

WELSH JAMES K  
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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 \*  
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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/12/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & GM, Branded Products

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

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

IRVINE, CA 92612

(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			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)
Common Stock	03/12/2012		M		7,439	A	\$ 28.09	61,905	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2012		M		18,072	A	\$ 26.17	79,977	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2012		M		5,077	A	\$ 23.46	85,054	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2012		M		10,665	A	\$ 23.78	95,719	D	
	03/12/2012		M		18,002	A	\$ 16.85	113,721	D	

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Common  
Stock

Common Stock	03/12/2012		S	65,779	D	\$ 39.9798 <u>(1)</u>	47,942	D
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Common Stock							1,450	I	by Spouse IRA
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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.85	03/12/2012		M	18,002	02/04/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/04/2016	Common Stock	18,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.46	03/12/2012		M	5,077	09/12/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/12/2014	Common Stock	5,077
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.78	03/12/2012		M	10,665	09/11/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/11/2015	Common Stock	10,665
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.17	03/12/2012		M	18,072	09/08/2011 <sup>(5)</sup> 09/08/2017	Common Stock	18,072

buy)

Employee

Stock

Option	\$ 28.09	03/12/2012	M	7,439	02/06/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/06/2015	Common Stock	7,439
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(right to buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WELSH JAMES K C/O WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION 3355 MICHELSON DRIVE, SUITE 100 IRVINE, CA 92612			EVP & GM, Branded Products	

## Signatures

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

Welsh

03/14/2012

\_\_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 the weighted average sale price per share. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from a low of (1) \$39.77 to a high of \$40.195. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(2) The option vested 25% one year from the grant date of 2/4/2009, and an additional 6.25% vested at the end of each three-month period through 2/4/2012. The remaining shares subject to the option will vest at 6.25% at the end of each three-month period until fully vested on 2/4/2013.

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

(4) The option vested 25% one year from the grant date of 9/11/2008, and an additional 6.25% vested at the end of each three-month period through 3/11/2012. The remaining shares subject to the option will vest at 6.25% at the end of each three-month period until fully vested on 9/11/2012.

(5) The option vested 25% one year from the grant date of 9/8/2010, and an additional 6.25% vested at the end of each three-month period through 3/8/2012. The remaining shares subject to the option will vest at 6.25% at the end of each three-month period until fully vested on 9/8/2014.

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