

THOMPSON JOHN WENDELL  
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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 \*  
THOMPSON JOHN WENDELL

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

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/25/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
CEO, Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock					655,342	D	
Common Stock	10/25/2004		M		325,000	A	\$ 3.25
Common Stock	10/25/2004		S		17,000	D	\$ 57.48
Common Stock	10/25/2004		S		20,000	D	\$ 57.63
Common Stock	10/25/2004		S		7,200	D	\$ 57.71

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Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	15,000	D	\$ 57.76	921,142	D
Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	25,000	D	\$ 57.78	896,142	D
Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	25,000	D	\$ 57.82	871,142	D
Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	15,000	D	\$ 57.9	856,142	D
Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	25,000	D	\$ 57.96	831,142	D
Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	35,000	D	\$ 58	796,142	D
Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	25,000	D	\$ 58.01	771,142	D
Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	10,000	D	\$ 58.02	761,142	D
Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	20,000	D	\$ 58.03	741,142	D
Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	10,000	D	\$ 58.05	731,142	D
Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	15,000	D	\$ 58.06	716,142	D
Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	25,000	D	\$ 58.1	691,142	D
Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	25,000	D	\$ 58.12	666,142	D
Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	5,000	D	\$ 58.18	661,142	D
Common Stock	10/25/2004	S	5,800	D	\$ 58.2084	655,342	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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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	Derivative Security		Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
			Code	V (A) (D)				
Employee Stock Option Grant	\$ 3.25	10/25/2004	M	325,000	04/14/2000	04/14/2009	Common Stock	325,000

## 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 holdings;

Stock:655,342  
Options:4,500,964

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