Intellectual Property is a term widely abused in the software industry by firms such as Microsoft and SCO using it to scare people into not using certain products in favor of their own. This disparaging tactic has even been given a name: Fear, Uncertainty and Doubt (FUD). It seems that anyone nowadays can make bold, unsubstantiated claims of IP infringement without actually having any proof simply to hurt another product's reputation and destroy healthy competition. In this article, we will explore what intellectual property is and why every computer user should care when unscrupulous companies abuse legal systems in order to gain an unfair business advantage.

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