

Salmon Robert E  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Salmon Robert E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NetApp, Inc. [NTAP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
495 EAST JAVA DRIVE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/16/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP, Field Operations

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 18,750  | D  | \$ 43.3782<br>(1)                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 23,438  | A  | \$ 20.69  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/20/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 23,438  | D  | \$ 43.8135<br>(3)                                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 1,026   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 240   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | I   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | by Trust1<br>(2)                                      |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | by Trust1<br>(2)                                      |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | by Trust1<br>(2)                                      |

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|              |  |  |  |     |  |   |                  |
|--------------|--|--|--|-----|--|---|------------------|
| Common Stock |  |  |  |     |  |   | by Trust2<br>(4) |
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 240 |  | I | by Trust3<br>(5) |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 20.69   | 03/16/2012                           |  | M                              | 23,438  | (6) 05/31/2016   | Common Stock  | 23,438                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships                    |
|---|----------------------------------|
|   | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Salmon Robert E<br>495 EAST JAVA DRIVE<br>SUNNYVALE, CA 94089 | Executive VP, Field Operations   |

## Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Robert E. Salmon  
 Date: 03/20/2012  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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).
- The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The prices actually received ranged from \$43.35 to \$43.44. The reporting person will provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.

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- (2) Shares held in trust by Robert Salmon and Patricia Mertens-Salmon, trustees to the Salmon Trust UDT 10/6/2000

The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The prices actually received ranged from \$43.80 to \$43.845. The reporting person will provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.

- (4) Shares held in trust by Patricia Mertens-Salmon, Custodian for Michael T. Salmon UTMA CA.

- (5) Shares held in trust by Patricia Mertens-Salmon, Custodian for Gregory Salmon UTMA CA.

- (6) Option vests in a series of equal monthly installments over 48 months of service beginning with the one-month anniversary of the grant date.

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