

THOMPSON JOHN WENDELL
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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 *
 THOMPSON JOHN WENDELL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SYMANTEC CORP [SYMC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 20330 STEVENS CREEK BOULEVARD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/20/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 CEO, Chairman

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___X___ 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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nun Sha
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION GRANT	\$ 55.36	10/20/2004	A	(A) 5,418	10/20/2005	10/20/2014	Common Stock	5
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION GRANT	\$ 55.36	10/20/2004	A	(A) 244,582	10/20/2005	10/20/2014	Common Stock	24

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THOMPSON JOHN WENDELL 20330 STEVENS CREEK BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014			CEO, Chairman	

Signatures

John W.
Thompson 05/24/2004
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Arthur F.
Courville 05/24/2004
 **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).

Remarks:

Post transaction figures
 Stock- 655,342
 Options-4,825,964

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