NETSCOUT SYSTEMS INC Form SC 13G/A February 11, 2003

UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO. _3__)*

Netscout Systems, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

<u>Common Stock</u>
(Title of Class of Securities)

65115t104

(Cusip Number)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 65115t104 Page 2 of 6 Pages 1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS S.S. OR I.R.S. Brown Capital Management, Inc IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a)[] (b)[] 3. SEC USE ONLY 4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Maryland 5. REPORTING NUMBER OF SOLE VOTING POWER 3,821,806 **SHARES** 6 SHARED VOTING POWER None BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 4,876,450 **EACH** 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER PERSON WITH None 9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 4,876,450 REPORTING PERSON 10. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES 11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 16.27% 12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON* IA CO CUSIP No. 65115t104 Page 3 of 6 Pages Name of Issuer: Item 1 (a) Netscout Systems, Inc.. (b) Address of Issuer's Principal 4 Technology Park Drive **Executive Offices** Westford, MA 01886

Brown Capital Management, Inc

1201 N. Calvert Street

Maryland

65115t104

Common Stock

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Item 2 (a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

Name of Person Filing:

Citizenship:

CUSIP Number:

Address of Principal Business

Office or, if none, Residence:

Title of Class of Securities:

Item 3: Capacity in Which Person is Filing: [x] Investment Adviser registered

under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of

1940

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Item 4: Ownership As of December 31, 2002:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 4,876,450
(b) Percent of class: 16.27%

(c) Number of shares to which such person has:

(i)Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:3,821,806(ii)Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:None(iii)Sole power to dispose or to direct the4.876,450(iv)disposition of:None

Shared power to dispose or to direct the

disposition of:

Item 5: Ownership of Five Percent of Less of Class: Not applicable

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Item 6: Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

All of the shares of Common Stock set forth in Item 4 are owned by various investment advisory clients of Brown Capital Management, Inc., which is deemed to be a beneficial owner of those shares pursuant to Rue 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, due to it discretionary power to make investment decisions over such shares for its clients and its ability to vote such shares. In all cases, persons other than Brown Capital Management, Inc. has the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of, dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the shares. No individual client holds more than five percent of the class.

Item 7: Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Not applicable

Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on

By the Parent Holding Company:

Item 8: Identification and Classification of Members of the Group: Not applicable

Item 9:	Notice of Dissolution of	Group:	Not applicable
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Item 10:	Certification:		
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		st of my knowledge and belief, this statement is true, complete and correct.	
i certify that t	me miormation set forth in	Brown Capital Management, Inc.	
		By: /s/ Eddie C. Brown	
		Eddie C. Brown	
		President	
Date:		February 5, 2003	