

SEXTON KEN
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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 *
SEXTON KEN

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)
02/24/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, CFO & CAO

(Street)
BURLINGTON, MA 01803

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/24/2012 | | A | | 20,000 (1) | A | \$ 0 114,421 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.71 | 02/24/2012 | | A | 120,000 | <u>(2)</u> | 02/24/2019 | Common Stock | 120,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SEXTON KEN AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC. 75 NETWORK DRIVE BURLINGTON, MA 01803 | | | EVP, CFO & CAO | |

Signatures

/s/ John S. LaMountain as Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth A. Sexton 02/28/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Represents restricted stock unit award that will vest on a time-based schedule as follows: 25% of the shares vest on the first anniversary of the grant date and the remaining 75% of the shares vest in equal 6.25% installments every three months thereafter ending on the fourth anniversary of the grant date provided the Reporting Person is still employed by the Company on each such vesting date. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AVID common stock. This award includes a provision for the withholding of shares by the Issuer to pay the withholding taxes due on each vesting date.
- (1) anniversary of the grant date provided the Reporting Person is still employed by the Company on each such vesting date. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AVID common stock. This award includes a provision for the withholding of shares by the Issuer to pay the withholding taxes due on each vesting date.
- (2) remaining 75% of the shares will vest in equal 6.25% installments every three months thereafter ending on the fourth anniversary of the grant date provided the Reporting Person is still employed by the Company on each such vesting date.

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