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Roger McNamee points out the basis for his judgment:

- Developers will most likely not write applications for Windows. They will focus on web platforms, Apple's operating systems and other open source platforms.
- Business version of Windows is expensive.
- Removing 1 desktop computer running Windows will save \$ 1,000 in support each year .
- The explosion of mobile platforms, especially iOS and Android means Windows will only be available on less than 50% of Internet-connected devices in 2011.

McNamee said that the reallocation of technology spending will take place over the next five years and he thinks that this possibility is ' *very high* '. Although Windows is expected to decline, McNamee said that doesn't mean Microsoft will be excluded from the game. The software giant can take advantage of Exchange development to increase profits in the next 5 years. McNamee also said that the acquisition of Skype was a smart move by Microsoft because it had the potential to become a global telecommunications company with only \$ 8 billion.

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