

Smith S. Dawn
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Smith S. Dawn

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3401 HILLVIEW AVENUE
 (Street)

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VMWARE, INC. [VMW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/20/2012

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)
 Senior VP and General Counsel

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/20/2012 | | M | | 3,750 | A | | \$ 45.05 0 |
| Class A Common Stock | 04/20/2012 | | S | | 3,750 | D | | \$ 114.61 31,310 |
| | | | | | | | | <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy) | \$ 45.05 | 04/20/2012 | | M | 3,750 | ⁽³⁾ 10/14/2015 | Class A Common Stock | 3,750 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Smith S. Dawn 3401 HILLVIEW AVENUE PALO ALTO, CA 94304 | | | Senior VP and General Counsel | |

Signatures

Larry Wainblat,
attorney-in-fact

04/24/2012

 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) Price represents weighted average for sales reported. The range of prices for the sales reported is \$114.56 through \$114.66.

(2) The reporting person will provide upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 90,000 shares of Class A Common stock, became exercisable as to one-quarter of the shares on October 14, 2010, and vests in 36 equal monthly installments as to the remaining shares until fully exercisable on October 14, 2013.

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