

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**FINKELMAN DANIEL P**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/31/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP, Corp Develop & Innovation**

**DALLAS, TX 75252-8012**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/31/2006		A <sup>(1)</sup>	575 A 11	31,554	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		F <sup>(2)</sup>	1,571 D \$ 46.43	29,983 <sup>(3)</sup>	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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FINKELMAN DANIEL P 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252-8012			EVP, Corp Develop & Innovation	

## Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney  
in Fact 04/04/2006

\*\*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) Based on the Company's cash EPS growth as compared to the GAAP EPS growth of the S&P 500, 113% of the performance-based restricted stock award granted on 2/3/05 vested, resulting in an additional 575 shares, for a total of 4,995 shares.
- (2) 1,571 shares were withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock.
- (3) The total amount of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 2,500 shares purchased in 2001; (b) 1,091 shares of restricted stock granted 6/24/03, which are fully vested; (c) 621 shares of restricted stock granted 7/1/04, which are fully vested; (d) 7,500 shares of restricted stock granted 7/14/04, of which 0 shares are vested; (e) 3,424 out of an original 4,995 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, which are fully vested; (f) 3,883 out of an original 4,420 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 921 shares are vested; (g) 5,482 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, of which 0 shares are vested; and (h) 5,482 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, of which 0 shares are vested.

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