

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**

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

(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)  
02/02/2018

\_\_\_ 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  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 02/02/2018                           |  | F <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 18  | D  | \$ 28.425<br><u>(2)</u>                    |
| Common Stock                    | 02/02/2018                           |  | S <sup>(3)</sup>               |   | 3,000   | D  | \$ 28.2033<br><u>(4)</u>                   |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                         |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)  | (D)  |

## 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 02/05/2018

\_\_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 withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units which vested on 12/11/2017 and which shares of Common Stock were delivered to the reporting person on 2/2/2018.
- (2) Represents the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on February 1, 2018.
- (3) The shares of Common Stock were sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan.
- (4) The shares sold on this date were sold in multiple transactions. This price is the weighted average sales price per share; the actual sales price per share ranged from \$28.10 to \$28.30. The reporting person undertakes to provide to NetScout Systems, Inc., any security holder of NetScout Systems, Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (4) to this Form 4.

### Remarks:

EVP, Worldwide Sales Operations

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