

AVID TECHNOLOGY INC
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FORM 4

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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 520 BRISTOL DRIVE
 (Street)

AURORA, OH 44202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/28/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock	01/28/2008		A		50,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 50,000 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.15	01/28/2008		A	260,000	(2)(3)(4)	01/28/2015	Common Stock	260,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SEXTON KEN 520 BRISTOL DRIVE AURORA, OH 44202			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth A. Sexton
 01/29/2008
 **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).
- (1) Represents restricted stock award which shall vest on a time-based schedule in equal 6.25% increments every three (3) months, as long as Mr. Sexton is still employed by the Company on each such vesting date.
 50,000 shares of stock will vest on a time-based schedule in equal 6.25% increments every three (3) months, with the first vesting date on
- (2) April 28, 2008 and the last vesting date on January 28, 2012, as long as Mr. Sexton is still employed by the Company on each such vesting date;
- (3) 100,000 shares will vest on a performance-based schedule tied to the Company's stock price; and
- (4) 110,000 shares will vest on a performance-based schedule tied to the Company's stock price or the achievement of certain financial metrics.

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