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Form SC 13D/A
January 05, 2009

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
(Amendment No. 12)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$.01 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

05367P100

(CUSIP Number)

Gregory D. Hitchan
Blum Capital Partners, L.P.
909 Montgomery Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94133
(415) 434-1111

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

January 2, 2009

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b)(3) or (4), check the following box [].

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 94-3205364

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [x] (b) [x]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS* See Item 3

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) []

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION California

7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON WITH

8. SHARED VOTING POWER 7,931,530**

9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 7,931,530**

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 7,931,530**

12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES []

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 21.4%**

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN, IA

** See Item 5

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 94-2967812

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a)
(b)

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6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION California

7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

NUMBER OF
SHARES 8. SHARED VOTING POWER 7,931,530**

BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY EACH
PERSON WITH 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.L.C.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 04-3809436

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(b)

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5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
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6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

NUMBER OF
SHARES -----

8. SHARED VOTING POWER 7,931,530**

BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY EACH -----

PERSON WITH 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-

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14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON OO (Limited Liability Company)

** See Item 5

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.P.
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 02-0742606

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [x]
(b) [x]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS* See Item 3

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7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON		BLUM STRATEGIC PARTNERS III, L.P.	
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)		04-3809438	

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4. SOURCE OF FUNDS*		See Item 3	

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6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION		Delaware	

		7. SOLE VOTING POWER	
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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON WITH	-----	8. SHARED VOTING POWER	7,931,530**
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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.L.C.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 26-0588693

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [x]
(b) [x]

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.P.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 26-0588732

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [x]
(b) [x]

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM STRATEGIC PARTNERS IV, L.P.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 26-0588744

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a)
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

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NUMBER OF
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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON SADDLEPOINT PARTNERS GP, L.L.C.
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 83-0424234

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [x]
(b) [x]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS* See Item 3

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 12 amends the Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on November 14, 2008 by Blum Capital Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership, ("Blum LP"); Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc., a California

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corporation ("RCBA Inc."); Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Blum GP III"); Blum Strategic GP III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Blum GP III LP"); Blum Strategic Partners III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Blum Strategic III"); Blum Strategic GP IV, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Blum GP IV"); Blum Strategic GP IV, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Blum GP IV LP"); Blum Strategic Partners IV, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Blum Strategic IV"); and Saddlepoint Partners GP, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Saddlepoint GP") (collectively, the "Reporting Persons").

This amendment relates to shares of common stock, \$.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock") of Avid Technology, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). The principal executive office and mailing address of the Issuer is One Park West, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

The following amendments to the Schedule 13D are hereby made. Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Schedule 13D as previously amended.

Item 2. Identity and Background

There have been no changes to Item 2 since the Schedule 13D Amendment filed on May 1, 2008.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Considerations

There have been no changes to Item 3 since the Schedule 13D Amendment filed on May 1, 2008.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

There have been no changes to Item 4 since the Schedule 13D Amendment filed on May 1, 2008.

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Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a), (b) According to the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on November 7, 2008, there were 37,098,933 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of November 3, 2008. Based on such information, after taking into account the transactions described in Item 5(c) below, the Reporting Persons report beneficial ownership of the following shares of Common Stock: (i) 1,398,117 shares of Common Stock held by Blum LP and RCBA Inc. on behalf of the limited partnerships for which Blum LP serves as the general partner, which represents 3.8% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; (ii) 4,100,000 shares of the Common Stock held by Blum GP III which serves as general partner of Blum GP III LP which, in turn, serves as the general partner of Blum Strategic III, which represents 11.1% of the outstanding

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shares of the Common Stock; (iii) 2,157,849 shares of the Common Stock held by Blum GP IV which serves as general partner of Blum GP IV LP which, in turn, serves as the general partner of Blum Strategic IV, which represents 5.8% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; (iv) 103,364 shares of the Common Stock held by Saddlepoint GP on behalf of a limited liability company for which it serves as the managing member, which represents 0.3% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; (v) 86,100 shares of the Common Stock that are legally owned by The Nuclear Decommissioning Trust of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. ("Dominion Connecticut"), which represents 0.2% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; and (vi) 86,100 shares of the Common Stock that are legally owned by Virginia Electric and Power Company Qualified Nuclear Decommissioning Trust ("Virginia Electric"), which represents 0.2% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock (collectively, the "Investment Advisory Clients"), with respect to which Blum LP has voting and investment power. Each Investment Advisory Client has entered into an investment management agreement with Blum LP, but neither Investment Advisory Client has any contract, arrangement or understanding with the other Investment Advisory Client, or any other Reporting Person, with respect to the acquisition, ownership, disposition or voting of any shares of the Common Stock. Each Investment Advisory Client disclaims membership in a group with any Reporting Person or with the other Investment Advisory Client, and each disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons other than for their own account.

Voting and investment power concerning the above shares are held solely by Blum LP, Blum GP III, Blum GP IV and Saddlepoint GP. The Reporting Persons therefore may be deemed to be members in a group, in which case the group would be deemed to have beneficial ownership of an aggregate of 7,931,530 shares of the Common Stock, which is 21.4% of the outstanding Common Stock. As the sole general partner of Blum LP, RCBA Inc. is deemed the beneficial owner of the securities over which Blum LP has voting and investment power. The filing of this Schedule shall not be construed as an admission that any of the shareholders, directors or executive officers of RCBA Inc. or the managing members and members of Blum GP III, Blum GP III LP, Blum GP IV, Blum GP IV LP and Saddlepoint GP, is, for any purpose, the beneficial owner of any of the securities that are beneficially owned by RCBA Inc., Blum LP, Blum GP III LP, Blum GP III, Blum GP IV, Blum GP IV LP or Saddlepoint GP.

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c) During the last 60 days, the Reporting Persons have purchased the following shares of Common Stock in the open market:

Entity	Trade Date	Shares	Price/Share
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For Blum Strategic IV for	11-14-2008	67,993	13.7953
which Blum GP IV LP	11-17-2008	30,040	13.5388
serves as the general partner			
and for Blum GP IV which			
serves as the general			
partner for Blum GP IV LP			

In addition, on January 2, 2009, the Reporting Persons distributed, on a pro

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rata basis, 431,872 shares of Common Stock to limited partners in two of the limited partnerships for which Blum LP serves as the general partner, 329,840 shares to limited partners in one of the limited partnerships for which Saddlepoint GP serves as the general partner and transferred 2,269 shares to Blum LP.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

There have been no changes to Item 6 since the initial Schedule 13D filed on April 24, 2006.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit A - Joint Filing Undertaking

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 5, 2009

RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC.

BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc.
its General Partner

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

Gregory D. Hitchan
Partner, Chief Operating Officer,
General Counsel and Secretary

Gregory D. Hitchan
Partner, Chief Operating Officer,
General Counsel and Secretary

BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.L.C.

BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.P.

By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.
its General Partner

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

Gregory D. Hitchan
Managing Member

Gregory D. Hitchan
Managing Member

BLUM STRATEGIC PARTNERS III, L.P.

BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.L.C.

By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.P.,
its General Partner

By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.

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its General Partner

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

Gregory D. Hitchan,
Managing Member

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Gregory D. Hitchan
Managing Member

BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.P.
By: Blum Strategic GP IV, L.L.C.
its General Partner

BLUM STRATEGIC PARTNERS IV, L.P.
By: Blum Strategic GP IV, L.P.,
its General Partner
By: Blum Strategic GP IV, L.L.C.
its General Partner

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

Gregory D. Hitchan,
Managing Member

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

Gregory D. Hitchan
Managing Member

SADDLEPOINT PARTNERS GP, L.L.C.
By: Blum Capital Partners, L.P.
its Managing Member
By: Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc.
its General Partner

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

Gregory D. Hitchan
Partner, Chief Operating Officer,
General Counsel and Secretary

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Exhibit A

JOINT FILING UNDERTAKING

The undersigned, being duly authorized thereunto, hereby execute this agreement as an exhibit to this Schedule 13D to evidence the agreement of the below-named parties, in accordance with the rules promulgated pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to file this Schedule jointly on behalf of each such party.

Dated: January 5, 2009

RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC.

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

Gregory D. Hitchan
Partner, Chief Operating Officer,
General Counsel and Secretary

BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.
By: Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc.
its General Partner

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

Gregory D. Hitchan
Partner, Chief Operating Officer,
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BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.L.C.

BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.P.
By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.
its General Partner

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Gregory D. Hitchan
Managing Member

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Managing Member

BLUM STRATEGIC PARTNERS III, L.P.
By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.P.,
its General Partner
By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.
its General Partner

BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

Gregory D. Hitchan,
Managing Member

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BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.P.
By: Blum Strategic GP IV, L.L.C.
its General Partner

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