

KAVANAUGH JAMES J
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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 *
 KAVANAUGH JAMES J

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, NEW ORCHARD ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/15/2017

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/17/2017		M	7,937 A \$ 0	38,288.4145	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2017		F	4,052 D \$ 152.915	34,236.4145	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)
Rst. Stock Unit	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	12/17/2017		M ⁽²⁾	7,937	<u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	7,937 \$
Phantom Stock Unit	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	12/15/2017		A ⁽⁴⁾	6	<u>(5)</u> <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	6 \$ 15

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KAVANAUGH JAMES J IBM CORPORATION NEW ORCHARD ROAD ARMONK, NY 10504			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

A. Gomes da Silva on behalf of J. J. Kavanaugh
12/18/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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 account under such plan.

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