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In article <teadams\$2\$0\$0\$3-2C8B53.10525724032006@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Tim Adams <teadams\$2\$0\$0\$3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In article <znu-B8FB39.23244323032006@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, ZnU <znu@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In article <Y6OdnAkBIvsSb_ZnZ2dnUVZ_tSdnZ2d@xxxxxx>, Duke Robillard <duke@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

ZnU wrote:

tom_elam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Apple is the only company
that can produce a PC that
runs OS X

Apple is the only company
that can produce a MP3
player that can link
to iTunes.

As has been explained to you many times,
Elam, the market in which the
Mac competes is not the 'market for
computers which run OS X'. It is,
in
fact, the market for personal computers.

Yah, that's true...talking about the 'market for computers
which run OS
X'
is like talking about the 'market for cars with the Ford logo
on them'.

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A similar thing is true in the music player market, as your Apple-bashing brethren demonstrate every time start raving about the latest 'iPod killer'.

This one isn't so clear. It seems that iTunes and the iPod are in different spaces....or at least they could be.

Well, that is a slightly more complex situation, but I would argue there's still no monopolistic behavior on either side.

Sure, if you don't have an iPod, you can't buy songs for your music player from the iTMS,

I don't believe that is totally true. You can use songs from the iTunes music store on other players – you will however need to convert them to a different format in order to do so. A quick search of versiontracker.com shows a program (mp3-to-aiff) that will convert the songs from iTunes to aiff format.

Just a quick correction. It appears that the program mp3-to-aiff will not convert m4b files (direct for Apple iTunes music files). As such you might need to burn a Audio CD and re-rip the results to get an aiff file you can then move to other formats and also other players.

At this point you can format it to whichever format your player uses. Please note that there will be some sound quality loss but many people using these small mp3 devices could care less about that.

but you can, in virtually all cases, buy the same songs somewhere else.

On the other side, iPod users are not forced to buy songs from the iTMS. It's true, they can't buy songs from other music stores that use DRM, but those all use Microsoft's DRM. Declining to implement a hostile competitor's proprietary DRM hardly seems to constitute monopolistic behavior on Apple's part.

iPod owners *can* buy songs for their iPods from many sources other than the iTMS. And, Apple has only sold something like a dozen iTMS songs for

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every iPod sold (as of a few months ago, anyway), so it seems most iPod owners actually *do* get most of their music from other sources.

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regarding Snit "You are not flamed because you speak the truth, you are flamed because you are a hideous troll and keep disrupting the newsgroup." Andrew J. Brehm

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