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 >Here's some sad info from a friend who's just figuring out Microsoft's  
 >tactics...

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 >i just talked to a friend from compaq who is the product manager in charge  
 >of presario. she makes the decisions as to what products to put in. she  
 >said that they want to use netscape as the only browser, but that microsoft  
 >hard-coded explorer into windows 97 so that they are unable to remove it.  
 >she also said that when she was in early discussions with them they told her  
 >that they didn't care what compaq wanted to do, that they would just put it  
 >in windows and compaq would have to live with that.

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 >also, she said that ms requires them to reveal their product plans early so  
 >that they can get the right drivers written, and then they turn around and  
 >take features from the compaq product plans and make them parts of the  
 >minimum hardware specification for windows, so that all the hardware vendors  
 >become as undifferentiated as microsoft can manage.

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>in terms of activex, she said that she thought that activex was going to be  
>the standard, and that compaq is trying to optimize their machines for  
>activex. i asked why not java and she said that ms was going to use activex  
>for every app talking with other apps, not just internet stuff, so they have  
>no choice. it sounds like the OLE/activex distinction is going away, and  
>that the hardware vendors (at least compaq) are seeing activex winning the  
>internet war because of ms' dominance over the other parts of the computer.  
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>in my own experience, i saw a colleague try to view a gif yesterday from his  
>windows95 machine. it has the default (on new machines) viewer for gifs as  
>internet explorer, and when he doubleclicks on the gif it brings up a dialog  
>which has as the default "use ms explorer as your standard internet  
>browser". it's a devious way of getting people to unconsciously switch  
>internet browsers when they're just trying to innocently view a picture.  
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>this all bothers me because it's anticompetitive.  
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>andy

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