

Robert Donner

Robert Donner was a Software Design Engineer at Microsoft from 1989 to 2003 and 2007 to 2016. After graduating from the University of Manitoba, Robert created computer versions of the board games Risk and Clue for the Apple II. He then moved to Redmond to work on Microsoft Word for Windows (versions 1 through 6) and Word for OS/2 Presentation Manager. He also spent time in the Networking group where he shipped Microsoft NetMeeting versions 1 through 2.11 and worked on UPnP (Universal Plug and Play). Along the way, he created the popular *Minesweeper* application, and several games in the Windows Entertainment Pack (1990-1992).

Robert was a development lead for the Small Business Customer Manager which shipped as part of Office 2000. His work on Equest, which was the subscription version of Office 2007 with OneCare and Windows Live, eventually transformed into the Office Licensing Service.