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It's long, but at least read/skim some of it.

Basically, the new windows OS is going to give Microsoft and other developers more control over your PC than you have.

You can't open, play, or back up files unless they let you. You can't save or create files unless they let you.

Quote:Even worse, trusted computers will have complete control over your computer, it's files, resources and hardware. It receives its instructions not from you, but from a database on the internet written by a company. Your files may be deleted from your computer without you knowing it. Freedom of speech may be under attack. If you write a document that someone doesnt like, they can change the permissions on that document so noone can read it.

And lets get further into that with an example.

Your boss sends you an email, instructing you to do something thats risky for business, but he is your boss so you do it. That email is only going to be accessible by you and your boss. You won't even have permissions to print the document or copy it to a floppy. You follow through with his instructions, and everything backfires. The blame starts to lay in on you, and as soon as you try to prove it was your boss' idea, he has already changed permissions on that document as not to be viewable by anyone, or completely destroys it. And you have no hard copy, because you didn't have the permissions to make on in the first place. I.E., you're fucked.