

DOWNING JOHN
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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 *
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)
01/27/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/27/2009		M ⁽¹⁾		20,000	A ₍₁₎	\$ 4.22
							43,608
Common Stock	01/27/2009		S ⁽¹⁾		20,000	D ₍₁₎	\$ 14.278
							23,608
Common Stock	01/27/2009		M		4,756	A ₍₂₎	\$ 6.00
							28,364

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 Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.22	01/27/2009		M ⁽¹⁾	20,000	⁽⁵⁾	09/25/2010	Common Stock	20,000
Restricted Stock Unit	⁽³⁾	01/27/2009		M	4,756	01/27/2009	⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock	4,756

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 01/29/2009

**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) Option was exercised and related Common stock was sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan.
- (2) The shares of Common Stock were acquired upon the vesting of certain Restricted Stock Units previously granted to the reporting person.
- (3) Price is N/A.
- (4) The shares sold on this date were sold in multiple transactions. This price is the weighted average sales price per share of all shares sold on this date; the actual sale prices per share ranged from \$14.22 to \$14.42.

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(5) The option grant initially became exercisable on June 13, 2004 and vested quarterly thereafter.

(6) Date is N/A.

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