

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Russell, Dana C. (Last) (First) (Middle) 404 Wyman Street, Suite 500 (Street) Waltham, MA 02451 (City) (State) (Zip) USA	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Novell, Inc. NOVL 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year) 12/23/2008 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ___ Director ___ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below) Senior VP and CFO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock (1)	12/23/2008		M		5,744	A	\$0.00	137,685	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		F		1,841	D	\$3.47	135,844	D	
Common Stock (2)	12/23/2008		M		42,848	A	\$0.00	178,692	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		F		16,284	D	\$3.47	162,408	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		F		1,084	D	\$3.47	161,324	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		A		16,300	A	\$0.00	177,624	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		F		5,225	D	\$3.47	172,399	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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. 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	12/23/2008		M		5,744		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	5,744	\$0.00	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	12/23/2008		M		42,848		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	42,848	\$0.00	0	D	
Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$6.71	12/23/2008		A		22,639		12/23/2008	12/18/2015	Common Stock	22,639	\$0.00	22,639	D	

Explanation of Responses:

See attached statement

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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12/24/2008
Date

** Signature of Reporting Person
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Explanation of responses:

- (1) The 11,488 restricted stock units granted on December 12, 2006 vested 50% on December 21, 2007 and the remainder vested on December 23, 2008 based on Novell's satisfaction of certain performance criteria. As restricted stock units vest, the vested units are automatically converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
- (2) The 71,413 restricted stock units granted on February 2, 2007 vested 40% on December 21, 2007 and the remainder vested on December 23, 2008 based on Novell's satisfaction of certain performance criteria. As restricted stock units vest, the vested units are automatically converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represented the contingent right to receive one share of Novell common stock.
- (4) On December 18, 2007, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 90,557 shares of common stock. The option vests in four equal annual installments based on Novell's satisfaction of certain performance criteria for each of the fiscal years ending October 31, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. The performance criteria for 2008 were met, resulting in the vesting of the option as to 22,639 shares.