

FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS INC  
 Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 THOMAS TOWNSEND

(Last) (First) (Middle)

FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS  
 INC, 601 MERRITT 7

(Street)

NORWALK, CT 06851

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS  
 INC [FDS]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/14/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President & CTO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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**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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (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)	Amount or Price		
FactSet Common Stock	09/02/2003	^	A	235	A \$ 48.55	285,130	D ^
FactSet Common Stock	09/19/2003	^	A	217	A \$ 46.57	285,347	D ^
FactSet Common	11/28/2003	^	P	117	A \$ 35.23	285,464	D ^

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Stock

FactSet Common Stock	12/19/2003	Â	A	269	A	\$ 37.76	285,733	D	Â
FactSet Common Stock	02/27/2004	Â	P	131	A	\$ 31.31	285,864	D	Â
FactSet Common Stock	03/19/2004	Â	A	252	A	\$ 40.36	286,116	D	Â
FactSet Common Stock	05/28/2004	Â	P	131	A	\$ 31.52	286,247	D	Â
FactSet Common Stock	06/18/2004	Â	A	243	A	\$ 48.75	286,490	D	Â
FactSet Common Stock	08/31/2004	Â	P	128	A	\$ 37.73	286,618	D	Â

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. of
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						(A)	(D)		

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Â	Â	Â	Senior Vice President & CTO
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THOMAS TOWNSEND  
FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS INC  
601 MERRITT 7  
NORWALK, CT 06851

## Signatures

Townsend  
Thomas 10/14/2004

     \*\*Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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).

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