

# Competitive Intelligence: Early Warning

What patent applications does Microsoft have pending in the U.S. Patent Office?

## Step 1

Enter File DWPI to access Derwent's World Patents Index database.

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?file DWPI
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## Step 2

Conduct an effective Assignee search.

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Search statement 1
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?nbr /pan microsoft
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Displaying /PAN
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1 1 MICROSYSTEMI SRL
2 2 MICROSIZE INC
3 4 MICROSKILL LTD
4 1 MICROSLATE CORP
5 3 MICROSLATE INC
6 1 MICROSOFT CO
7 1160 MICROSOFT CORP
8 2 MICROSOFT CORP INC
9 2 MICROSOME
10 1 MICROSOME INC
11 3 MICROSONIC ENG DEVICES CO INC
12 7 MICROSONIC GES MIKROELEKTRONIK
13 2 MICROSONIC INC
14 6 MICROSONICS CORP
15 4 MICROSONICS INC
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Some: numbers / Continue: Y / None: N
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** SS 1: Results 1.160
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### Step 3

Search for all of Microsoft's priority U.S. applications.

Search statement 2

?1 and us/prc

1605775 US/PR

\*\* SS 2: Results 1.156

### Step 4

Remove all of Microsoft's published U.S. patents. This will leave only Microsoft's U.S. patent publications that are still pending in the U.S. Patent Office but have been published elsewhere in the world.

Search statement 3

?2 not us/pc

2267378 US/PC

\*\* SS 3: Results 159