Smith S. Dawn Form 4 March 16, 2011

## FORM 4

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

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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 * Smith S. Dawn			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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
3401 HILLVIEW AVENUE			03/14/2011	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
				Senior VP and General Counsel			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
PALO ALTO,	CA 94304			_X_ 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common Stock	03/14/2011		M	1,875	A	\$ 45.05	0	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/14/2011		S	1,275	D	\$ 80.26 (1) (2)	0	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/14/2011		S	400	D	\$ 81.71 (2) (3)	0	D	
Class A Common	03/14/2011		S	200	D	\$ 82.8 (2) (4)	44,663	D	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number one 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.05	03/14/2011		М	1,875	<u>(5)</u>	10/14/2015	Class A Common	1,875

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Smith S. Dawn

3401 HILLVIEW AVENUE Senior VP and General Counsel PALO ALTO, CA 94304

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### **Signatures**

Larry Wainblat, 03/16/2011 attorney-in-fact

\*\*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 \$80.00 through \$80.80.

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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) Price represents weighted average for sales reported. The range of prices for the sales reported is \$81.31 through \$82.10.
- (4) Price represents weighted average for sales reported. The range of prices for the sales reported is \$82.73 through \$82.86.

The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 90,000 shares of Class A Common stock, became exercisable as to one-quarter of

(5) the shares on October 14, 2010, and vests in 36 equal monthly installments as to the remaining shares until fully exercisable on October 14, 2013.

#### **Remarks:**

Transactions reported were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

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