

SYMANTEC CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
05/09/2008

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 below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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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 or Price		
Common Stock	05/09/2008		A		115,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 1,552,518 D
Common Stock	05/09/2008		M		21,750	A	\$ 7.3282 1,574,268 D
Common Stock	05/09/2008		S(2)		21,750	D	\$ 20 1,552,518 D
Common Stock	05/12/2008		M		50,000	A	\$ 7.3282 1,602,518 D
Common Stock	05/12/2008		S(2)		30,000	D	\$ 20 1,572,518 D

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Common Stock	05/12/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	8,000	D	\$ 20.03	1,564,518	D
Common Stock	05/12/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	12,000	D	\$ 20.04	1,552,518	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)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.99	05/09/2008		A	380,000		<sup>(3)</sup>	05/09/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.3282	05/09/2008		M		21,750	01/01/2004	01/01/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.3282	05/12/2008		M		50,000	01/01/2004	01/01/2010	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Greg King, as attorney-in-fact for John W. Thompson

05/13/2008

\*\*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).
- (1) Represents shares that are issuable pursuant to restricted stock units. 1/3 of the restricted stock units will vest on each of June 1, 2009, June 1, 2010 and June 1, 2011.
- (2) Sale was made pursuant to a stock trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1.
- (3) 25% will vest on 1st anniversary measured from May 9, 2008 and the remainder will vest in equal monthly installments over the next 36 months.

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