

DOWNING JOHN  
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/07/2012

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, WorldwideSalesOperations

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  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/07/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	4,200 A <sub>(1)</sub>	65,315	D	
Common Stock	09/07/2012		F <sup>(3)</sup>	1,332 D \$ 25.23	63,983	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	09/07/2012		M	4,200	09/07/2012 (5)	Common Stock	4,200

## 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			SVP, WorldwideSalesOperations	

## Signatures

/s/ John Downing  
09/11/2012

\*\*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 by the Company to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units. The withheld shares were returned to treasury.
- (4) Represents the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on September 6, 2012.
- (5) Date is N/A

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