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**QUESTION 1: What is a cross-licensing agreement? How do large software companies use them? Do you think their use is fair to small software development firms? Why or why not?**

A cross licensing agreement is a contract between two parties where each party grants rights to their intellectual property to the other parties.

Large software companies use them to avoid lawsuits and the monetary loss associated with them. They help each company use patents that they would otherwise have to go through a lot of litigation to gain access to. Also, large companies use them to promote their own research and development because then their research and development teams can work on creating other products instead of figuring out how to create products that are already invented.

I don’t think it’s fair for the smaller companies because it makes it a lot harder for these companies to break through into the industries and compete with these large research teams that have access to other large research teams. It is a situation of the rich getting richer.

This is an agreement in which each company agrees not to sue the other over patent infringements. Large companies, such as Microsoft, IBM, Sun Microsystems, and Hewlett-Packard, go into agreement with one another to obtain the rights to technologies that it might use in its products. This provides a tremendous amount of development freedom without the risk of expensive litigation. It does not seem fair that small businesses must pay an additional cost, from which larger companies are exempt, to license the patents they use.

**QUESTION 2: Do you believe that spam is actually harmful? Why or why not?**

To determine whether the spam is harmful or not depends on the message itself or how big the message is. If a spammer sent a lot of messages that’s really big, it might slow your computer or the **internet speed**, **decrease your working efficiency**.

But if the messages contain **worms or virus**, it might cause problems to your computer.

If the spam does not contain any virus or neither slows your computer down, then it’s just **annoying messages** which causes no harm if you ignore it.

Spam can really be harmful when hacker uses it as a way to hack your computer. Those kind of mail that may be seen as spam can mostly be advertisements. Not all of the ads are bad, but some of it contains virus that can actually harm your computer badly. So be aware of clicking on your mail, don’t open mail that is unknown and new to you.

I believe spam can really be harmful, but not all of them are bad.

**QUESTION3: What advice would you give a friend who is the victim of cyberstalking?**

When the offender is known, victims should send the stalker a written notice for unwanted contact.

Evidence of all contacts should be saved.

Victims of cyberstalking should inform their ISP provider as well as the stalker’s ISP, if possible.

Victims should consider speaking to law enforcement officers.

Above all else, victims of cyberstalking should never agree to meet with the stalker to “talk things out.