

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

CheckFree Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

162813109

(CUSIP Number)

September 1, 2000

(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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Rule 13d-1(d)

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS.

Microsoft Corporation

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

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

NUMBER OF 8,567,250

SHARES

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY -0-

OWNED BY

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH REPORTING PERSON 8,567,250

PERSON

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH -0-

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

8,567,250

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

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

11.3%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Item 1

- (a) Name of Issuer: CheckFree Corporation (the "Issuer")
- (b) Address of principal executive offices of Issuer: 4411 E. Jones Bridge Road, Norcross, Georgia 30092

Item 2

- (a) Name of Persons Filing: Microsoft Corporation ("Microsoft")
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office: One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052
- (c) Citizenship: Microsoft is a corporation under the laws of the State of Washington
- (d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock, \$.01 par value
- (e) CUSIP Number: 162813109

Item 3. Not applicable.

Item 4. Ownership.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 8,567,250
- (b) Percent of class: 11.3%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote 8,567,250
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote -0-
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 8,567,250
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of -0-

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a 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 a Group: Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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.

September 11, 2000

Date

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert A. Eshelman

Robert A. Eshelman, Assistant
Secretary