

KERN R. FRANKLIN III  
 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 \*  
 KERN R. FRANKLIN III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP [IBM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 IBM CORPORATION, ONE NORTH CASTLE DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/06/2011

ARMONK, NY 10504

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	05/08/2011		M	2,243	A	\$ 0	3,198	D
Common Stock	05/08/2011		M	2,632	A	\$ 0	5,830	D
Common Stock	05/08/2011		F	1,008	D	\$ 169.21	4,822	D
Common Stock	05/08/2011		F	1,183	D	\$ 169.21	3,639	D

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Rst. Stock Unit	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/08/2011		M <sup>(2)</sup>	2,632	<sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(1)</sup>	Common Stock	2,632 \$
Rst. Stock Unit	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/08/2011		M <sup>(2)</sup>	2,243	<sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(1)</sup>	Common Stock	2,243 \$
Phantom Stock Unit	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	05/06/2011		A <sup>(4)</sup>	20	<sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	20 \$

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KERN R. FRANKLIN III IBM CORPORATION ONE NORTH CASTLE DRIVE ARMONK, NY 10504			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

D. Cummins on behalf of R. F. Kern III  
Date: 05/10/2011

\*\*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).

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- (1) These units were payable in cash or the company's common stock upon the lapse of the restrictions on the transaction date shown.
- (2) Release of restricted stock units.
- (3) Phantom stock units convert to the cash value of the company's common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) Acquisition of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan.
- (5) Distribution of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan is deferred until separation from the company. The reporting person may transfer these phantom stock units into an alternative investment account under such plan.

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