# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE 13D**

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. )1

Extreme Networks, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.001 Par Value (Title of Class of Securities)

30226D106 (CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

April 12, 2011 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of  $\S\S$  240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box  $\square$ .

*Note:* Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. *See* § 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

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*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

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The following constitutes the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (the "Schedule 13D").

## Item 1. <u>Security and Issuer.</u>

This statement relates to the Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Shares"), of Extreme Networks, Inc. (the "Issuer"). The address of the principal executive offices of the Issuer is 3585 Monroe Street, Santa Clara, California 95051.

## Item 2. <u>Identity and Background.</u>

- (a) This statement is filed by:
  - (i) Starboard Value and Opportunity Fund Ltd, a Cayman Islands exempted company ("Starboard V&O Fund"), with respect to the Shares directly and beneficially owned by it;
  - (ii) Starboard Value LP ("Starboard Value LP"), as the investment manager of Starboard V&O Fund;
  - (iii) Starboard Value GP LLC ("Starboard Value GP"), as the general partner of Starboard Value LP;
  - (iv) Starboard Principal Co LP ("Principal Co"), as a member of Starboard Value GP;
  - (v) Starboard Principal Co GP LLC ("Principal GP"), as the general partner of Principal Co;
  - (vi) Jeffrey C. Smith, as a member of Principal GP and as a member of each of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP and the Management Committee of Principal GP;
  - (vii) Mark Mitchell, as a member of Principal GP and as a member of each of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP and the Management Committee of Principal GP; and
  - (viii) Peter A. Feld, as a member of Principal GP and as a member of each of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP and the Management Committee of Principal GP.

Each of the foregoing is referred to as a "Reporting Person" and collectively as the "Reporting Persons." Each of the Reporting Persons is party to that certain Joint Filing Agreement, as further described in Item 6. Accordingly, the Reporting Persons are hereby filing a joint Schedule 13D.

(b) The address of the principal office of each of Starboard Value LP, Starboard Value GP, Principal GP, and Messrs. Smith, Mitchell and Feld is 599 Lexington Avenue, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10022. The address of the principal office of Starboard V&O Fund is c/o Citco Fund Services (Cayman Islands) Limited, Regatta Office Park, Windward 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, PO Box 31106, Grand Cayman KY1-1205, Cayman Islands. The officers and directors of Starboard V&O Fund and their principal occupations and business addresses are set forth on Schedule A and are incorporated by reference in this Item 2.

- (c) The principal business of Starboard V&O Fund is serving as a private investment fund. Starboard V&O Fund has been formed for the purpose of making equity investments and, on occasion, taking an active role in the management of portfolio companies in order to enhance shareholder value. Starboard Value LP provides investment advisory and management services and acts as the investment manager of Starboard V&O Fund. The principal business of Starboard Value GP is providing a full range of investment advisory, pension advisory and management services and serving as the general partner of Starboard Value LP. The principal business of Principal Co is providing investment advisory and management services. Principal Co is a member of Starboard Value GP. Principal GP serves as the general partner of Principal Co. Messrs. Smith, Mitchell and Feld serve as members of Principal GP and the members of each of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP.
- (d) No Reporting Person, nor any person listed on Schedule A, annexed hereto, has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).
- (e) No Reporting Person, nor any person listed on Schedule A, annexed hereto, has, during the last five years, been party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (f) Messrs. Smith, Mitchell and Feld are citizens of the United States of America. The citizenship of the persons listed on Schedule A is set forth therein.

## Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

The Shares purchased by Starboard V&O Fund were purchased with working capital (which may, at any given time, include margin loans made by brokerage firms in the ordinary course of business) in open market purchases, except as otherwise noted, as set forth in Schedule B, which is incorporated by reference herein. The aggregate purchase price of the 6,595,300 Shares beneficially owned by Starboard V&O Fund is approximately \$19,070,620, excluding brokerage commissions.

#### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The Reporting Persons originally purchased the Shares based on the Reporting Persons' belief that the Shares, when purchased, were undervalued and represented an attractive investment opportunity. Depending upon overall market conditions, other investment opportunities available to the Reporting Persons, and the availability of Shares at prices that would make the purchase or sale of Shares desirable, the Reporting Persons may endeavor to increase or decrease their position in the Issuer through, among other things, the purchase or sale of Shares on the open market or in private transactions or otherwise, on such terms and at such times as the Reporting Persons may deem advisable.

No Reporting Person has any present plan or proposal which would relate to or result in any of the matters set forth in subparagraphs (a) - (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D except as set forth herein or such as would occur upon completion of any of the actions discussed herein. The Reporting Persons intend to review their investment in the Issuer on a continuing basis. Depending on various factors including, without limitation, the Issuer's financial position and investment strategy, the price levels of the Shares, conditions in the securities markets and general economic and industry conditions, the Reporting Persons may in the future take such actions with respect to their investment in the Issuer as they deem appropriate including, without limitation, communications with management and the Board of the Issuer, engaging in discussions with third parties about the Issuer and the Reporting Persons' investment, making proposals to the Issuer concerning changes to the capitalization, ownership structure, board structure (including seeking board representation or the annual election of directors) or operations of the Issuer, purchasing additional Shares, selling some or all of their Shares, engaging in short selling of or any hedging or similar transaction with respect to the Shares, or changing their intention with respect to any and all matters referred to in Item 4.

## Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 91,443,645 Shares outstanding, as of January 31, 2011, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as reported in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 3, 2011.

Pursuant to an exemption granted by the Issuer on August 24, 2010 under the Issuer's Rights Agreement, as amended, the Reporting Persons may acquire beneficial ownership of up to 9.9% of the outstanding Shares, provided that any such purchases are made on or prior to April 27, 2011, the date on which the Rights Agreement terminates in accordance with its terms.

## A. Starboard V&O Fund

(a) As of the close of business on April 21, 2011 Starboard V&O Fund beneficially owned 6,595,300 Shares.

Percentage: Approximately 7.2%.

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 6,595,300.
  - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 6,595,300.
  - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
- (c) The transactions in the Shares by Starboard V&O Fund during the past 60 days are set forth in Schedule B and are incorporated herein by reference.

## B. Starboard Value LP

(a) Starboard Value LP, as the investment manager of Starboard V&O Fund, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 6,595,300 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund.

Percentage: Approximately 7.2%.

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 6,595,300
  - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 6,595,300
  - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
- (c) Starboard Value LP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of Starboard V&O Fund during the past 60 days are set forth in Schedule B and are incorporated herein by reference.

## C. Starboard Value GP

(a) Starboard Value GP, as the general partner of Starboard Value LP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 6,595,300 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund.

Percentage: Approximately 7.2%.

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 6,595,300
  - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 6,595,300
  - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
- (c) Starboard Value GP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days on behalf of Starboard V&O Fund are set forth in Schedule B and are incorporated herein by reference.

## D. Principal Co

(a) Principal Co, as a member of Starboard Value GP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 6,595,300 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund.

Percentage: Approximately 7.2%.

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 6,595,300
  - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 6,595,300
  - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
- (c) Principal Co has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days on behalf of Starboard V&O Fund are set forth in Schedule B and are incorporated herein by reference.

# E. Principal GP

(a) Principal GP, as the general partner of Principal Co, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 6,595,300 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund.

Percentage: Approximately 7.2%.

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 6,595,300
  - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 6,595,300
  - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
- (c) Principal GP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days on behalf of Starboard V&O Fund are set forth in Schedule B and are incorporated herein by reference.

## F. Messrs. Smith, Mitchell and Feld

(a) Each of Messrs. Smith, Mitchell and Feld, as a member of Principal GP and as a member of each of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP and the Management Committee of Principal GP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 6,595,300 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund.

Percentage: Approximately 7.2%.

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
  - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 6,595,300
  - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
  - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 6,595,300
- (c) None of Messrs. Smith, Mitchell or Feld has entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days on behalf of Starboard V&O Fund are set forth in Schedule B and are incorporated herein by reference.

To the best of the Reporting Persons' knowledge, none of the persons listed on Schedule A, who are not also Reporting Persons, beneficially owns any securities of the Issuer.

- (d) No person other than the Reporting Persons is known to have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, the Shares.
- (e) Not applicable.

# Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

On April 22, 2011, the Reporting Persons entered into a Joint Filing Agreement in which the Reporting Persons agreed to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of statements on Schedule 13D with respect to the securities of the Issuer to the extent required by applicable law. The Joint Filing Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 7. <u>Material to be Filed as Exhibits</u>.

- 99.1 Joint Filing Agreement by and among Starboard Value and Opportunity Fund Ltd, Starboard Value LP, Starboard Value GP LLC, Starboard Principal Co LP, Starboard Principal Co GP LLC, Jeffrey C. Smith, Mark Mitchell and Peter A. Feld, dated April 22, 2011.
- 99.2 Power of Attorney for Jeffrey C. Smith, Mark Mitchell and Peter A. Feld, dated April 4, 2011.

## **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: April 22, 2011

STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY FUND LTD

By: Starboard Value LP, its investment manager

STARBOARD VALUE LP By: Starboard Value GP LLC, its general partner STARBOARD VALUE GP LLC By: Starboard Principal Co LP, its member

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO LP By: Starboard Principal Co GP LLC, its general partner

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO GP LLC

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Smith

Name: Jeffrey C. Smith
Title: Authorized Signatory

/s/ Jeffrey C. Smith

JEFFREY C. SMITH

Individually and as attorney-in-fact for Mark Mitchell and

Peter A. Feld

# **SCHEDULE A**

# Directors and Officers of Starboard Value and Opportunity Fund Ltd

Name and Position	Principal Occupation	Principal Business Address	Citizenship
Patrick Agemian Director	Director of Global Funds Management, Ltd.	PO Box 10034, Harbour Place 2nd Floor 103 South Church Street Grand Cayman Cayman Islands, KY1-1001	Canada
Mark Mitchell Director*			
Don Seymour Director	Managing Director of dms Management Ltd.	dms Management Ltd. dms House, 20 Genesis Close P.O. Box 31910 Grand Cayman Cayman Islands, KY1-1208	Cayman Islands

<sup>\*</sup> Mr. Mitchell is a Reporting Person and, as such, the information with respect to Mr. Mitchell called for by Item 2 of Schedule 13D is set forth therein.

# **SCHEDULE B**

# $\underline{\textbf{Transactions in the Shares During the Past 60 Days}}$

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(39,529)	4.0531	02/18/11
(51,100)	3.6505	02/23/11
(78,883)	3.6698	02/24/11
(22,657)	3.7673	02/25/11
(11,746)	3.7710	02/25/11
(45,315)	3.7509	02/25/11
(45,314)	3.9108	02/28/11
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(42,874)	3.9092	02/28/11
(47,755)	3.9027	03/01/11
(90,629)	3.7509	03/01/11
(7,885)	3.7041	03/02/11
(82,744)	3.7830	03/03/11
(45,315)	3.7757	03/04/11
(53,199)	3.6342	03/07/11
23,175	3.5473	03/10/11
51,825	3.5399	03/11/11
2,250	3.3500	03/15/11
56,250	3.3253	03/16/11
22,000	3.3258	03/17/11
334,800	3.3383	03/17/11
26,000	3.4797	03/21/11
76,500	3.4316	03/22/11
10,300	3.3952	03/23/11
57,000	3.5203	03/25/11
76,500	3.4932	03/28/11
50,000	3.4239	03/29/11
3,200	3.4862	03/29/11
2,300	3.4000	03/30/11
47,700	3.4482	04/01/11
25,000	3.3764	04/04/11
25,000	3.3485	04/04/11
25,000	3.3420	04/04/11
25,000	3.3925	04/05/11
25,000	3.3973	04/11/11
157,500	2.9611	04/12/11
130,000	2.8900	04/12/11

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45,000 2.9960 04/21/11	45,000	2.9960	04/21/11

## JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1)(iii) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the persons named below agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of a Statement on Schedule 13D (including additional amendments thereto) with respect to the shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, of Extreme Networks, Inc. This Joint Filing Agreement shall be filed as an Exhibit to such Statement.

Dated: April 22, 2011

STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY FUND LTD

By: Starboard Value LP, its investment manager

STARBOARD VALUE LP By: Starboard Value GP LLC, its general partner STARBOARD VALUE GP LLC By: Starboard Principal Co LP,

its member

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO LP By: Starboard Principal Co GP LLC, its general partner

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO GP LLC

By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Smith

Name: Jeffrey C. Smith
Title: Authorized Signatory

/s/ Jeffrey C. Smith

JEFFREY C. SMITH
Individually and as attorney-in-fact for Mark Mitchell and
Peter A. Feld

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby appoints Jeffrey C. Smith, Mark Mitchell, Peter A. Feld and Kenneth R. Marlin, or any of them, his true and lawful attorney-in fact and agent to execute and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission any Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4, Form 5, any settlement agreement, any amendments to any of the foregoing and any related documentation which may be required to be filed in his individual capacity as a result of the undersigned's beneficial ownership of, or participation in a group with respect to, securities directly or indirectly beneficially owned by Starboard Value and Opportunity Fund Ltd, Starboard Value LP, Starboard Value GP LLC, Starboard Principal Co LP and Starboard Principal Co GP LLC or any of their respective affiliates, and granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing which he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. The authority of Jeffrey C. Smith, Mark Mitchell, Peter A. Feld and Kenneth R. Marlin, or any of them, under this Power of Attorney shall continue with respect to the undersigned until revoked in writing.

Date: April 4, 2011
/s/ Jeffrey C. Smith
Jeffrey C. Smith
/s/ Mark Mitchell
Mark Mitchell
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/s/ Peter A. Feld
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