

# FORM 4

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

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287  
Expires: January 31, 2005  
Estimated average burden  
hours per response. . . . 0.5

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility  
Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer  
subject to Section 16. Form 4 or  
Form 5 obligations may continue.  
See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <b>Robinson III, James D.</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>404 Wyman Street, Suite 500</b>  (Street) <b>Waltham, MA 02451</b>  (City) (State) (Zip) <b>USA</b>	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <b>Novell, Inc. NOVL</b>  <b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year)</b>  <b>11/01/2008</b>  <b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give _____ Other (specify title below) below)  <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person _____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
---	--	---

**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			

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).

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

(Over)  
SEC 1474 (06-03)

FORM 4 (continued)

**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				
Common Stock Equivalent	(1)	11/01/2008		A		2,682		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	2,682	\$4.66	2,682	D	
Common Stock Equivalent	(2)	11/01/2008		A		670		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	670	\$0.00	670	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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person  
/s/ Elspeth Grant Pruett/Attorney-in-fact  
James D. Robinson III

11/04/2008

Date

Robinson III, James D.  
404 Wyman Street, Suite 500  
Waltham, MA 02451  
USA

---

**Explanation of responses:**

- (1) Each common stock equivalent is the economic equivalent of one share of Novell common stock. The common stock equivalents will be converted into an equal number of shares of Novell common stock upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director.
- (2) Each common stock equivalent is the economic equivalent of one share of Novell common stock. Should the reporting person serve as a director of Novell until November 1, 2011, the common stock equivalents will be converted into an equal number of shares of Novell common stock upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director. Should the reporting person's service as a director terminate prior to November 1, 2011, the common stock equivalents will be forfeited.