

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES 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 *
 Benson James M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES INC
 [AKAM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC., 150 BROADWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/17/2017

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/17/2017		M		7,243	A	\$ 35.42
Common Stock	03/17/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		33,243	D	\$ 65 ⁽²⁾

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 35.42	03/17/2017		M	7,243	⁽³⁾ 02/08/2020	Common Stock	7,243

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Benson James M C/O AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 150 BROADWAY CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ James H Hammons Jr, by power of attorney 03/21/2017

**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) Sale was made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Plan adopted by Mr. Benson on December 16, 2016.

(2) Average sale price per share.

(3) Vests as follows: 1/3 on each of February 8, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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