

Nye Benjamin  
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**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Nye Benjamin

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/11/2011

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

C/O BAIN CAPITAL VENTURE INVESTORS, LLC, 111 HUNTINGTON AVENUE

(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

BOSTON, MA 02199

(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) |                  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 02/11/2011                           |  | S                              | V   | Amount \$ 19.5  | 3,297,520  | I   | See Footnote (1) |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,630   | 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu... Deriv... Secur... Bene... Own... Follo... Repo... Trans... (Instr...) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Nye Benjamin<br>C/O BAIN CAPITAL VENTURE INVESTORS, LLC<br>111 HUNTINGTON AVENUE<br>BOSTON, MA 02199                 | X             | X         |         |       |
| BAIN CAPITAL VENTURE INVESTORS, LLC<br>111 HUNTINGTON AVENUE<br>31ST FLOOR<br>BOSTON, MA 02199                       |               |           | X       |       |
| Bain Capital Integral Investors, LLC<br>C/O BAIN CAPITAL INVESTORS, LLC<br>111 HUNTINGTON AVENUE<br>BOSTON, MA 02199 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

/s/ J. Benjamin  
Nye  
02/11/2011

\*\*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) Mr. J. Benjamin Nye is a Managing Director of Bain Capital Venture Investors, LLC ("BCVI"). BCVI is the administrative member of Bain Capital Venture Integral Investors, LLC ("BCVII"). By virtue of these relationships Mr. Nye may be deemed to share voting a dispositive power with the respect to the 3,297,520 shares of Common Stock held by BCVII. Mr. Nye disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to its pecuniary interest therein.

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