

With the launch of Google's Chrome OS last year and new devices like the Chromebook and Chromebox that come with Chrome OS installed software giant Microsoft certainly has much to fear from Google's cloud based operating system. Also in the web browser market Google Chrome has become a popular cross platform web browser. Google's Chrome OS can gain wider adoption than Apple's Mac OS X as some of the same vendors supplying Microsoft Windows also offer Chrome OS. That being said Microsoft certainly should fear Chrome OS for its potential to unseat Windows as the dominant desktop computer operating system. Also consumers can use Chromium an open source version of Chrome OS on their existing PCs. Chrome OS is not another distribution of the open source Linux operating system nor is it like Mac OS X it can pose as a genuine threat to Microsoft's Windows business just as Google Android and Apple iOS challenge Windows Mobile. I for one hope Chrome OS gains traction as a successful platform the more competition and consumer choice we have in the web browser market, computer operating system market, mobile device market and yes the ISP market the better. We need an Open Internet and FCC policies favorable to interoperability in the wireless market (wholesale open access/device carrier interoperability) as well as decent Net Neutrality protections for the wire-line market and Title II reclassification of broadband enabling the FCC to reassert authority to protect Net Neutrality. The FCC must also carefully review transactions like AT&T NextWave Wireless to ensure they are in the public interest and condition them with divestitures and/or reasonable data roaming and open access conditions or deny said deals if no amount of conditions can improve the situation. This rings true for deals involving Verizon Wireless (Big Red) also.