

MICROSOFT CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of**  
**The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**October 21, 2004**

**Microsoft Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Washington**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**0-14278**  
(Commission

File Number)

**91-1144442**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**98052-6399**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**(425) 882-8080**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 21, 2004, Microsoft Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2004. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Date: October 21, 2004

/s/ John G. Connors

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John G. Connors  
Senior Vice President; Chief Financial Officer

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                     |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press release, dated October 21, 2004, issued by Microsoft Corporation |