

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>THOMPSON JOHN WENDELL</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MICROSOFT CORPORATION ONE MICROSOFT WAY <hr/> (Street) REDMOND WA 98052-6399 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2012	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MICROSOFT CORP [MSFT]</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,066	D	
Common Stock	4,085	I	By Trust

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Keith R. Dolliver, Attorney-in-fact for John W. Thompson 02/21/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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January 13, 2012

Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Microsoft Corporation - Power of Attorney

To whom it may concern:

This will confirm that I have granted each of the individuals listed below the authority to, on my behalf, execute and file the Initial Statement of Beneficial Owner

The individuals who are authorized to act as my Attorney-In-Fact under this Power of Attorney are as follows:

Keith R. Dolliver
Peter A. Kraus
Christyne Mayberry
Ben O. Orndorff
John A. Seethoff
Bradford L. Smith

This Power of Attorney is effective immediately upon filing with the Securities Exchange Commission and for purposes of my future Form 4 and Form 5 filings relating

Sincerely,

/s/ John W. Thompson
John W. Thompson