

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. ___)*

INDIVIDUAL, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

455912105

(CUSIP Number)

*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 the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
 S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person
 Microsoft Corporation F.E.I.D. No.: 91-1144442

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) []
 (b) [X]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
 a Washington corporation

NUMBER OF	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	1,050,000
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED			
BY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	0
EACH			
REPORTING	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	1,050,000
PERSON			
WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
 1,050,000

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
 Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
 7.4%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
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ITEM 1.

Issuer: Individual, Inc.
8 New England Executive Park West
Burlington, MA 01803

ITEM 2.

- (a) Microsoft Corporation
- (b) One Microsoft Way
Redmond, WA 98052
- (c) State of Incorporation: Washington
- (d) Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
- (e) 455912105

ITEM 3.

Not applicable

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

- (a) 1,050,000 shares
- (b) 7.4%
- (c) (i) 1,050,000
(ii) 0
(iii) 1,050,000
(iv) 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

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.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

February 14, 1997

By /s/ Robert A. Eshelman

Signature

Robert A. Eshelman, Assistant Secretary

Name and Title