SZABADOS MICHAEL

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SZABADOS MICHAEL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS INC

(Check all applicable)

below)

Chief Operating Officer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[NTCT]

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X_ Officer (give title below)

Issuer

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS. INC., 310 LITTLETON ROAD

(First)

(Street)

(State)

08/21/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

08/21/2012

Applicable Line)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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WESTFORD, MA 01886

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) our Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
_		C	Code V	Amount (D) Price	(Individual)		

2,000

(1)

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)

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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 of orDerivative 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	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(3)</u>	08/21/2012		A	24,834	<u>(4)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	24,834	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SZABADOS MICHAEL C/O NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. 310 LITTLETON ROAD WESTFORD, MA 01886

Chief Operating Officer

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Signatures

/s/ Michael Szabados 08/23/2012

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan.
- (2) 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 \$24.08 to \$24.20.
- (3) Price is N/A.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on August 21, 2013.
- (5) Date is N/A.

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