FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SHIRLEY JON A						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol MICROSOFT CORP [ MSFT ]									5. Relationship of Repor (Check all applicable) X Director			ting Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE MICROSOFT WAY						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/12/2004									Officer (give title below)			r (specify v)	
(Street) REDMO			28052-6 Zip)	399	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line)	. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X 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/						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a 5)			Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) o (D)	Price	.	Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a				(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 01/12/20						004			G	V	3,140	D	\$	0	4,566,750		D			
Common Stock															1,308,940		I		Shirley Family Limited Partnership	
	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)	e Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any				4. Transa Code (I 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Expirati (Month/	ion Da		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		De Se (In	Price of erivative ecurity estr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e s lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares									

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

<u>David Menz, Attorney-in-Fact</u> <u>for Jon A. Shirley</u>

01/12/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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