

SYMANTEC CORP
Form 8-K
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**UNITED STATES
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): **December 15, 2003**

SYMANTEC CORPORATION

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

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-17781

(Commission
File Number)

77-0181864

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

20330 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA

(Address of principal executive offices)

95014

(Zip code)

(408) 517-8000

(The Registrant's telephone number)

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

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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 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.

John Schwarz, the company's President and Chief Operating Officer, Don Frischmann, the company's Senior Vice President, Communications and Dieter Giesbrecht, the company's Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales, Marketing and Services, have each adopted a 10b5-1 plan. These plans provide for periodic sales of shares on the open market at prevailing market prices, subject to certain volume limits and minimum price requirements. The plans are 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: December 15, 2003

SYMANTEC CORPORATION

By: */s/ Arthur F. Courville*

Arthur F. Courville
Senior Vice President and General Counsel