SZABADOS MICHAEL

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SZABADOS MICHAEL

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS INC [NTCT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 07/29/2008

271 MATTISON DRIVE (Street)

(Middle)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below) below)

Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

CONCORD, MA 01742

(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 Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	07/29/2008		M <u>(1)</u>	1,250	A (1)	\$ 5.26	34,552	D	
Common Stock	07/29/2008		M(1)	3,750	A (1)	\$ 4.3	38,302	D	
Common Stock	07/29/2008		S(1)	5,000	D (1)	\$ 13.436 (2)	33,302	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number op for 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 (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.26	07/29/2008		M	1,250	(3)	06/27/2011	Common Stock	1,250
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.3	07/29/2008		M	3,750	<u>(4)</u>	07/17/2012	Common Stock	3,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SZABADOS MICHAEL							

271 MATTISON DRIVE CONCORD, MA 01742

Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Michael 07/31/2008 Szabados **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.

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- (2) The shares sold on this date were sold in multiple transactions. This price is the weighted average sales price per share of all shares sold on this date; the actual sale prices per share ranged from \$13.39 to \$13.51.
- (3) The initial portion of the option grant initially became exercisable on September 27, 2001 and vested quarterly thereafter for forty-eight months thereafter.
- (4) The initial portion of the option grant initially became exercisable on October 17, 2002 and became fully vested and exercisable on March 31, 2006.
- (5) Price is N/A.

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