

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/13/2017

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
See Remarks

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/13/2017                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 6,250   | A<br><u>(1)</u>   | 95,071   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/13/2017                           |  | F <sup>(3)</sup>               | 2,069   | D<br>\$<br><u>(4)</u>   | 28.575   | 93,002                                     | 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)  | 11/13/2017                           |  | M                              | 6,250   | 11/13/2017 (5)   | Common Stock  | 6,250                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |             |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer     | Other |
| DOWNING JOHN<br>C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC.<br>310 LITTLETON ROAD<br>WESTFORD, MA 01886 |               |           | See Remarks |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John Downing  
11/14/2017

\*\*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 to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.
- (4) Represents the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on November 10, 2017.
- (5) Date is N/A.

### Remarks:

EVP, Worldwide Sales Operations

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