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Washington, DC 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

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

1.	Person* (Name and Address of Reporting Person* (Last, First, Middle) THOMPSON, JOHN W.		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SYMANTEC CORPORATION (SYMC				3.	I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)				
		SYMANTEC CORPORATION 20330 STEVENS CREEK BLVD.				4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year) MARCH 28, 2003			If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)				
		(Street)				Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)			Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
	CUPERTI	NO, CA 95014		_	o	Director _O	10% Owner		X	Form filed by One Reporting Person			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)		X	Officer (give title b	pelow)		o	Form filed by More than One Reporting			
					o	Other (specify belo	w)			Person			
					CHAIRMAN ANI	D CEO							

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* instruction 4(b)(v).

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Sec	tle of curity sstr. 3)	2.	Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2a.	Deemed Execution Date, if any. (Month/Day/Year)	3.	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			5.	Amount of 6. Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
							Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price				
	OMMON OCK		4/28/03				P	10,000	A	6.5				
	OMMON OCK		4/28/03				S	10,000	D	43.27				
	OMMON OCK		4/28/03				P	17,500	A	6.5				
	OMMON OCK		4/28/03				S	17,500	D	43.26				
	OMMON OCK		4/28/03				P	12,500	A	6.5				
	OMMON OCK		4/28/03				S	12,500	D	43.32				
	OMMON OCK		4/28/03				P	5,000	A	6.5				
	OMMON OCK		4/28/03				S	5,000	D	43.28				
	OMMON OCK		4/28/03				P	10,000	A	6.5				
	OMMON OCK		4/28/03				S	10,000	D	43.35				

COMMON STOCK	4/28/03	1	P	20,000	A	6.5			
COMMON STOCK	4/28/03	:	S	20,000	D	43.4			
COMMON STOCK	4/28/03	1	P	5,000	A	6.5			
COMMON STOCK	4/28/03	:	S	5,000	D	43.33			
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COMMON STOCK	4/28/03	;	S	10,000	D	43.3			
COMMON STOCK	4/28/03]	P	10,000	A	6.5			
COMMON STOCK	4/28/03	:	S	10,000	D	43.29			
COMMON STOCK	4/28/03	:	K	11,538	A	6.5			
COMMON STOCK	4/28/03]	F	1,746	D	42.94			
COMMON STOCK	4/14/03		G	4,699	D	40.01	258,734	D	

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)	 Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3.	Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3a.	Deemed Execution 4. Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	C	ransaction ode ustr. 8)	5.	Securitie	s l (A) or Dispos	ed of
						C	ode V		(A)	(D)	
OPTION TO BUY STOCK	6.5		4/28/03			М				D	
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	Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned Continued (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								
6.	Date Exercisable and 7. Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Title and Ai of Underlyin (Instr. 3 and	ng Securities	8. Price of 9. Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11.	Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
	Date Expiration Exercisable Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
		COMMON	100,000						
		COMMON	11,538		2,988,464		D		
F	planation of Responses:								

S- SALE OF SHARES [IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULED SALE PLAN FOR MR. THOMPSON: SAME DAY SALE]

P- OPTION EXERCISE SAME DAY SALE [IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULED SALE PLAN FOR MR. THOMPSON]

G- BONA FIDE GIFT OF SHARES

/s/ JOHN W. THOMPSON	MARCH 28, 2003	
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date	

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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^{**} Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).