

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)
10/27/2009

____ Director
 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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/27/2009		M ⁽¹⁾		15,000	A	\$ 4.22 56,837
Common Stock	10/27/2009		S ⁽¹⁾		15,000	D	\$ 13.16 41,837
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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.22	10/27/2009		M ⁽¹⁾	15,000	⁽³⁾ 09/25/2010	Common Stock 15,000

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
10/28/2009
Date

**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).
- (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 which was \$13.16 of all shares sold on this date; the actual sale prices per share ranged from \$12.99 to \$13.22.
- (3) The initial portion of the option grant initially became exercisable on June 13, 2004 and the remainder vested in equal installments thereafter.

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