#### REED WILLIAM JR

Form 4

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## FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** REED WILLIAM JR			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
1402 THIRD AVENUE, SUITE 1318			01/20/2005	Officer (give titleOther (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SEATTLE,	WA 98101-2	166	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1 Title of	2 Transaction	Date 2A De	emed 3 A Securities Acquired	5 Amount of 6 Ownership 7 Nature of			

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. Securiti on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	posed of	5. Amoun Securities Beneficial Owned Following	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D) P	Reported Transactio (Instr. 3 and	on(s)	(IIISU: 4)
Common Stock	01/20/2005		J <u>(1)</u>	98,000	A \$	0 185,744	D	

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

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	<b>:</b>		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

REED WILLIAM JR 1402 THIRD AVENUE, SUITE 1318 X SEATTLE, WA 98101-2166

### **Signatures**

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-Fact for Wm G. Reed, Jr. 01/21/2005

\*\*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) Represents an exchange of stock certificates for 98,000 shares of Microsoft common stock between the reporting person and a GRAT for tax purposes which does not change the number of shares beneficially owned by the reporting person or the GRAT, directly or indirectly.

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