

DOWNING JOHN  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
  
C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS,  
INC., 310 LITTLETON ROAD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/26/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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	Price		
Common Stock	10/26/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	20,000	\$ 7.85	78,187	D	
Common Stock	10/26/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	20,000	\$ 23.0254	58,187	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 Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.85	10/26/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	20,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 01/05/2014	Common Stock 20,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DOWNING JOHN  
C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC.  
310 LITTLETON ROAD  
WESTFORD, MA 01886

VP of Worldwide Sales Operations

## Signatures

/s/ John Downing 10/28/2010

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) 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 \$22.82 to \$23.15.
- (3) The initial portion of the option grant initially became exercisable on January 5, 2005 and the remainder vested in equal quarterly installments thereafter.

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