

Salmon Robert E  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement		3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Salmon Robert E			(Month/Day/Year)		NETWORK APPLIANCE INC [NTAP]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/07/2005		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
495 E. JAVA DRIVE					5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
(Street)					(Check all applicable)	
SUNNYVALE,Â CAÂ 94089					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Executive VP, Field Operations	
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	10,256	D	Â
Common Stock	100,360	I	by Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	240	I	by Trust <sup>(2)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(5)</u>	11/01/2009	Common Stock	1,320	\$ 18.5	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(5)</u>	11/01/2009	Common Stock	22,680	\$ 18.5	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(7)</u>	01/02/2010	Common Stock	2,648	\$ 14.167	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(6)</u>	01/31/2010	Common Stock	1,854	\$ 53.907	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(6)</u>	01/31/2010	Common Stock	148,146	\$ 53.907	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(8)</u>	01/01/2011	Common Stock	2,187	\$ 17.146	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(5)</u>	04/25/2011	Common Stock	4,965	\$ 20.16	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(5)</u>	04/25/2011	Common Stock	95,035	\$ 20.16	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(5)</u>	02/06/2012	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 15.32	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(5)</u>	02/06/2012	Common Stock	28,750	\$ 15.32	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	02/06/2012	Common Stock	2,083	\$ 15.32	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	02/06/2012	Common Stock	22,917	\$ 15.32	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	10/31/2012	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 9.99	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	05/08/2013	Common Stock	9,478	\$ 15.711	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	05/08/2013	Common Stock	65,522	\$ 15.711	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	05/02/2014	Common Stock	5,216	\$ 19.17	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	05/02/2014	Common Stock	114,784	\$ 19.17	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(5)</u>	09/01/2014	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 20.61	D	Â

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (4)	05/31/2015	Common Stock	70,000	\$ 29.24	D	Â
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Salmon Robert E 495 E. JAVA DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089	Â	Â	Â Executive VP, Field Operations	Â

## Signatures

Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney for Robert E. Salmon	12/09/2005
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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Shares held in trust by Robert Salmon and Patricia Mertens-Salmon, trustees to the Salmon Trust UDT 10/6/2000
- (2) Shares held in trust by Patricia Mertens-Salmon, Custodian for Michael T. Salmon UTMA CA
 

Option vests with respect to 20% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the 12 months of service measured from the first anniversary of the option date; 30% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the following 12 months of service; and 50% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the final 12 months of service.
- (4) Option vests in a series of equal monthly installments over 48 months of service beginning with the one-month anniversary of the grant date.
- (5) Option vests with respect to 25% of the option shares on the first anniversary of the grant date and the balance in a series of equal monthly installments over the next 36 month of service thereafter.
 

Option vests with respect to 10% of the option shares on the first anniversary of the grant date; 20% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the next 12 months of service; 30% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the following 12 months of service; and 40% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the final 12 months of service.
- (6) Option vests with respect to 1/12th of the option shares on January 31, 2000; and the balance in a series of equal monthly installments over the next 11 months of service thereafter.
- (7) Option vests with respect to 1/12th of the option shares on January 31, 2001; and the balance in a series of equal monthly installments over the next 11 months of service thereafter.
- (8)

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