

COURTOIS JEAN PHILIPPE  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)

**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)  
**11/08/2004**

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/08/2004                           |  | S                              | 243,000 D \$ 29.18  | 613,672   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/10/2004                           |  | G                              | V 173,512 D \$ 0  | 440,160   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/08/2004                           |  | S                              | 66,666 D \$ 29.19   | 0   | I  | By minor child  |
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|              |            |  |   |        |   |          |         |   |  |
|--------------|------------|--|---|--------|---|----------|---------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 11/08/2004 |  | P | 66,133 | A | \$ 29.39 | 66,133  | I | Held through "contrats de capitalization" <u>(1)</u> |
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| Common Stock |            |  |   |        |   |          | 722,912 | I | By Trust <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>                       |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)  | (D)   |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

COURTOIS JEAN PHILIPPE  
ONE MICROSOFT WAY  
REDMOND, WA 98052-6399

Senior Vice President

## Signatures

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

11/10/2004

\_\_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 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, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
  - (2) The reporting person 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.
  - (3) Includes 173,512 shares gifted from the reporting person.

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