

Nielsen Tod
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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 *
Nielsen Tod

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VMWARE, INC. [VMW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3401 HILLVIEW AVE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/13/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Co-President, App. Platform

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/13/2012 | | M | | 33,346 | A | \$ 25.09 0 |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/13/2012 | | S | | 19,891 | D | \$ 103.59 0 (1) (2) |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/13/2012 | | S | | 20,000 | D | \$ 101.75 0 |
| Class A Common | 03/13/2012 | | S | | 27,662 | D | \$ 87,688 104.75 |

Stock

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Option (right-to-buy) | \$ 25.09 | 03/13/2012 | | M | 33,346 | (3) 02/13/2015 | Class A Common Stock 33,346 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Nielsen Tod 3401 HILLVIEW AVE PALO ALTO, CA 94304 | | | Co-President, App. Platform | |

Signatures

Larry Wainblat,
attorney-in-fact 03/15/2012

**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) Price represents weighted average for sales reported. The range of prices for the sales reported is \$103.25 through \$103.75.
 - (2) The reporting person will provide upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
 - (3) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 400,000 shares of Class A Common stock, became exercisable as to one-quarter of the shares on February 13, 2010, and vests in 36 equal monthly installments as to the remaining shares until fully exercisable on February 13, 2013.

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Remarks:

The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person

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