

WELSH JAMES K
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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 *
WELSH JAMES K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WESTERN DIGITAL CORP
[WDC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP & GM, Branded Products

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION, 3355 MICHELSON DRIVE, SUITE 100
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/16/2012

IRVINE, CA 92612

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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(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 ⁽¹⁾	05/16/2012		A		17,517	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					1,450	I	by Spouse IRA

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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 38.63	05/16/2012		A	41,652	05/16/2013 ⁽²⁾ 05/16/2019	Common Stock 41,652

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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3355 MICHELSON DRIVE, SUITE 100
IRVINE, CA 92612

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Signatures

By: /s/ Sandra Garcia Attorney-in-Fact For: James K. Welsh

05/18/2012

__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).

(1) Represents the grant of restricted stock units to the reporting person. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.

(2) The option vests 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date and 6.25% at the end of each three-month period thereafter.

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