

AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HAWTHORNE NANCY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.
 [AVID]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC., 75
 NETWORK DRIVE**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
05/15/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)

BURLINGTON, MA 01803

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	05/15/2012		A	(1)	6,000	\$ 0	17,000 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.22	05/15/2012		A	3,000	<u>(2)</u> 05/15/2019	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HAWTHORNE NANCY AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC. 75 NETWORK DRIVE BURLINGTON, MA 01803		X		

Signatures

/s/ John S. LaMountain as Attorney-in-Fact for Nancy Hawthorne

05/16/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents restricted stock unit award that will vest in full on the earlier of the first anniversary of the date of grant or the business day prior to Avid's next annual meeting of stockholders following the date of grant.

(2) The stock option becomes exercisable in full on the earlier of the first anniversary of the date of grant or the business day prior to Avid's next annual meeting of stockholders following the date of grant.

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