

## Microsoft Trying to Break Steam

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Microsoft's Universal Windows Platform sounds like a good idea, but it has the makings of a disaster for anyone else that wants to sell games to Windows 10 users. Tim Sweeney, co-founder of Epic Games, hates the idea as future Windows 10 updates could close the platform and make programs like Steam and Origin useless. Everything would have to be sold through the Windows Store - making Microsoft a ton of money and running everyone else into the ground. I don't think it will get that far, but I'm sure Microsoft would like to try.

*"There are two programming interfaces for Windows and every app has to choose one of them," he said. "Every Steam app – every PC game for the past few decades – has used Win32. It's been both responsible for the vibrant software market we have now, but also for malware. Any program can be a virus. Universal Windows Platform is seen as an antidote to that. It's sandboxed – much more locked down."*

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