"It looks like **Microsoft API** is a huge set of ill-considered random ad-hoc solutions, with no engineering culture and no any common idea behind. Typically you can use Microsoft software only in one rigidly straightforward way. **Step to the left or step to the right — and you fail.** 

I admit it might be good for business, but it's unfair. It prevents others from fair competition and stops the progress. The antimonopoly committee should take into account namely this situation instead of ridiculous requirements to remove the Media Player or Internet Explorer from Windows."

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