

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

THOMSON multimedia  
(Name of Issuer)

COMMON SHARES  
(Title of Class of Securities)

885118109  
(CUSIP Number)

DECEMBER 31, 1999  
(Date of Event Which Requires  
Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this  
Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1 (b)  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized  
to Receive Notices and Communications)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's  
initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and  
for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter  
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to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of  
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but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the  
Notes).

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CUSIP No. 885118109  
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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
Microsoft Corporation

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
91-1144442

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)   
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

State of Washington

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

8,891,008

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER
		-0-
	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		8,891,008
	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		-0-

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

8,891,008

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

7.1%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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- Item 1(a). Name of Issuer.  
THOMSON multimedia.
- Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices.  
46, quai A. Le Gallo, 92100 Boulogne, France.
- Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing.  
Microsoft Corporation.
- Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence.  
One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052-6399,  
Attention: General Counsel, Finance and Operations.
- Item 2(c). Citizenship.  
State of Washington.
- Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities.  
Common Shares.
- Item 2(e). CUSIP Number.  
885118109
- Item 3. Not applicable.
- Item 4. Ownership.
- (a) Amount beneficially owned:  
7.1%
- (b) Percent of class:  
7.1%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:  
8,891,008
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:  
Not applicable.
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition:  
8,891,008
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
Not applicable.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of the Class.  
Not applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.  
Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.  
Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.  
Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.  
Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.  
Not applicable.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 9, 2000

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert A. Eshelman

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Name: Robert A. Eshelman  
Title: Assistant Secretary