

SYMANTEC CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 28, 2004

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 26, 2004**

**SYMANTEC CORPORATION**

(Exact name of the Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**000-17781**

**77-0181864**

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(Commission File Number)

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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**20330 Stevens Creek Blvd.,  
Cupertino, CA**

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**95014**

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(Address of principal executive  
offices)

(Zip code)

**(408) 517-8000**

(The Registrant's telephone number)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**ITEM 8.01: OTHER EVENTS.**

Symantec's policy regarding securities trades by company personnel permits sales of the company's securities under plans instituted pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 10b5-1. These plans are designed to allow directors and executive officers to diversify their holdings but dispel any inference that they are purchasing or selling their company's stock on the basis of, or while they are aware of, material nonpublic information.

Arthur F. Courville, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary has adopted a 10b5-1 plan. This plan provides for periodic sales of shares on the open market at prevailing market prices, subject to certain volume limits and minimum price requirements. This plan is effective immediately.

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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.

Date: October 27, 2004

SYMANTEC CORPORATION

By: /s/ Arthur F. Courville  
Arthur F. Courville  
*Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary*