

# FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br>Thomas G. Plaskett<br>404 Wyman Street, Suite 500<br>Waltham MA 02451 | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>Novell, Inc. [NOVL]                        | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>04/07/2009 |  |
|   | 4. If amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                     | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More Than One Reporting Person   |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(mm/dd/yy) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any<br>(mm/dd/yy) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, & 5) |                  |       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3, & 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|------------------|-------|--|--|---|
|                                    |                                      |   | Code                                 | V | Amount  | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price |  |  |   |
| Common Stock (1)                   | 04/07/2009                           |   | A                                    |   | 22,365  | A                | \$0   | 37,365   | 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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Form 4 (cont.)  
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 Waltham MA 02451

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 Novell, Inc. [NOVL]

Period Of Report  
 04/07/2009

**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 (mm/dd/yy) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. No. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, & 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (mm/dd/yy) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) |                            | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. No. of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, & 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable                                   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$3.89   | 04/07/2009                     |  | A                              |   | 25,146   |     | (2)  | 04/07/2017      | Common Stock  | 25,146                     | \$0  | 25,146   | D  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) - Represents shares of common stock that may be issued upon the vesting of a like number of restricted stock units granted on April 7, 2009. As restricted stock units vest, the vested units are automatically converted to common stock on a one-for-one basis without payment of additional consideration on the vesting date. The restricted stock units vest in two equal installments on April 7, 2010 and April 7, 2011.
- (2) - The option vests in two equal installments on April 7, 2010 and April 7, 2011.

By: /s/ Elspeth Grant Pruett/Attorney-in-fact  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

4/8/2009  
 Date