

SYMANTEC CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2004

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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): **October 20, 2004**

**SYMANTEC CORPORATION**

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

**Delaware**

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**000-17781**

**77-0181864**

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(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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

**95014**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

**(408) 517-8000**

(Zip code)

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(The Registrant's telephone number)

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(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):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 2.02: RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.**

On October 20, 2004, Symantec Corporation (the Registrant ) issued a press release announcing results for the fiscal quarter ended October 1, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached as exhibit 99.1. The information in this report shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of, or otherwise regarded as filed under, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Unless expressly incorporated into a filing of the Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, made after the date hereof, the information contained herein shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Registrant, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**ITEM 9.01: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release issued by Symantec Corporation dated October 20, 2004.

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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 20, 2004

**SYMANTEC CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Arthur F. Courville

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Arthur F. Courville  
*Senior Vice President and General  
Counsel*

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