

Re: How to generate a Windows style license key

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"David Eather" <eather@tpg.com.au> wrote in message
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> *Luc The Perverse wrote:*

>> <posting@big-numbers.com> wrote in message

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>>> *I also think is it a crime if you can duplicate your software 10*

>>> *billion times and sell it to 10 billion customers over and over again*

>>> *for the SAME PRICE. (Microsoft\$) (The question arises should there*

>>> *be a legal limit to success?)*

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>> *In favor of communism?*

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> *Let me quote from the father of capitalist though (Adam Smith "An Inquiry*

> *Into The Causes Of The Wealth Of Nations) – "the purpose of business is to*

> *serve the public good".*

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> *A company that refuses to behave like a good cooperate citizen needs to be*

> *regulated and if it still flouts the law it should be broken up or shut*

> *down and the directors made accountable.*

All big businesses are going to do whatever they can to promote their
product and corner the market.

They only get in trouble if they succeed.

Microsoft is a huge cash cow and employs many people. People all over the
world pay a US company for an OS. You are saying that should end . . .
because they charge the same price to sell to billions of people?

It seems to me you are ignoring the Laffer curve concept by proposing we
implement a taxation such that the tax rate is $(1 - e^{-(a * I)})$ where a is
some positive constant and I is the amount of revenue a company is
generating. (Perhaps this is not exactly what you were saying, but the
general idea would be the same.)

It violates my intuition – but I don't claim to be an economist.

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I don't think we should cut off people's toes if they run miles too fast, or hit someone in the head if they are too smart until they have about a 120 IQ. And I certainly don't think we should limit the amount of money an individual or corporation can make. It is part of our American way. Russia has effectively found a way to limit people's success. Make too much money – and you go to jail, for the rest of your life :) No thank you.

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"Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools talk because they have to say something." - Plato