

DOWNING JOHN

Form 4

January 28, 2010

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 *
DOWNING JOHN

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
NETSCOUT SYSTEMS INC
[NTCT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
310 LITTLETON ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/26/2010

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
VP of WorldwideSalesOperations

WESTFORD, MA 01886

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(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)
Common Stock	01/26/2010		M ⁽¹⁾	V Amount (A) or (D) 4,757 A ⁽¹⁾	Price (2) 46,594	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2010		F ⁽³⁾	1,806 D	\$ 14.66 (4) 44,788	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2010		M ⁽⁵⁾	53,750 A ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 4.22 98,538	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2010		S ⁽⁵⁾	53,750 D ⁽⁵⁾	\$ (6) 14.379 44,788	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 Share
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	01/26/2010		M(1)			4,757	01/26/2010	(7)	Common Stock	4,757
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.22	01/26/2010		M(5)			28,750	(8)	09/25/2010	Common Stock	28,750
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.22	01/26/2010		M(5)			25,000	(8)	12/01/2010	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
DOWNING JOHN 310 LITTLETON ROAD WESTFORD, MA 01886	VP of Worldwide Sales Operations

Signatures

/s/ John
Downing 01/28/2010

**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) The shares of Common Stock were acquired upon the vesting of certain Restricted Stock Units previously granted to the reporting person.
- (2) Price is N/A.
- (3) The shares of Common Stock were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.
- Represents the opening price of the Company's Common Stock on the date such grant vested, which was January 24, 2010. Because such
- (4) date occurred during the Company's blackout period, such shares were not actually issued until the Company's blackout period ended, which was January 26, 2010.
- (5) Option was exercised and related Common stock was sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan.
- (6) The shares sold on this date were sold in multiple transactions. This price is the weighted average sales price per share; the actual sales price per share ranged from \$14.32 to \$14.50.
- (7) Date is N/A.
- (8) The initial portion of the option grant initially became exercisable on June 13, 2004 and the remainder vested in equal quarterly installments thereafter.

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