

SOMMERS DAVID P
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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 *
 SOMMERS DAVID P

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/16/2010

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 CFO & VP General Operations

C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC., 310 LITTLETON ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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WESTFORD, MA 01886

(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	02/16/2010		M ⁽¹⁾	A (1)	\$ 4.22 136,796 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2010		S ⁽¹⁾	D (1)	\$ 15.0511 126,796 ⁽³⁾ ₍₂₎	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2010		M ⁽¹⁾	A (1)	\$ 4.22 136,796 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2010		S ⁽¹⁾	D (1)	\$ 15.1516 126,796 ⁽³⁾ ₍₄₎	D	

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.22	02/16/2010		M ⁽¹⁾	10,000	<u>(5)</u>	04/25/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.22	02/17/2010		M ⁽¹⁾	10,000	<u>(5)</u>	04/25/2010	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SOMMERS DAVID P
C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC.
310 LITTLETON ROAD
WESTFORD, MA 01886

CFO & VP General Operations

Signatures

/s/ David P.

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02/18/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Option was exercised and related Common stock was sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan.
- (2) 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 \$15 to \$15.11.
- (3) 2,500 of these shares are held by a trust in which the reporting person has a pecuniary interest.
- (4) 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 \$15.01 to \$15.32.
- (5) 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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