

COLLECTIONS > MICROSOFT

ADS BY GOOGLE

[Microsoft PowerPoint 2010](#)

Download Latest Version for Free. Secure Download. Easy to Install! www.soft32.com

[Free Microsoft PowerPoint](#)

Latest Version 100% Free, No Cost Download Free Now-No Registration! download-21.com/PowerPointFree

[PowerPoint on Web](#)

Easily Share PPT in Flash on Web. Easy-to-Use & Cost-Effective Tool! www.iSpringSolutions.com

[Powerpoint](#)

100% Free Powerpoint Software. Why Pay? Download Yours Today! wisedownloads.com/Powerpoint

[Download PowerPoint](#)

Find more facts, sites and tools. Get more download powerpoint WebCrawler.com/download+powerpoint

More Like This

[Microsoft Has A Stronghold In Office Suites](#)

[Everything but the Potted Plant; An Ambitious Package To...](#)

[TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS; I.B.M. and Partners Promoting Linux...](#)

Find More Stories

[Microsoft](#)

COMPANY NEWS; Microsoft Buys Software Unit

Special to the New York Times
Published: July 31, 1987

The Microsoft Corporation announced its first significant software acquisition today, paying \$14 million for Forethought Inc. of Sunnyvale, Calif.

Forethought makes a program called Powerpoint that allows users of Apple Macintosh computers to make overhead transparencies or flip charts. Some industry officials think such "desktop presentations" have the potential to be as big a market as "desktop publishing," which involves using computers to lay out newsletters and other publications. Microsoft is already the leading software supplier for the Macintosh.

The personal software industry has been buzzing with acquisitions lately. Microsoft has purchased a 10-employee Berkeley company called Dynamical Systems and has invested in another company, Natural Language Inc. But the acquisition of Forethought is the first significant one for Microsoft, which is based in Redmond, Wash. Forethought would remain in

Sunnyvale, giving Microsoft a Silicon Valley presence. The unit will be headed by Robert Gaskins, Forethought's vice president of product development.

ADS BY GOOGLE

[Free MicrosoftSoftware](#)

Why Pay For Microsoft Powerpoint. Try Office Suite Free Full Version. www.openoffice.fm/powerpoint

[Data Acquisition Software](#)

All You Need to Know About Data Acquisition Software. EverymanBusiness.com

[Free Powerpoint Trial 2007](#)

Free Powerpoint Trial 2007 Deals Find Low Prices & Save up to 30% mySimon.com

SIGN IN TO E-MAIL

PRINT

