

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

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)  
 11/26/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ 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)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	11/26/2004		M	2,500	A \$ 8.6407	657,842	D
Common Stock	11/26/2004		M	72,500	A \$ 3.25	730,342	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 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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Grant	\$ 8.6407	11/26/2004		M	2,500	12/18/2001 12/18/2010	Common Stock 2,500
Employee Stock Option Grant	\$ 3.25	11/26/2004		M	72,500	04/14/2000 04/14/2009	Common Stock 72,500

## 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= 730,342

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Options= 4,425,964

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