

GIESBRECHT DIETER
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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 *
GIESBRECHT DIETER

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)
 11/01/2004

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, Enterprise Admin Bus Grp

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/01/2004		M	25,000 A \$ 8.6407	54,382	D	
Common Stock	11/01/2004		S	25,000 D \$ 57.4132	29,382	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option Grant	\$ 8.6407	11/01/2004		M	25,000	12/18/2001	12/18/2010	Common Stock	279,98

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GIESBRECHT DIETER 20330 STEVENS CREEK BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014			SVP, Enterprise Admin Bus Grp	

Signatures

Dieter
Giesbrecht 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: 29,382
 Options: 455,842

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