

Naddaf Esfandiar  
Form 4  
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# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Naddaf Esfandiar

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SYNOPSYS INC [SNPS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/2011

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

700 EAST MIDDLEFIELD ROAD

VP, Controller

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/20/2011		M		624	A	\$ 21.02
Common Stock	12/20/2011		S		624	D	\$ 26.84
Common Stock	12/20/2011		M		624	A	\$ 17.64
Common Stock	12/20/2011		S		624	D	\$ 26.84

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.64	12/20/2011		M <sup>(1)</sup>	624	03/10/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/10/2015	Common Stock	6
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.02	12/20/2011		M <sup>(1)</sup>	624	03/04/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/04/2016	Common Stock	6

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Naddaf Esfandiar 700 EAST MIDDLEFIELD ROAD MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043			VP, Controller	

## Signatures

By: Stephen Buckhout pursuant to POA For: Esfandiar  
Naddaf 12/21/2011

\_\_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) The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

(2) 3/48ths of the option becomes exercisable on the date shown followed by 45 equal monthly installments

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(3) Option vests in 16 equal quarterly installments beginning on the date shown.

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