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Re: Email Authentication

In considering various means of authentication, please ensure that any
proposed standard is open to all to implement and/or distribute without
fee or individual (license) registration.

The recent proposals (and allegedly patented technology) Microsoft
pitched to the Madrid working group represent the efforts of a convicted
monopoly attempting to hijack major additional market sectors.

If the Madrid group had selected the Microsoft technology, with the
proposed license, Microsoft would have been given a BIG lever to block
alternative email software developers from pursuing any 'open source'
marketing strategy. This would be the direct result of the requirement
that the software provider is responsible for ensuring that all
distributed copies are 'properly registered' with Microsoft. The trap
is that the software cannot be freely re-distributable, if the original
vendor is responsible for making sure that all re-distributed copies
have been properly registered. While not an unfair burden on commercial
software, this would give Microsoft a means on locking non-commercial
developers out of the email server market.

Please keep the Internet based on free and open standards.

Sincerely
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