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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 2, 2005

SYMANTEC CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-17781 77-0181864
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

20330 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, California

95014

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (408) 517-8000

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On July 28, 2005, Symantec Corporation (the Company) announced during its quarterly earnings conference call that it planned to commence making repurchases of its common stock under its expanded stock repurchase program in early August. The stock repurchase program is designed to comply with Rule 10b-18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Company previously announced that its Board of Directors authorized the expansion of its stock repurchase program by an additional \$3 billion pursuant to a Form 8-K filed on March 30, 2005. The Company commenced repurchases on August 2, 2005 and anticipates completing the \$3 billion stock repurchase by the end of December 2005.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SYMANTEC CORPORATION

Date: August 4, 2005 /s/ Arthur F. Courville
Arthur F. Courville

Senior Vice President, Corporate Legal

Affairs and Secretary