

MICROSOFT CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**COURTOIS JEAN PHILIPPE**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MICROSOFT CORPORATION, ONE MICROSOFT WAY

(Street)

REDMOND, WA 98052-6399

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/17/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	376,107	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	437,980	I	Held through "contrats d'assurance vie" <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	66,133	I	Held through "contrats de capitalization" <u>(2)</u>

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Equity Swap (Obligation to Sell)	\$ 29.72	05/16/2005		O/K <sup>(3)</sup>	1	05/16/2005	05/16/2005	Common Stock	722,912

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COURTOIS JEAN PHILIPPE C/O MICROSOFT CORPORATION ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052-6399			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for Jean-Philippe  
Courtois

05/18/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Held through "contrats d'assurance vie," a form of life insurance program, where the reporting person maintains investment control over the Microsoft shares held in the program. Beneficiaries of the program include the reporting person's minor children. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(2) Held through "contrats de capitalization," a form of life insurance program for the benefit of the reporting person's three minor children, where the reporting person maintains investment control over the Microsoft shares held in the program. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(3) On May 16, 2005, upon the settlement of an equity swap agreement entered into by and between the Trust and JP Morgan (the "Broker") on November 10, 2004, covering 722,912 Microsoft shares (the "Shares"), the Trust paid to the Broker \$3,079,605.12 representing the amount equal to the difference between \$29.72 and \$25.46 the market price on May 17, 2005, multiplied by the number of Shares.

(4) The reporting person is the Settlor of the Trust and not a Trustee or beneficiary of the Trust. The reporting person therefore disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities held by the Trust, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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