FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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7. Nature of Indirect

Beneficial

OMB APPROVAL

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BALLMER STEVEN A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MICROSOFT CORP</u> [MSFT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
		<u>r</u>		X Director 10% Owner					
(Last)	(Eirct) (Middlo)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/21/2003	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chief Executive Officer					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
	(2	<i></i>		X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 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 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (D) or Indirect (D) or Indirect (D) or Indirect (D) (Instr. 4) 6. Ownership (D) (Instr. 4)

	(Month/Day/Year)	if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		5)			Beneficially Owned Following Reported	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		685,686	D	24.14	461,170,184	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		542,558	D	24.15	460,627,626	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		243,648	D	24.16	460,383,978	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		104,768	D	24.17	460,279,210	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		363,242	D	24.18	459,915,968	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		10,850	D	24.19	459,905,118	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		117,988	D	24.2	459,787,130	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		115,287	D	24.21	459,671,843	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		2,300	D	24.22	459,669,543	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		200	D	24.27	459,669,343	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		638	D	24.28	459,668,705	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		1,712	D	24.29	459,666,993	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		197,110	D	24.3	459,469,883	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		1,516	D	24.31	459,468,367	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		41,595	D	24.32	459,426,772	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		1,407	D	24.33	459,425,365	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		1,400	D	24.34	459,423,965	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		66,360	D	24.35	459,357,605	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		34,739	D	24.36	459,322,866	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		98,733	D	24.37	459,224,133	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		26,364	D	24.38	459,197,769	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		63,922	D	24.39	459,133,847	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		128,795	D	24.4	459,005,052	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		97,540	D	24.41	458,907,512	D	
Common Stock	05/21/2003		S ⁽¹⁾		29,340	D	24.42	458,878,172(2)	D	

 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 Ta Date (Month/Day/Year)	HenrenBeriva Execution Date, if any (e.g., p -(Month/Day/Year)	titve S Transa UtsueQ -8)	ecuri	tiesu of Secur Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5	rities ired osed . 3, 4	ifentersisservet, Expiration bate Optimissy reanvertib		CPUT, 07 Bigneficiall Amount of Amount of Secusities) Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 Gvineeti Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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			ort all May 21, 2003				orting I	berson.	Joł	hn A. S	eethoff,	Attorney-i	Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
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