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ibm's royalties do not go away. even in the most favorable interpretation they still owe us I believe \$3.50. Plus there are a host of other issues where they may be inducing people to break their license agreement.

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***IBM Ready To Launch OS/2 Without Windows 10/26/93

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK, U.S.A., 1993 OCT 26 (NB) -- Unhappy at paying royalties to rival MICROSOFT Corp., IBM is preparing to launch a version of its OS/2 operating system without built-in code to run applications written for MICROSOFT's Windows operating environment.

The Windows-less OS/2 would let users run Windows applications provided they already had Windows installed on their PCs. OS/2 would establish where the Windows code was stored and would call on it directly when asked to run a Windows application.

This is a practical idea largely because many personal computer vendors are bundling their hardware with copies of Windows. That means a fair number of buyers of OS/2 already have Windows on their PCs. By not duplicating the code in OS/2, IBM would not only avoid paying royalties to MICROSOFT for its use, but reduce the size of its OS/2 package and possibly save disk space for users who don't take the trouble to remove the pre-installed Windows files when they install OS/2.

The company should also be able to pass on to customers some of what it saves on royalties. This would free buyers of PCs with Windows bundled from paying twice for the code -- once in the price of the PC and once in the price of OS/2.

Sources said an announcement can be expected by mid-November. The Comdex/Fall trade show, which begins in Las Vegas Nov. 15, would be a likely venue.

An IBM spokeswoman said the company does not comment on unannounced products.

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