

Nielsen Tod  
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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 \*  
 Nielsen Tod

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)  
 3401 HILLVIEW AVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/02/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Operating Officer

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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. 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	12/02/2010		M	34,999	A \$ 25.09	0	D
Class A Common Stock	12/02/2010		S	34,999	D \$ 84.56	228,336	D
					(2) (3)		

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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 25.09	12/02/2010		M	34,999	<u>(1)</u> 02/13/2015	Class A Common Stock 34,999

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nielsen Tod 3401 HILLVIEW AVE PALO ALTO, CA 94304			Chief Operating Officer	

## Signatures

Larry Wainblat,  
attorney-in-fact

12/06/2010

\*\*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).

- The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 400,000 shares of Class A Common stock, became exercisable as to one-quarter of the shares on February 13, 2010, and vests in 36 equal monthly installments as to the remaining shares until fully exercisable on February 13, 2013.
- (2) Price represents weighted average for sales reported. The range of prices for the sales reported is \$84.50 through \$84.71.
  - (3) 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.

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