

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>JACKS ETHAN E</u>			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVID TECHNOLOGY INC [ AVID ]</u>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SVP Business Development &amp;</u>	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/03/2004</u>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(Street) <u>86 CONCORD STREET</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<u>WESTON MA 02493</u>			

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/03/2004		M		5,000	A	\$29.8125	6,700	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		M		521	A	\$12.8	7,221	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		2,534	D	\$58.48	4,687	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		300	D	\$58.43	4,387	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		2,011	D	\$58.47	2,376	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		100	D	\$58.44	2,276	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		S		55	D	\$58.43	2,221	D	

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

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$29.8125	12/03/2004		M			5,000	03/15/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/15/2009	Common Stock	5,000	\$0	9,975	D	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$12.8	12/03/2004		M			521	10/17/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	04/17/2011	Common Stock	521	\$0	2,604	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. 12.5% of the option becomes exercisable on the date listed in the "Date Exercisable" column; the remaining 87.5% becomes exercisable in 42 equal monthly installments thereafter.
2. 25% of the option becomes exercisable on the date listed in the "Date Exercisable" column; the remaining 75% becomes exercisable in 12 equal quarterly installments beginning three months after the date listed in the "Date Exercisable" column.

Remarks:

Ethan E. Jacks 12/06/2004  
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

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