) do then?

Doesn't it make more sense to correct the root cause of why "Windows" proprietary is immoral, and change that, than to toss out the baby with the dirty diaper? Think of how many businesses would be stuck and needing someone to rewrite legacy software that was built using proprietary technology. We need a road map that leads us out of proprietary hell, right?

Are we just going to burn all the books, and start over? Why do the Linux people NOT see this issue? Having Linux doesn't resolve anything, because as long as Microsoft continues to be anti-society, against competition and willing to look at business as a state of on-going war upon society, it's no wonder why Microsoft can only compete when the customers cannot choose!

Believe me, I am NOT an Microsoft troll or one of their evangelist, because I know they are working against humanity by limiting our development, by locking-in their platform, by basically creating the environment for which the rest of society suffers about.

Let's turn this around, lets build upon the best solution, right? What would be so bad about having "Windows" become ethical software through "open source code"? Wouldn't that resolve just about ALL of the issues and concerns with "Windows"?

The U.S. Department of Justice should had made this a condition for Microsoft in the first place for having established and proven the violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act [1]. The purpose of the Act was to protect competition and the competitive landscape from nefarious conduct by monopolies or cartels. Another words Microsoft was found guilty of working against society by its conduct of anti-competitive business practices.

[1] http://www.justice.gov/atr/cases/ms_index.htm

The European Union Commission would have dropped ALL charges had this been done, because it was proven once again how Microsoft withheld interoperability information [2] by denying and withholding competitors an ability to build upon "Windows" through illegal anti-competitive business practices!

[2] <http://ec.europa.eu/competition/sectors/ICT/microsoft/investigation.html>

If Microsoft gets away with their illegal anti-competitive business practices, look at the results, a collapsing infrastructure and faulting economy, that has eliminated competition. Thus reducing a robust diversified industry into a monoculture, that is prone to disease!

The fear factor has become so great over the Microsoft tax, that many businesses are bleeding profusely and there seems to be no relief in sight! Why NOT cure the disease that has afflicted the body of Microsoft?

How healthy will the economy be when the only jobs held by employees in a megalithic monopoly (diseased platform) will be kept to keep the bloody boat (infection) afloat!

Now stop and think about what that really means, because it's saying how society will no longer strives to build and develop the best solutions, by denying everyone else from participation. Is that the kind of society we all work to achieve? A dysfunctional society where individuals have become Microbots (clueless individuals)! Just as other groups like Obombots (indoctrinated souls) have been willing to accept myths as long as they are sugar coated by the Media!

How can anyone trust Microsoft, when they hide the source code and claim it's 100% clean and go on record that the open source code Linux is riddled with proprietary code taken from "Windows"? Doesn't that sound a lot like someone else who is willing to pay millions of dollars to conceal their birth certificate (\$10) [3] and then publishes a computer generated forgery of an original photo copy?

[3] <http://www.statearchives.us/public/hawaii.htm>

The Buddhist (individuals with a conscience) know the greatest word in any language is "choice"! Without a choice, what can you do? If your just ignorant, you are dumb, not knowing, and may not know what to do. In that case you could create an opportunity to learn and discover from mistakes and correct what was wrong. Without a choice, it means even if you are knowing, you're still locked-in without rights, forbidden access and censored to fix anything at all.

Has Microsoft ever fixed "Windows"?

Must the world wait for that long day (millenium) ahead?

This is why this article will NOT be published on any Microsoft websites! Who would dare to jeopardize their position of employment to come out and speak the truth? So it seems those individuals supporting Microsoft would rather just go down with the ship I guess than to do the right thing and insure a better society can unshackle themselves from "software tyranny"?

We can eliminate the label, branding and image of Microsoft, but if we fail to correct their plundering, their abuse, the crimes would continue on (business as usual) with another name, right? The same has happen with "Standard Oil", "AT&T" and "De Beers", etc...

Let's just get the train back on the tracks and head it in the right direction! This can be done by educating their employees, the public and the government officials, of the harm and damage done by the megalithic Microsoft monopoly that has been retarding and stagnating the financial development of society by excluding out ALL other competitive participation!

If you need a reason to get Microsoft to open their "Windows" proprietary, you already had their CEO provide it, when Steve Ballmer told the world through the media, that Linux was stealing "Windows"™ proprietary code!

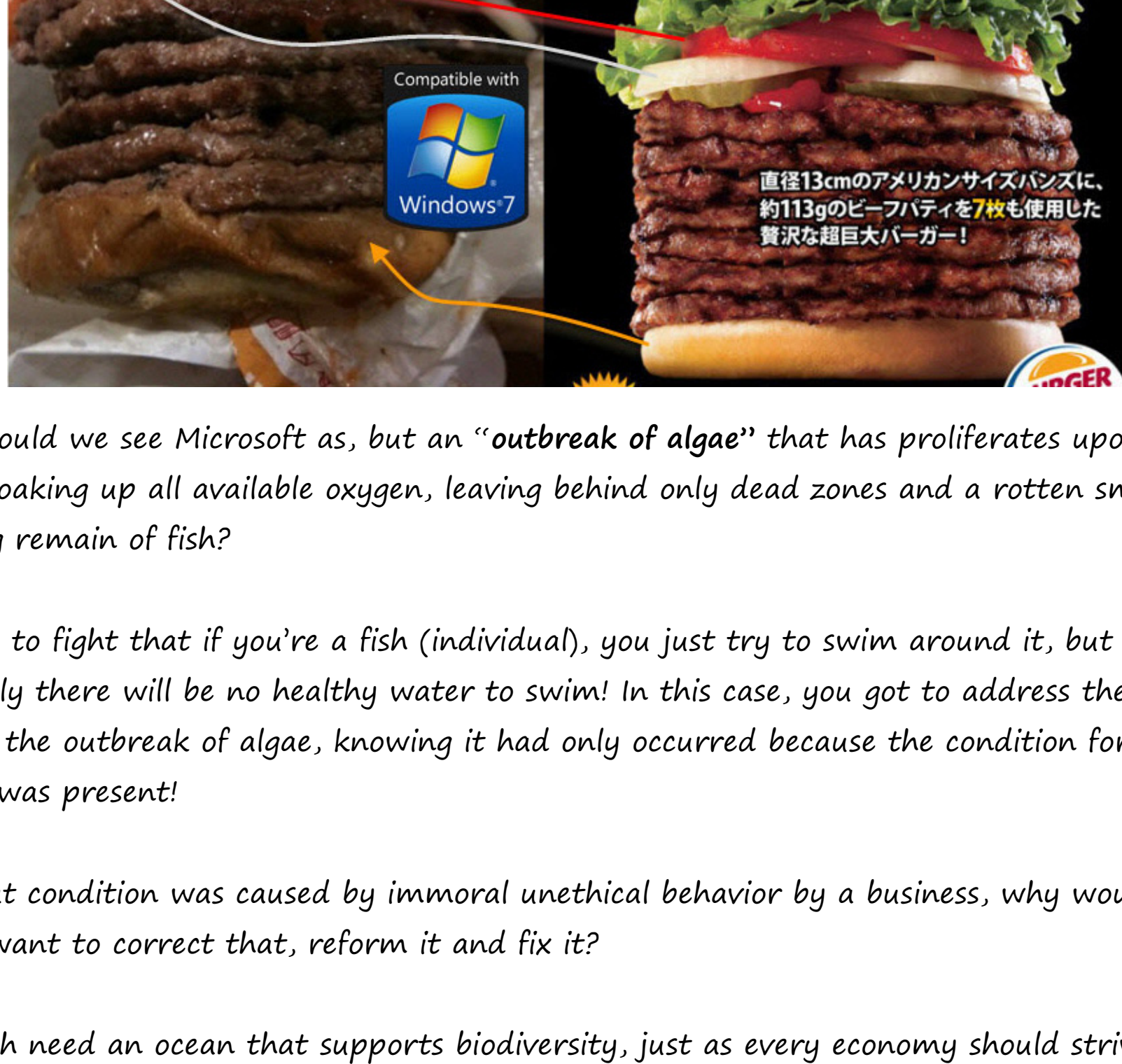
The only way to prove this is to see the Windows source code to check! But, the most individuals "we" already know, the real reason of why Microsoft is hiding the source code of "Windows" is to prevent or expose the truth that it has been Microsoft who has built upon the works of other individuals illegally by incorporating their innovations (code) into "Windows" all along by passing it off as their own and wants to keep that a secret!

Obviously, Linux is open source (code), with nothing to hide unlike "Windows"! So what is Microsoft concealing and hiding? The right to know the truth! So what is at stake isn't just with Linux right to exist, but if society lets Microsoft get away with it's crimes!

Otherwise, we can ADD to the growing list of megalithic monopolies Monsanto, Standard Oil, GlaxoSmithKline and other unethical business practices such as Trafigura, that have lost sight of the main purpose of being in business, to serve society for the advancement of civilization among humanity, right?

We really need to address how the immoral behavior has taken root in corporations! If we allow this immoral behavior by Microsoft, what is to prevent \$\$\$ Microsoft from just buying (destroying) Linux by means of patent warfare (censorship) by crippling the penguin like a virus infection (DNA disease)?

A healthy penguin needs a healthy environment, right?



What should we see Microsoft as, but an "outbreak of algae" that has proliferates upon the oceans soaking up all available oxygen, leaving behind only dead zones and a rotten smelly decaying remain of fish?

It's hard to fight that if you're a fish (individual), you just try to swim around it, but eventually there will be no healthy water to swim! In this case, you got to address the root cause of the outbreak of algae, knowing it had only occurred because the condition for it to happen was present!

So if that condition was caused by immoral unethical behavior by a business, why would society want to correct that, reform it and fix it?

Don't fish need an ocean that supports biodiversity, just as every economy should strive to promote?

It's the same with agriculture, that by growing horizontal crops reduces dimension, just as growing monocrops (where just one type of plant is grown only), resulting in an unsustainable platform. Ask a permaculturalist.

Microsoft is in business for profit! It doesn't recognize any wrong doing, like so many other corporations for that matter seeking "profit over people"! Everyone knows this, as you cannot exist and not see it around you in these current times.

Chevron with a multibillion dollar lawsuit for the willful actions of pollution the Amazon.

Trafigura who willfully and knowingly dump toxic chemicals for profit where families lived.

However, there is HOPE, individuals are leading the revolt against immorality, corruption and greed. A good example was Gandhi for India, and another was Mother Teresa for over 45 years had ministered to the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying. Another was Benazir Bhutto a woman who lead a Muslim state as Prime Minister.

Individuals of all walks of life, like Annie Leonard (<http://www.storyofstuff.com>) and Al Gore, Marie-Monique Robin, Erin Brockovich, Michael Moore, Julian Assange, are willing to care and show the rest of us, we really can make a difference together! We just need to care and get organized to apply our actions with intelligence.

Erst kommt das Fressen, dann kommt die Moral. Meaning higher ethics are not of much use to people whose basic needs are not met. So, if we truly want to insure civilization we need each other to create that possibility.

Geh mit Gott! Go with God! Don't settle for profit to save the world. No amount of money will be enough. If people themselves don't value the principles worthy of caring about each other; is it any wonder as to how those individuals attempt to fill their hearts with gold and greed, having replaced their heart and conscience?

Alles Gute,
Prinz Kröte