

THOMPSON JOHN WENDELL

Form 4

October 27, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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		04/14/2000	04/14/2009	Common Stock	325,0

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 Date
Reporting Person

Arthur F.
Courville 05/24/2004

 Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- * 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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