

PENTON MEDIA INC  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Powers David		(Month/Day/Year)	PENTON MEDIA INC [PTON]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/06/2006	
PENTON MEDIA, INC., 1300 EAST 9TH STREET			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)	(Check all applicable)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person	
	(give title below)	(specify below)	___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
CLEVELAND, OH 44114				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

(Instr. 5)

None (1)      Â (1)      Â (1)      none (1)      (1)      \$ (1)      D (1)      Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Powers David PENTON MEDIA, INC. 1300 EAST 9TH STREET CLEVELAND, OH 44114	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

David R. Powers      03/16/2006

  Signature of      Date  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

David R. Powers is the sole shareholder of DRP Corp., which is a general partner of Sandler Capital Management, which is the general partner of Sandler Investment Partners, L.P., which is the general partner of each of Sandler Capital Partners V, L.P., Sandler Capital Partners V FTE, L.P. and Sandler Capital Partners V Germany, L.P. (collectively, the "Sandler V Partnerships"). The Sandler V Partnerships own Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Preferred Stock"), and warrants (the "Warrants") to purchase shares of the Issuer's Common Stock. Assuming full conversion of the Preferred Stock and Warrants, the Sandler V Partnerships may be deemed to beneficially own a total of 3,207,262 shares of Common Stock. Mr. Powers disclaims beneficial ownership in such securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, if any. Mr. Powers disclaims beneficial ownership in these securities for Section 16 purposes and all other purposes.

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### Remarks:

No securities are beneficially owned.

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