

Strelzick Paul  
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 \*  
Strelzick Paul

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SolarWinds, Inc. [SWI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SOLARWINDS, INC., 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/04/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP, Worldwide Sales

(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

AUSTIN, TX 78746

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or (D) Price		
Common Stock	01/04/2012		A		35,281 (1)	A	\$ 0 79,158 D
Common Stock	01/04/2012		F		1,923 (2)	D	\$ 28.03 77,235 D

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.03	01/04/2012		A	79,411	<u>(3)</u> 01/04/2022	Common Stock 79,411

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Strelzick Paul C/O SOLARWINDS, INC. 3711 S. MOPAC EXPY., BLDG. TWO AUSTIN, TX 78746			Executive VP, Worldwide Sales	

## Signatures

/s/ Bryan A. Sims,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
01/05/2012

\*\*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) Represents the grant of restricted stock units that will entitle the reporting person to receive one share of issuer's common stock per restricted stock unit. The restricted stock units vest in five equal annual installments beginning January 4, 2013. In the event of the termination of the reporting person as a service provider, the reporting person's right to acquire the balance of the restricted stock units that have not vested as of the time of termination as a service provider shall immediately terminate.
  - (2) Represents the number of shares withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units.
  - (3) 1/60th of the shares shall vest and become exercisable on February 4, 2012 and each month thereafter.

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