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Microsoft first established a presence in Ireland in 1985 through its European Operations Centre, which includes the area manufacturing and distribution. Since that time the Irish operations have grown and developed to the point where Microsoft Ireland is the single biggest employer in software in Ireland.

Within three years of its arrival in Ireland, the company expanded its activities to include software localisation for European markets. Today, over one hundred different software products are localised into twenty-seven different European and South American languages at Microsoft's European Product Development Centre (EPDC) in Dublin. Further expansion in Ireland occurred in 1991, when Ireland Sales and Marketing was established in Dublin to market the company's products and service to customers throughout the island of Ireland.

#### Currently Microsoft Ireland:

- Spends some IR?267m in the Irish economy on labour compensation, materials and services.
- Exports in 1999 amounted to 5.5 per cent of the total Irish exports of goods and services
- Has generated direct income in the Irish economy in the year ending 2000 estimated to amount to just over 2 per cent of GNP.
- With 1,592 on-site employees, Microsoft thus accounts directly for almost 7 per cent of total employment in the software industry
- Has contributed an estimated at 5 per cent of all Corporation Tax payments to the Exchequer in the year 2000.

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