

Owens John David  
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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 \*  
 Owens John David

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O SOLARWINDS, INC., 3711 S.  
 MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO  
 (Street)

AUSTIN, TX 78746

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SolarWinds, Inc. [SWI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/24/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Finance & Operations, EMEA

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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		
Common Stock	02/24/2010		A		3,750 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 3,750 D

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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.49	02/24/2010		A	8,750	(2) 02/24/2020	Common Stock	8,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Owens John David C/O SOLARWINDS, INC. 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO AUSTIN, TX 78746			VP, Finance & Operations, EMEA	

Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims, Attorney-in-Fact for David Owens  
 02/26/2010  
 \*\*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).  
 Represents the grant of restricted stock units that will entitle the reporting person to receive one share of issuer's common stock per restricted stock unit. The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning February 24, 2011. In the event of the termination of the reporting person as a service provider, the reporting person's right to acquire the balance of the restricted stock units that have not vested as of the time of termination as a service provider shall immediately terminate.
- (1) 1/4 of the shares vest and become exercisable on February 24, 2011 and 1/48 of the shares vest and become exercisable each month thereafter.
- (2) 1/4 of the shares vest and become exercisable on February 24, 2011 and 1/48 of the shares vest and become exercisable each month thereafter.

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