

These days, when a computer is bought, by the time it is brought home -- it's outdated. In such a fast paced world, the rules and definitions need to be re-examined frequently to insure they aren't outdated as well.

Competition between different types of technology have existed for decades, but never so prevalent as in our time. Radio competes with TV, TV with magazines, magazines with the internet, and so on. mspot recently announced a contract to carry up to 100 Clear Channel terrestrial radio stations on their service...a service that has gained over 1 million subscribers in 18 months and seeks to expand it's reach across the U.S. They offer the same service as XM/SIRIUS: music, news and entertainment (even the same channels: CNN, ABC, NPR, etc.). How can a combination be a "monopoly", then?

And what about the NAB's insistent complaints? If they are not in competition, why bark at all?? Do we hear the cigarette companies complaining? No, they're not in competition. What of the mattress industry? Not a peep: because they're not in competition. Yet the NAB insists they AREN'T competition...but spends millions of dollars trying to block this merger. WHY??

It is in the best interest of this young industry that XM & SIRIUS merge: to allow true competitive service to emerging technologies (like WiMax, mspot et al, and HD-Radio).

And this comment is coming from an FM broadcaster.