THOMPSON JOHN WENDELL

Form 4

November 30, 2004

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. *See* Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number:	3235-0287
Expires:	January 31, 2005
Estimated average burden hours per response...	0.5

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
THOMPSON JOHN WENDELL

(Last)   (First)   (Middle)

20330 STEVENS CREEK BOULEVARD

(Street)

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

(City)   (State)   (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
SYMANTEC CORP [SYMC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/26/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director   _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title   _____ Other (specify below)   below)
CEO, Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	11/26/2004		M		2,500	A	$ 8.6407	657,842	D	
Common Stock	11/26/2004		M		72,500	A	$ 3.25	730,342	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SEC 1474
(9-02)

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 Grant	$ 8.6407	11/26/2004		M		2,500		12/18/2001	12/18/2010	Common Stock	2,500
Employee Stock Option Grant	$ 3.25	11/26/2004		M		72,500		04/14/2000	04/14/2009	Common Stock	72,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THOMPSON JOHN WENDELL 20330 STEVENS CREEK BOULEVARD CUPERTINO, CA 95014			CEO, Chairman	

Signatures

John W. Thompson	05/24/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Arthur F. Courville	05/24/2004
**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).

Remarks:
Post transaction holdings:
Stock= 730,342

Options= 4,425,964

Explanation of Responses: 3