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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 20)*

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

594918104

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2012

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

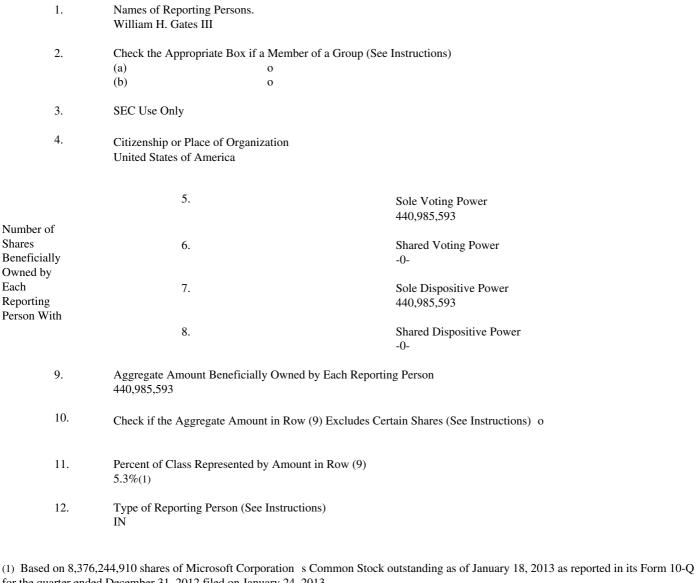
Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- o Rule 13d-1(b)
- o Rule 13d-1(c)
- x Rule 13d-1(d)

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

^{*}The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

CUSIP No. 594918104



for the quarter ended December 31, 2012 filed on January 24, 2013.

Item 1.	
(a)	Name of Issuer
	Microsoft Corporation
(b)	Address of Issuer s Principal Executive Offices
	One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052
Item 2.	
(a)	Name of Person Filing
	William H. Gates III
(b)	Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence
	One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052
(c)	Citizenship
	United States of America
(d)	Title of Class of Securities
	Common Stock
(e)	CUSIP Number
	594918104

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a: Not applicable.

Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

See the response to Item 9 on the attached cover page.

(b) Percent of class:

See the response to Item 11 on the attached cover page.

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

See the response to Item 5 on the attached cover page.

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

See the response to Item 6 on the attached cover page.

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

See the response to Item 7 on the attached cover page.

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

See the response to Item 8 on the attached cover page.

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Item 5. Ownership of 5 Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following o.

Item 6. Ownership of More than 5 Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being

Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification

Not applicable.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 14, 2013

WILLIAM H. GATES III

By: /s/ Alan Heuberger

Name: Alan Heuberger (1)

Title: Attorney-in-fact for William H.

Gates III

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Duly authorized under Special Limited Power of Attorney appointing Alan Heuberger attorney-in-fact, dated August 12, 2008, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed as Exhibit 99.2 to Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D of Cascade Investment, L.L.C. with respect to Otter Tail Corporation on April 15, 2009, SEC File No. 005-06638, and incorporated by reference herein.