

PAYNE JOHN GORDON
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FORM 4

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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 *
 PAYNE JOHN GORDON

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CITRIX SYSTEMS, INC., 851
 WEST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD

(Street)

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CITRIX SYSTEMS INC [CTXS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/13/2009

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)
 SVP, Delivery Systems Division

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 ⁽¹⁾	02/13/2009		A		6,750	A	\$ 0
					22,659 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock ⁽³⁾	02/13/2009		A		4,500	A	\$ 0
					27,159	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)

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. Code	5. Transaction 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PAYNE JOHN GORDON C/O CITRIX SYSTEMS, INC. 851 WEST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309			SVP, Delivery Systems Division	

Signatures

/s/Antonio G. Gomes, Attorney-in-Fact for John Gordon Payne
02/18/2009

__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) These shares of common stock are issuable pursuant to awards of performance-based restricted stock units, 33.4% of which were vested and issued on February 13, 2009 and the remainder of which will vest in two equal annual installments on December 3, 2009 and 2010.
- (2) Includes 908 shares acquired under the CTXS stock purchase plan on January 30, 2009.
- (3) These shares of common stock are issuable pursuant to awards of performance-based restricted stock units that vest in three annual installments beginning on April 30, 2008 (the "grant date"), with 33.4% vesting on the first anniversary of the grant date and 33.3% vesting on each of the second and third anniversaries of the grant date.

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