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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

x **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011

or

.. **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from to

Commission file number 001-35095

A. Full title of the Plan and address of the Plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

United Community Banks, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan

B. Name of the issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of the principal executive office:

United Community Banks, Inc.

125 Highway 515 East, PO Box 398

Blairsville, GA 30514

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

PROFIT SHARING PLAN

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2011 and 2010

(with Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm)

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Benefits Administrative Committee Members

United Community Banks, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan

Blairsville, Georgia

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of United Community Banks, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2011. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the auditing standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of United Community Banks, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2011, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2011, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the United States Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Porter Keadle Moore, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia

June 27, 2012

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2011 and 2010

	2011	2010
Assets:		
Investments at fair value:		
Common stock of United Community Banks, Inc.	\$ 3,942,045	\$ 4,439,261
Collective investment fund	6,779,630	
Shares of registered investment company mutual funds	55,001,256	61,151,264
Total investments	65,722,931	65,590,525
Receivables:		
Employer contribution	110,982	
Participant contributions	163,178	
Accrued dividends	11,964	23,245
Due from brokers for securities sold	48,101	35,146
Total receivables	334,225	58,391
Cash	20,691	94,654
Total assets	66,077,847	65,743,570
Liabilities:		
Due to brokers for securities purchased	284,550	45,860
Other payables	20,389	62,647
Total liabilities	304,939	108,507
Net assets available for benefits, at fair value	65,772,908	65,635,063
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	(144,224)	
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 65,628,684	\$ 65,635,063

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Investment loss:	
Interest and dividends	\$ 749,432
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(3,095,647)
Total investment loss	(2,346,215)
Contributions:	
Employer match	2,860,714
Employee deferrals	4,405,692
Employee rollovers and other	278,956
Total contributions	7,545,362
Total additions	5,199,147
Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Distributions paid to participants	4,888,636
Administrative expenses	289,188
Other	27,702
Total deductions	5,205,526
Decrease in net assets available for benefits	(6,379)
Net assets available for plan benefits:	
Beginning of year	65,635,063
End of year	\$ 65,628,684

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

(1) Description of the Plan

The following description of United Community Banks, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan s provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan and was formed to provide benefits exclusively for the employees of United Community Banks, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the Company). Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan on the next immediate enrollment date following employment, but are eligible to participate in the matching portion of the Plan after the completion of one year of service with the Company as defined in the Plan documents. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Employees of the Company participating in the Plan are entitled to make pre-tax contributions to the Plan in amounts ranging from 2% to 75% of their annual base salary and commissions, subject to mandated maximum limitations. The Company matches 100% of participant contributions up to 5% of the participant s annual base salary and commissions for those who have completed at least one year of service and have elected to make deferred contributions. The Company may also make an additional discretionary contribution in any Plan year. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant s account is credited with the participant s contribution, the Company s contribution, and Plan earnings. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that is available in the participant s vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions to the Plan plus actual earnings thereon. Participants vest in the Company s contributions according to the following schedule:

Years of Service	Percentage
Less Than 1	0%
2	33%
3	66%
More Than 3	100%

Participants automatically become 100% vested upon death or disability while still an active employee of the Company. Upon termination of employment, amounts not vested will be forfeited with such forfeitures reducing administrative expenses paid from the Plan.

Payment of Benefits

Upon retirement, a participant is entitled to receive 100% of the vested account balance in a lump-sum distribution or periodic payments over a predetermined period. Upon the death of a participant, the designated beneficiary is entitled to receive 100% of the participant s account in a lump-sum distribution or periodic payments over a predetermined period. In addition, disabled participants are entitled to 100% of their account balance. Plan participants who are terminated for reasons other than retirement, death or disability are entitled to receive only the vested portion of their account. The Plan also allows for certain hardship withdrawals prior to termination of employment. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan pays substantially all administrative expenses.

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Notes to Financial Statements, continued

(1) Description of the Plan, continued

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2011 and 2010, forfeited non-vested accounts approximated \$9,000 and \$7,000, respectively. These amounts will be used to reduce future administrative expenses.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. The participants affected by the termination or discontinuance of contributions will immediately become 100% vested in their accounts.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared using the accrual method of accounting and present the net assets available for benefits and changes in those assets of the Plan. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for plan benefits and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation

The Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820 (ASC 820) *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. ASC 820 applies to reported balances that are required or permitted to be measured at fair value under existing accounting pronouncements. ASC 820 emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement. Therefore, a fair value measurement should be determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. As a basis for considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between market participant assumptions based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity (observable inputs that are classified within Levels 1 and 2 of the hierarchy) and the reporting entity's own assumptions about market participant assumptions (unobservable inputs classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy).

Fair Value Hierarchy

Level 1 Valuation is based upon quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 Valuation is based upon quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, as well as inputs that are observable for the asset or liability (other than quoted prices), such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

Level 3 Valuation is generated from model-based techniques that use at least one significant assumption based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which are typically based on an entity's own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity. In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and

considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

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Notes to Financial Statements, continued

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Recent Accounting Pronouncements, continued

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. The relevant accounting standard for defined contribution plans defines the circumstances in which an investment contract is considered fully benefit responsive and provides certain reporting and disclosure requirements for fully benefit responsive investment contracts. As required by the standards, investments in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits include fully benefit responsive investment contracts recognized at fair value in the Plan's Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits with a corresponding adjustment to reflect this investment at contract value.

The Company's common stock trades on the Nasdaq Global Select Market (Nasdaq), and its value is based on a quoted market price. Investments in mutual funds held are stated at fair value based on quoted market prices of the underlying fund securities. The fair value of the underlying assets of the collective investment fund is based upon the fair value of the underlying assets of the trust according to the Trustee's valuation. The contract value of participation units owned in the common collective trust fund are based on quoted redemption values, as determined by the Trustee on the last business day of the Plan year.

In accordance with ASC 820, the Plan's investments in the Company's common stock and mutual funds are classified as Level 1 recurring items since their valuation is based upon quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets. The Plan's investment in the collective investment fund is classified as a Level 2 recurring item since its valuation includes discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations considering the credit-worthiness of the issuer. At December 31, 2011 and 2010 the Plan held investments in the Company's common stock amounting to \$3,942,045 and \$4,439,261, respectively. This investment represented 6% and 7% of total investments at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. A significant decline in the market value of the Company's common stock would significantly affect the net assets available for benefits.

The Plan provides for investments in various investment securities, which are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for plan benefits.

The net gain or loss from investment activity includes realized and unrealized gains and losses from investment activity as well as earnings on investments. Unrealized gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the current value of securities as of the end of the plan year and either the current value at the end of the preceding year or the actual cost if such investments were purchased during the current year. Realized gains or losses on sales of investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and the current value of investments at the beginning of the year or the actual cost if such investments were purchased during the year. Earnings on investments include interest and dividends received on the Company's common stock and mutual fund shares.

Securities transactions are recorded on the trade date. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis when it is earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-09, *Disclosures about an Employer's Participation in a Multiemployer Plan* (ASU No. 2011-09). ASU No. 2011-09 is intended to provide more information about an employer's financial obligations to a multiemployer pension plan and, therefore help financial statement users better understand the financial health of all significant plans in which the employer participates. It is effective for public entities for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2011, with a one year deferral for non-public entities. United does not participate in a multiemployer plan, so this revised standard does not apply to the Company.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements, continued

(3) Investments

The following table represents investments at December 31, 2011 and 2010:

	2011	2010
United Community Banks, Inc. common stock (563,955 and 455,309 shares at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively)	\$ 3,942,045	\$ 4,439,261
Collective investment fund:		
Federated Capital Preservation Fund	\$ 6,779,630	\$
Mutual funds:		
Federated Govt Obligations Fund	\$	\$ 6,833,516
Eagle Small Cap Growth I Fund	1,701,811	1,736,728
American Independence Stock Fund	3,035,954	2,957,832
NestEgg 2050 Fund	44,554	14,945
NestEgg 2040 Fund	5,974,612	6,419,220
NestEgg 2030 Fund	6,063,935	6,604,788
NestEgg 2020 Fund	10,169,642	10,041,561
NestEgg 2010 Fund	3,625,346	3,768,919
Harbor International Fund	2,381,286	2,545,668
Goldman Sachs Mid Cap Value Fund	2,565,460	2,561,316
Morgan Stanley Mid Cap Growth Fund	3,764,646	3,776,839
Northern Small Cap Value Fund	1,687,917	1,602,397
T Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund	3,458,810	3,380,531
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	2,347,771	2,121,066
PIMCO Total Return Bond Fund	7,379,321	6,785,938
American Century Inflation Adjust Bond Fund	800,191	
Total mutual funds	\$ 55,001,256	\$ 61,151,264

During 2011, the Plan's investments (including investments bought, sold, and held during the year) depreciated in value as detailed below:

	Year Ended December 31, 2011
Net change in investments at fair value as determined by quoted market price:	
Collective investment fund	\$ 144,224
Mutual funds	(1,746,435)
United Community Banks, Inc. common stock	(1,493,436)
Net change in fair value	\$ (3,095,647)

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Notes to Financial Statements, continued

(3) Investments, continued

Single investments representing more than 5% of the Plan's net assets as of December 31, 2011 and/or 2010, are separately identified.

	December 31	
	2011	2010
United Community Banks, Inc. common stock	\$ 3,942,045	\$ 4,439,261
Federated Capital Preservation Fund	6,779,630	
NestEgg 2040 Fund	5,974,612	6,419,220
NestEgg 2030 Fund	6,063,935	6,604,788
NestEgg 2020 Fund	10,169,642	10,041,561
NestEgg 2010 Fund	3,625,346	3,768,919
Federated Govt Obligations Fund		6,833,516
PIMCO Total Return Bond Fund	7,379,321	6,785,938
T Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund	3,458,810	3,380,531
Morgan Stanley Mid Cap Growth Fund	3,764,646	3,776,839

(4) Tax Status

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on October 4, 2002, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan was amended effective September 15, 2009; however, the Plan sponsor and the Plan's tax counsel believe the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

(5) Party-In-Interest Transactions

During the course of the year, the Plan enters into certain party-in-interest transactions with the Company and INTRUST Bank, N.A. (the Trustee). The Company, as the Plan sponsor, may declare cash dividends on its common stock on a quarterly basis throughout the year. In 2011, the Plan did not receive cash dividends on its investment in the Company's stock. Additionally, the Company may provide a discretionary contribution to the Plan's participants, which is based on the diluted earnings per share of the Company. No discretionary contribution was made for the 2011 plan year.

The Plan regularly purchases shares of the Company's common stock directly from the Company based on the average of the high and low price for the Company's common stock as reported by Nasdaq on the date of transaction. During 2011 and 2010, the Plan purchased 124,705 and 89,833 shares, respectively, directly from the Company.

The Trustee functions as the trustee, custodian and record keeper for the Plan. The cost for these services totaled \$289,188 for 2011 and is presented on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits as administrative expenses. The fees for 2011 for trustee and custodial services amounted to \$242,783 and for record keeping amounted to \$46,405.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements, continued

(6) Fair Value Measurements

The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy a summary of the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2011 and 2010.

December 31, 2011	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				
UCBI common stock	\$ 3,942,045	\$	\$	\$ 3,942,045
Small cap equity funds	3,389,729			3,389,729
Mid cap equity funds	6,330,107			6,330,107
Large cap equity funds	8,842,534			8,842,534
International equity funds	2,381,286			2,381,286
Balanced funds	25,878,088			25,878,088
Taxable bond funds	800,191			800,191
Pooled fixed income funds	7,379,321			7,379,321
Collective investment fund		6,779,630		6,779,630
				150
Net cash provided by financing activities	2,374	742		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	4	(16)		
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(36,314)	5,714		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	70,251	62,240		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 33,937	\$ 67,954		

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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OPNET TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation, Nature of Operations, and Significant Accounting Policies

OPNET Technologies, Inc. (OPNET , we or us) is a leading provider of management software for networks and applications. Our solutions address: application performance troubleshooting; network configuration auditing; network capacity and resiliency planning; application deployment planning; and network technology R&D. We sell our products to corporate enterprises, government and defense agencies, network service providers, and network equipment manufacturers. We market our product suite in North America primarily through a direct sales force and, to a lesser extent, several resellers and original equipment manufacturers. Internationally, we conduct research and development through our wholly-controlled subsidiary in Ghent, Belgium and market our products through our wholly-owned subsidiaries in Paris, France; Reading, United Kingdom; and Sydney, Australia; third-party distributors; and value-added resellers. OPNET is headquartered in Bethesda, MD and has offices in Cary, NC; Dallas, TX; and Santa Clara, CA.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include our results and the results of our wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The interim condensed consolidated financial statements included herein are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) regarding interim financial reporting. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. Accordingly, these interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes thereto contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, Amendment No. 1, for the year ended March 31, 2003, filed with the SEC. The March 31, 2003 condensed consolidated balance sheet included herein was derived from the audited financial statements as of that date, but does not include all disclosures including notes required by GAAP. In the opinion of management, these interim condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments of a normal and recurring nature necessary to present fairly our results for the interim periods. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates. In addition, our operating results for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 may not be indicative of the operating results for the full fiscal year or any other future period.

Reclassifications. Fees and costs associated with the sale of periodic unspecified product updates (license updates) and technical support have been combined and presented as Software license updates and technical support in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. License update revenues of \$2.2 million and \$5.9 million for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2002, respectively, were reclassified from license revenues to software license updates and technical support revenues. Cost of license update revenues of \$21,000 and \$45,000 for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2002, respectively, were reclassified from cost of license revenues to cost of software license updates and technical support revenues. Technical support revenues of \$1.1 million and \$3.5 million for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2002, respectively, were reclassified from service revenues to software license updates and technical support revenues. Cost of technical support revenues of \$358,000 and \$1.2 million for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2002, respectively, were reclassified from cost of service revenues to cost of software license updates and technical support revenues.

Investments. We consider all highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. We have determined that all of our marketable securities are to be classified as available-for-sale. Available-for-sale securities are carried at fair value, with the unrealized gains and losses reported in stockholders' equity in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets under the caption Accumulated other comprehensive income. The amortized cost of debt securities is adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts to maturity using the effective interest method. Such amortization is included in the Interest and other income, net line item on the

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accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. Realized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities are included in the Interest and other income, net line item on the condensed consolidated statements of operations. The cost of securities sold is based on the specific identification method. Interest and dividends on securities classified as available-for-sale are included in the Interest and other income, net line item on the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

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Indemnifications. Under the terms of substantially all of our license agreements, we have agreed to indemnify customers for costs and damages arising from claims against such customers based on allegations that our software products infringe the intellectual property rights of a third party. The indemnification is limited to the amount paid by the customer. To date, we have not had to reimburse any of our customers for any losses related to these indemnification provisions and no claims are outstanding as of December 31, 2003. For several reasons, including the lack of prior indemnification claims, we cannot determine the maximum amount of potential future payments, if any, related to such indemnification provisions. However, we do not believe that these indemnification provisions will have a material adverse effect on the Company's operating performance or financial condition.

Our standard license agreement includes a warranty provision for software products. We generally warrant for the first ninety days after delivery that the software will operate substantially as stated in the then current documentation provided that the software is used in a supported computer system. We provide for the estimated cost of product warranties based on specific warranty claims, provided that it is probable that a liability exists and provided the amount can be reasonably estimated. To date, we have not had any material costs associated with these warranties.

Stock-Based Compensation. We account for stock-based compensation given to employees using the intrinsic value method in accordance with Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and accordingly, recognize compensation expense for fixed stock option grants only when the exercise price is less than the quoted market price of the shares on the date of the grant. Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, permits the use of either a fair-value based method or the intrinsic value method provided in APB Opinion No. 25 to account for employee stock-based compensation arrangements. Companies that elect to use the intrinsic value method provided in APB Opinion No. 25 are required to disclose the pro forma net income (loss) and earnings (loss) per share that would have resulted from the use of the fair value method. We have provided below the pro forma disclosures of the effect on net income and earnings per share for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, as if SFAS No. 123 had been applied in measuring compensation expense for all periods.

	Three Months		Nine Months	
	Ended		Ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Net income	\$ 1,619	\$ 834	\$ 3,727	\$ 1,779
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net income,				
net of related tax effects	8	12	26	42
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair				
value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(1,018)	(803)	(2,983)	(2,607)
Pro forma net income (loss)	\$ 609	\$ 43	\$ 770	\$ (786)
Basic net income (loss) per common share:				
As reported	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.09
Pro forma	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.04)
Diluted net income (loss) per common share:				
As reported	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.09
Pro forma	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.04)

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Subsequent to the issuance of our consolidated financial statements as of March 31, 2003, we concluded that a portion of the revenue from certain software arrangements should have been deferred to account for the value of certain free training offered to our customers. We also determined that amortization of acquired technology should be included as a cost of revenue rather than as an operating expense. As a consequence, our condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2002, have been restated. For the three months ended December 31, 2002, this restatement increased our previously reported revenue from \$11,696,000 to \$11,804,000 and increased our previously reported net income from \$753,000 to \$834,000, but had no effect on our previously reported diluted earnings per common share of \$0.04. For the nine months ended December 31, 2002, this restatement increased our previously reported revenue from \$34,047,000 to \$34,069,000 and increased our previously reported net income from \$1,762,000 to \$1,779,000, but had no effect on our previously reported diluted earnings per common share of \$0.09. The restatement resulted in a decrease in new software license revenues of \$142,000 and an increase in professional service revenues of \$250,000 for the three months ended December 31, 2002. The restatement resulted in a decrease in new software license revenues of \$573,000 and an increase in professional services revenues of \$595,000 for the nine months ended December 31, 2002.

The effect of the reclassification of amortization of acquired technology was to increase previously reported cost of revenues and reduce previously reported gross profit by \$126,000 and \$377,000 for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2002, respectively. This change has no impact on net income.

A summary of the significant effects of the restatement is as follows:

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations Data:

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2002		Nine Months Ended December 31, 2002	
	As previously reported	As restated	As previously reported	As restated
	(in thousands, except per share data)			
Revenues	\$ 11,696	\$ 11,804	\$ 34,047	\$ 34,069
Gross profit	9,920	9,902	28,705	28,352
Income before provision for income taxes	1,005	1,113	2,351	2,374
Net income	753	834	1,762	1,779
Basic net income per common share	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09
Diluted net income per common share	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09

3. Marketable Securities

Marketable securities as of December 31, 2003, consist of the following:

Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized	Gross Unrealized	Market Value
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	_____	Gain	Loss	_____
		_____	_____	
		(in thousands)		
Corporate bonds and notes	\$ 12,794	\$ 15	\$ 4	\$ 12,790
U.S. Government agencies	31,821	15	4	31,832
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Marketable securities	\$ 44,615	\$ 15	\$ 8	\$ 44,622
	_____	_____	_____	_____

Our marketable securities have maturity dates of less than one year.

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Intangible assets consisted of the following:

	At December 31, 2003	At March 31, 2003
	_____	_____
	(in thousands)	
Acquired technology	\$ 2,678	\$ 2,501
Accumulated amortization	(1,308)	(935)
	_____	_____
Intangible assets, net	\$ 1,370	\$ 1,566
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In December 2003, we purchased a software product used primarily for modeling voice communications for approximately \$179,000.

Acquired technology relating to the NetMaker and WDM NetDesign acquisitions resulted in amortization expense for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 of \$125,000 and \$126,000, respectively. Amortization expense for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 was \$375,000 and \$377,000, respectively. Amortization expense from acquired technology is included in cost of revenues in the condensed consolidated statements of operations. We expect amortization expense of \$509,000 in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, \$536,000 in each of the fiscal years ending March 31, 2005 and 2006, \$102,000 in the year ending March 31, 2007, \$36,000 in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008, and \$26,000 in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.

5. Credit Agreement

Effective June 10, 2002, we entered into a credit facility with a commercial bank. The credit facility permits the use of funds for general corporate purposes and the issuance of letters of credit up to a maximum of \$10.0 million in the aggregate. Borrowings under the credit facility are limited to 80% of eligible accounts receivable. We used the facility to issue an irrevocable letter of credit for approximately \$2.8 million to satisfy the security deposit requirements for our corporate office lease. Upon a default, as defined in the corporate office lease agreement, and written notice from the landlord to us, the landlord has the right to draw upon the letter of credit in whole or in part. Interest is payable monthly, based on LIBOR plus the applicable margin ranging from 2% to 2.5% as stated in the loan agreement. The credit facility includes a fee in the amount of 0.25% per annum on the unused portion of the credit facility. The credit facility is collateralized by our accounts receivable. The loan agreement contains customary affirmative and negative covenants including a restriction on the payment of dividends and a financial covenant requiring that we not exceed a ratio of Funded Debt to EBITDA of 2.5:1.0 as such terms are defined in the loan agreement. The credit facility expires June 10, 2004. As of December 31, 2003, we had no borrowings under the available credit facility, and available borrowings at that date were \$2.9 million.

6. Stockholders Equity

During the nine months ended December 31, 2003, we received proceeds of approximately \$2.1 million and issued 473,003 shares of common stock, pursuant to employee exercises of stock options. During the nine months ended December 31, 2003 employees purchased 37,515 shares of common stock under the OPNET 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, resulting in proceeds to us of approximately \$0.3 million.

Table of Contents**7. Net Income per Common Share**

The following is a reconciliation of the amounts used in calculating basic and diluted net income per common share for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
(in thousands, except per share data)				
Net Income (Numerator):				
Basic and diluted net income	\$ 1,619	\$ 834	\$ 3,727	\$ 1,779
Shares (Denominator):				
Weighted average shares outstanding (basic)	19,759	19,299	19,605	19,242
Plus:				
Effect of other dilutive securities options	1,147	747	884	698
Weighted average shares outstanding (diluted)	20,906	20,046	20,489	19,940
Net income per common share:				
Basic	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.09
Diluted	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.09

We had options for the purchase of 474,500 and 2,141,464 common shares that were excluded from the diluted average shares outstanding for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, because they were antidilutive. We had options for the purchase of 1,449,692 and 2,169,464 common shares for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, because they were antidilutive.

8. Business Segment and Geographic Information

We operate in one industry segment, the development and sale of computer software programs and related services. Revenues from transactions with U.S. Government agencies were approximately 46% and 34% of total revenues for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Revenues from transactions with U.S. Government agencies were approximately 46% and 38% for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Substantially all assets were held in the United States at December 31 and March 31, 2003. Revenues by geographic area and as a percentage of total revenues is as follows:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
(dollars in thousands)				
Geographic Area:				
United States	\$ 12,274	\$ 9,126	\$ 32,906	\$ 27,503

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International	2,158	2,678	7,232	6,566
Total revenue	\$ 14,432	\$ 11,804	\$ 40,138	\$ 34,069
Geographic Area:				
United States	85.0%	77.3%	82.0%	80.7%
International	15.0	22.7	18.0	19.3
Total revenue	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table of Contents**9. Supplemental Cash Flow Information**

	Nine Months	
	Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002
	(in thousands)	
Cash paid for:		
Income taxes	\$ 1,377	\$ 79
Interest	48	53

10. Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income includes net income, foreign currency translation adjustments, and unrealized gain on marketable securities. Total comprehensive income is summarized as follows:

	Three Months		Nine Months	
	Ended		Ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	(in thousands)			
Net income	\$ 1,619	\$ 834	\$ 3,727	\$ 1,779
Foreign currency translation adjustments	48	(5)	(3)	(16)
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	7		7	
Total comprehensive income	\$ 1,674	\$ 829	\$ 3,731	\$ 1,763

11. Commitments and Contingencies

We are involved in various claims and legal proceedings arising from our normal operations. We do not expect those matters, individually or in the aggregate, to have a material effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

12. New Accounting Pronouncements

In November 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Interpretation No. 45, Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others. Interpretation No. 45 requires a guarantor to include disclosure of certain obligations, and if applicable, at the inception of the guarantee, recognize a liability for the fair value of other certain

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obligations undertaken in issuing a guarantee. The recognition requirement was effective for guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002. We adopted Interpretation No. 45 effective December 2002 and the applicable disclosures have been made.

In November 2002, the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) reached a consensus on Issue No. 00-21, Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables. Issue 00-21 provides guidance on how to account for arrangements that involve the delivery or performance of multiple products, services and/or rights to use assets. The provisions of Issue 00-21 apply to revenue arrangements entered into in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2003 but do not supersede existing authoritative guidance, including SOP 97-2. The adoption of Issue 00-21 did not have an impact on our consolidated results of operations or financial position.

In January 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities. In general, a variable interest entity is a corporation, partnership, trust, or any other legal structure used for business purposes that either (a) does not have equity investors with voting rights or (b) has equity investors that do not provide sufficient financial resources for the entity to support its activities. Interpretation No. 46 requires certain variable interest entities to be consolidated by the primary beneficiary of the entity if the investors do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties. We adopted the provisions of Interpretation No. 46 effective January 1, 2003. We do not have any variable interest entities; thus adoption of Interpretation No. 46 did not have an impact on our consolidated results of operations or financial position.

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In April 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 149, Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities. SFAS No. 149 amends and clarifies accounting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities under SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging. The statement requires that contracts with comparable characteristics be accounted for similarly and clarifies when a derivative contains a financing component that warrants special reporting in the statement of cash flows. SFAS No. 149 is effective for contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003, except in certain circumstances, and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. We currently do not hedge foreign exchange rate risk nor have we entered into any derivative instruments or transactions that are subject to SFAS No. 133 or SFAS No. 149. We adopted SFAS No. 149, effective July 1, 2003. The adoption of this standard did not have an effect on our consolidated results of operations or financial position.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity. SFAS No. 150 establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures in its statement of financial position certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that an issuer classify a financial instrument that is within its scope as a liability (or an asset in some circumstances) because that financial instrument embodies an obligation of the issuer. SFAS No. 150 is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise is effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. We are not currently a party to any of the types of financial instruments that are subject to SFAS No. 150.

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ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis relate to our financial condition and results of operations for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this report. You should also read the following discussion and analysis in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, Amendment No. 1, for the year ended March 31, 2003, filed with the SEC.

This report contains forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. You can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as anticipate, believe, could, estimate, expect, intend, may, plan, potential, should, will, and would or similar words. You should read statements that contain these words carefully because they discuss our future expectations, contain projections of our future results of operations or of our financial position, or state other forward-looking information. We believe that it is important to communicate our future expectations to our investors. However, there may be events in the future that we are not able to predict or control accurately. The factors listed in this section, as well as any cautionary language contained herein, provide examples of risks, uncertainties, and events that may cause our actual results to differ materially from the expectations we describe in our forward-looking statements. You should also carefully review the risks outlined in other documents that we file from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q that we will file in fiscal 2004.

Overview

We derive revenues from three primary sources: (1) new software licenses, (2) software license updates and technical support, and (3) professional services, which include consulting and training services. New software license revenues represent all fees earned from granting customers licenses to use our software, and exclude revenues derived from software license updates, which are included in software license updates and technical support revenues. The majority of our new software license revenues consist of perpetual license sales of our software products. Software license updates and technical support revenues represent fees associated with the sale of license updates and technical support under our maintenance agreements. We offer professional services, generally under fixed-price agreements, primarily to provide product customization and enhancements and to facilitate the adoption of our technology.

Revenues from sales outside of the United States represented 15.0%, and 22.7% of our total revenues for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Revenues from sales outside of the United States represented 18.0% and 19.3% of our total revenues for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Sales outside the United States were made through our international sales team as well as third-party distributors and value-added resellers, who generally are responsible for providing technical support and service to customers within their territory. We expect revenues from sales outside the United States to continue to account for a significant portion of our total revenues in the future. We believe that continued growth and profitability will require further expansion of our sales, marketing and customer service functions in international markets.

Reclassifications

Revenues and costs associated with the sale of license updates and technical support have been combined and presented as Software license updates and technical support in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. These reclassifications had no impact on total revenues, net income, or net income per common share for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2002. See Note 1 Significant Accounting Policies - Reclassifications in the accompanying notes to our condensed consolidated financial statements for additional information regarding the reclassifications.

Restatement

As discussed in Note 2 to the condensed consolidated financial statements included under Item 1, we have restated our condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2002. This Management's Discussion and Analysis reflects the restatement.

Table of Contents**Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth items from our statements of operations expressed as a percentage of total revenues for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Revenues:				
New software licenses	49.3%	47.4%	49.8%	46.5%
Software license updates and technical support	27.3	27.5	27.2	27.5
Professional services	23.4	25.1	23.0	26.0
Total revenues	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cost of revenues:				
New software licenses	0.9	1.7	1.5	1.7
Software license updates and technical support	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.8
Professional services	14.2	10.1	13.2	10.2
Amortization of acquired technology	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.1
Total cost of revenues	19.0	16.1	18.6	16.8
Gross profit	81.0	83.9	81.4	83.2
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	21.8	27.1	23.6	28.1
Sales and marketing	34.4	38.4	35.0	39.6
General and administrative	10.0	10.6	10.4	10.6
Total operating expenses	66.2	76.1	69.0	78.3
Income from operations	14.8	7.8	12.3	4.9
Interest and other income, net	1.0	1.6	1.1	2.1
Income before provision for income taxes	15.8	9.4	13.4	7.0
Provision for income taxes	4.6	2.3	4.1	1.8
Net income	11.2%	7.1%	9.3%	5.2%

The following table sets forth, for each component of revenues, the cost of these revenues as a percentage of the related revenues for the periods indicated:

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	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Cost of Revenues:				
New software licenses	1.8%	3.7%	3.1%	3.7%
Software license updates and technical support	11.3	11.7	10.9	13.7
Professional services	60.6	40.2	57.4	39.2

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Revenues

New Software License Revenues. New software license revenues were \$7.1 million and \$5.6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, representing an increase of 27.2%. New software license revenues were \$20.0 million and \$15.8 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, representing an increase of 26.2%. The growth in sales was primarily due to higher sales volumes to enterprise and U.S. Government customers of *OPNET SP Guru* and *OPNET Modeler*, which were available throughout all of the periods presented, as well as *OPNET VNE Server*, which was launched in June 2002.

We may experience a slower rate of growth, or even a decline, in overall new software license revenues in the near-term due to potentially lower spending levels by enterprise IT organizations, service providers and network equipment manufacturers as a result of a challenging economy.

Software License Updates and Technical Support Revenues. Software license updates and technical support revenues were \$3.9 million and \$3.2 million in the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, representing an increase of 21.5%. Software license updates and technical support revenues were \$10.9 million and \$9.4 million in the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, representing an increase of 16.4%. Software license updates and technical support revenue growth rates are affected by the overall new software license revenue growth rates, as well as the renewal rate of annual maintenance contracts by existing customers. The increases reflect the growth in the overall customer installed base as compared to the prior periods.

We may experience a slower rate of growth, or even a decline, in overall software license updates and technical support revenues in the near-term due to potentially lower spending levels by enterprise IT organizations, service providers and network equipment manufacturers as a result of a challenging economy.

Professional Service Revenues. Professional service revenues were \$3.4 million and \$3.0 million in the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 respectively. Consulting services revenue accounted for 87.4% and 88.1% of professional service revenues for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Professional service revenues were \$9.2 million and \$8.9 million in the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. For the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, consulting services revenue accounted for 87.0% and 89.4% of professional service revenues, respectively. For the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003, the increases in professional services revenue were primarily due to higher demand for our consulting services. In January 2003, we were awarded a re-competed consulting contract with the U.S. Department of Defense that contributed 15.1% and 24.5% of professional service revenues for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003, respectively. The funding under this contract for calendar year 2003 was \$3.1 million. Under the first of four possible contract extensions, the funding under this contract for calendar 2004 is \$3.5 million. The option years for calendar years 2005, 2006, and 2007 under this contract, may be exercised by the U.S. Department of Defense at its discretion. Engagements with U.S. government agencies contributed significantly to the demand for our consulting services for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002.

Our ability to increase professional service revenues will be dependent on our ability (i) to expand our installed base of customers, (ii) to maintain several large consulting contracts with the U.S. Government and (iii) to attract and retain additional qualified consultants, including those with security clearances.

International Revenues. Our international revenues decreased 19.4% to \$2.2 million, or 15% of total revenues, for the three months ended December 31, 2003 from \$2.7 million, or 22.7% of total revenues, for the three months ended December 31, 2002. Our international revenues increased 10.1% to \$7.2 million, or 18.0% of total revenues, for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 from \$6.6 million, or 19.3% of total

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revenues, for the nine months ended December 31, 2002. Our international revenues are primarily generated in Europe and Japan. The challenging global economy can lengthen our sales cycle for international customers and therefore impact the timing of sales orders. We believe that we will need to further expand our international sales, marketing and customer service functions to increase international revenues. We expect to continue experiencing fluctuations of international revenues in the future.

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Cost of new software license revenues consists primarily of royalties, media, manuals, and distribution costs. Cost of software license updates and technical support revenues consists of royalties, media, distribution costs, and personnel-related costs in providing technical support to our customers. Cost of professional service revenues consists primarily of personnel-related costs in providing consulting and training to customers. Gross margin on new software license revenues is substantially higher than gross margin on professional service revenues, due to the low materials, packaging and other costs of software products compared with the relatively high personnel costs associated with providing professional services.

In connection with our acquisitions of NetMaker in March 2001 and WDM NetDesign in January 2002, we recorded acquired technology of \$2.5 million. These acquired technologies are being amortized on a straight-line basis over five years. Amortization expense from acquired technology for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 was \$125,000 and \$126,000, respectively. Amortization expense from acquired technology for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 was \$375,000 and \$377,000, respectively.

Cost of New Software License Revenues. Cost of new software license revenues was \$126,000 and \$205,000 for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Gross margin on new software license revenues increased to 98.2% for the three months ended December 31, 2003 from 96.3% for the three months ended December 31, 2002. The increase in gross margins for the three months ended December 31, 2003 was due to an increase in revenue and proportionately fewer license sales requiring royalty payments. Cost of new software license revenues was \$614,000 and \$585,000 for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Gross margin on new software license revenues increased to 96.9% for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 from 96.3% for the nine months ended December 31, 2002.

Cost of Software License Updates and Technical Support Revenues. Cost of software license updates and technical support revenues was \$445,000 and \$379,000 for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Gross margin on software license updates and technical support revenues increased to 88.7% for the three months ended December 31, 2003 from 88.3% for the three months ended December 31, 2002. Cost of software license updates and technical support revenues was \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Gross margin on software license updates and technical support revenues increased to 89.1% for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 from 86.3% for the nine months ended December 31, 2002. The improvements in gross margin on software license updates and technical support revenues were due to higher revenues.

Cost of Professional Service Revenues. Cost of professional service revenues was \$2.0 million and \$1.2 million for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Gross margin on professional service revenues decreased to 39.4% for the three months ended December 31, 2003 from 59.8% for the three months ended December 31, 2002. Cost of professional service revenues was \$5.3 million and \$3.5 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Gross margin on professional service revenues decreased to 42.6% for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 from 60.8% for the nine months ended December 31, 2002. The increase in cost of professional service revenues and the resulting lower gross margins were primarily due to an increase in headcount, overhead costs, recruiting expenses and certain other costs associated with specific consulting engagements. For the three months ended December 31, 2003, our gross margin decline was partially due to lower productivity associated with new hires in consulting to meet demand for our services and subcontractor costs incurred to meet demand for engagements requiring security clearances. We expect cost of professional services revenues as a percentage of professional services revenue to vary based primarily on the profitability of individual consulting engagements.

Operating Expenses

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Research and Development. Research and development expenses were \$3.1 million and \$3.2 million for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, representing a decrease of 1.8%. Research and development expenses were \$9.5 million and \$9.6 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and in 2002, respectively, representing a decrease of 1.3%. The decreases were the result of lower overhead costs, offset in part by higher personnel costs. We believe that a significant level of research and development investment will be required to maintain our competitive position and broaden our product lines, as well as enhance the features and functionality of our current products. We expect that the absolute dollar amount of these expenditures to grow but generally decrease as a percentage of total revenues in future periods. Our ability to decrease these expenses as a percentage of revenues, however, will depend upon our revenue growth, among other factors.

Sales and Marketing. Sales and marketing expenses were \$5.0 million and \$4.5 million for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, representing an increase of 9.6%. Sales and marketing expenses were \$14.0 million and \$13.5 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, representing an increase of 4%. The increases were primarily due an increase in the average size of our direct sales force, higher sales commission cost associated with growth in revenues, and increases in recruiting and travel costs. We anticipate that we will continue to commit substantial resources to sales and marketing and that sales and marketing expenses may increase both in absolute dollars and as a percentage of total revenues in the future periods.

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General and Administrative. General and administrative expenses were \$1.4 million and \$1.3 million for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. General and administrative expenses were \$4.2 million and \$3.6 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The increases were primarily due to higher audit fees, annual shareholder meeting expenses, insurance costs and software maintenance costs associated with new financial systems that were deployed in April 2003. The increases were partially offset by lower bad debt expenses. We expect the dollar amount of general and administrative expenses to increase as we continue to expand our operations but generally decrease as a percentage of total revenues in future periods. Our ability to decrease these expenses as a percentage of revenues, however, will depend upon our revenue growth, among other factors.

Interest and Other Income, Net

Interest and other income, net were \$135,000 and \$192,000 for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Interest and other income, net were \$436,000 and \$716,000 for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The decrease in each period was primarily due to lower yields on our cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities as a result of lower interest rates.

Provision for Income Taxes

Our effective tax rates were approximately 29% and 25% for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The effective tax rates were 31% and 25% for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The effective tax rate differs from the statutory tax rate and varies from period to period due principally to the amount of income before taxes from various tax jurisdictions and the amount of tax credits available to us in each period from incremental research expenditures. In November 2003, Maryland approved our application for a research and development tax credit for fiscal year 2002 in the amount of approximately \$84,000. The effective tax rates for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 were favorably impacted by the Maryland research and development tax credit.

We expect our effective tax rate in the near-term to range from 32% to 34%; however, future provisions for taxes will depend, among other things, on the mix and amount of worldwide income, the tax rates in effect for various tax jurisdictions and the amount of increased research tax credits.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Since inception, we have funded our operations primarily through cash provided by operating activities and through the sale of equity securities. In August 2000, we completed our initial public offering in which we raised approximately \$54.1 million, net of underwriting discounts and offering expenses payable by us. As of December 31, 2003, we had cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities totaling \$78.6 million.

Cash provided by operating activities was \$6.7 million and \$5.6 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Cash provided by operating activities is primarily derived from net income, as adjusted for non-cash items such as depreciation and amortization expense and changes in operating assets and liabilities. The increase in cash provided by operating activities in the nine months ended December 2003 from the nine months ended December 31, 2002 was primarily attributable to higher net income and deferred revenue, due to our revenue growth. The increases were partially offset by an increase in accounts receivable resulting from our revenue growth and an increase in prepaid expenses.

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Net cash used in investing activities was \$45.4 million and \$621,000 for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. For the nine months ended December 31, 2003, funds were used to purchase marketable securities of \$44.6 million. For the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, funds were used to purchase property and equipment of \$610,000 and \$621,000, respectively. In December 2003, we purchased a software product used primarily for modeling voice communications for approximately \$179,000.

Cash provided by financing activities was \$2.4 million and \$742,000 for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Cash provided by financing activities reflects the proceeds received from the exercise of stock options and the sale of common stock under our 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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As discussed in Note 5 to our condensed consolidated financial statements, we have a credit facility with a commercial bank for borrowings up to \$10.0 million, which expires in June 2004. Borrowings under this line of credit bear interest at an annual rate equal to LIBOR plus 2% to 2.5%. We have currently used \$2.8 million of this facility for a letter of credit that secures the lease for our headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland. We had no outstanding borrowings under this line of credit facility as of December 31, 2003, and available borrowings at that date were \$2.9 million.

As of December 31, 2003, our contractual commitments include operating leases for office facilities, notes payable in the amount of \$300,000, and a letter of credit in the amount of \$2.8 million.

We expect working capital needs to increase in the foreseeable future in order for us to execute our business plan. We anticipate that operating activities, as well as planned capital expenditures, will constitute a material use of our cash resources. In addition, we may utilize cash resources to fund acquisitions or investments in complementary businesses, technologies or products.

We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents and cash generated from operations, along with available borrowings under our line of credit facility, will be sufficient to meet our anticipated cash requirements for working capital and capital expenditures for at least the next 12 months.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In November 2002, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 45, *Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others*. Interpretation No. 45 requires a guarantor to include disclosure of certain obligations, and if applicable, at the inception of the guarantee, recognize a liability for the fair value of certain other obligations undertaken in issuing a guarantee. The recognition requirement was effective for guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002. We adopted Interpretation No. 45 effective December 2002 and the applicable disclosures have been made.

In November 2002, the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) reached a consensus on Issue No. 00-21, *Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables*. Issue 00-21 provides guidance on how to account for arrangements that involve the delivery or performance of multiple products, services and/or rights to use assets. The provisions of Issue 00-21 apply to revenue arrangements entered into in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2003 but do not supersede existing authoritative guidance, including SOP 97-2. The adoption of Issue 00-21 did not have an impact on our consolidated results of operations or financial position.

In January 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 46 (*FIN 46*), *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*. In general, a variable interest entity is a corporation, partnership, trust, or any other legal structure used for business purposes that either (a) does not have equity investors with voting rights or (b) has equity investors that do not provide sufficient financial resources for the entity to support its activities. FIN 46 requires certain variable interest entities to be consolidated by the primary beneficiary of the entity if the investors do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties. We adopted the provisions of FIN 46 effective January 1, 2003. We do not have any variable interest entities; thus adoption of FIN 46 did not have an impact on our consolidated results of operations or financial position.

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In April 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 149, *Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*. SFAS No. 149 amends and clarifies accounting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities under SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging*. The statement requires that contracts with comparable characteristics be accounted for similarly and clarifies when a derivative contains a financing component that warrants special reporting in the statement of cash flows. SFAS No. 149 is effective for contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003, except in certain circumstances, and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. We currently do not hedge foreign exchange rate risk, nor have we entered into any derivative instruments or transactions that are subject to SFAS No. 133 or SFAS No. 149. We adopted SFAS No. 149 effective July 1, 2003. The adoption of this standard did not have an effect on our consolidated results of operations or financial position.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, *Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity*. SFAS No. 150 establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures in its statement of

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financial position certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that an issuer classify a financial instrument that is within its scope as a liability (or an asset in some circumstances) because that financial instrument embodies an obligation of the issuer. SFAS No. 150 is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise is effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. We are not currently a party to any of the types of financial instruments that are subject to SFAS No.150.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of our financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires us to utilize accounting policies and make estimates and assumptions that affect our reported amounts. Future results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We consider the following accounting policies to be both important to the portrayal of our financial position and results of operations and require the exercise of significant, subjective, or complex judgment and/or estimates.

Revenue Recognition. We recognize revenue in accordance with Statement of Position (SOP) No. 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition, as amended by SOP No. 98-9, Modification of SOP No. 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition, With Respect to Certain Transactions, SOP No. 81-1, Accounting for Performance of Construction-Type and Certain Production-Type Contracts and the Securities and Exchange Commission Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 101, Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements.

For our software arrangements, a determination needs to be made for each arrangement regarding whether the percentage-of-completion contract accounting method should be used to recognize revenue or whether revenue can be recognized when the software is delivered and all of the conditions of SOP 97-2, as amended, are met. Contract accounting is required if our services are essential to the arrangement. In many cases where consulting services are sold with software licenses, our services are essential to the arrangement because they involve customization and enhancements, and our fees are paid in stages based upon the completion of defined service deliverables. As a result, we typically recognize revenue from these arrangements using contract accounting, which generally results in recording revenue over a longer period of time. In other cases, our services are not essential to the arrangement and the realization of our license fee is not dependent on the completion of such services. In these situations, we recognize software license revenue when (1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (2) the product has been delivered, (3) the fee is fixed or determinable, and (4) collectibility is probable, which generally results in recording revenue earlier than when contract accounting is used. The determination of whether our services are essential involves significant judgment and could have a material impact on our results of operations from period to period to the extent that significant new arrangements are not accounted for using contract accounting.

Under the percentage-of-completion contract accounting method, we recognize revenue from the entire arrangement based on the percentage of hours actually incurred related to our services at any given time, compared to the total hours we estimate will be required to perform such services. Using the percentage-of-completion method requires us to make estimates about the future cost of services and estimated hours to complete, which are subject to change for a variety of internal and external factors. A change in these estimates could result in a material adjustment to the amount of revenue recorded in any period under the arrangement.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts. We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts receivable for estimated losses resulting from the inability of our customers to make required payments and for the limited circumstances when the customer disputes the amounts due us. Our methodology for determining this allowance requires significant estimates. In estimating the allowance, we consider the age of the receivable, the creditworthiness of the customer, the economic conditions of the customer's industry and general economic conditions. While we believe that the estimates we use are reasonable, should any of these factors change; our estimates will also change, which could affect the amount of our future allowance for doubtful accounts as well as future operating income. Specifically, if the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments to us, additional allowances could be required. As of December 31, 2003, accounts

receivable totaled \$9.0 million, net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$349,000.

Valuation of Intangible Assets and Goodwill. We account for our goodwill and intangible assets in accordance with SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations and SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. Our intangible assets consist of acquired technology related to our acquisitions of NetMaker in March 2001, WDM NetDesign in January 2002, and a software product for modeling voice communications in December 2003. They are recorded at cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives of five years. We use the projected discounted cash flow method in valuing our acquired technology, using certain assumptions including revenue growth, cost levels, present value discount rate and working capital

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requirements. While we believe the assumptions used are reasonable, actual results will likely differ from those assumptions. Future cash flows are subject to change for a variety of internal and external factors. We will periodically review the value of acquired technology for recoverability. Changes in our assumptions at the time of future periodic reviews could result in impairment losses. As of December 31, 2003, intangible assets totaled \$1.4 million, net of accumulated amortization of \$1.3 million. No impairment losses have been recorded to date.

Goodwill is recorded when the consideration paid for acquisitions exceeds the fair value of net tangible and intangible assets acquired. Goodwill is not amortized. We perform an annual review during our fourth quarter to identify any facts or circumstances that indicate the carrying value of goodwill is impaired. The review is based on various analyses including cash flow and profitability projections and the market capitalization of our common stock. Impairment, if any, is based on the excess of the carrying amount of goodwill over its fair value. As of December 31, 2003, we had goodwill of \$12.2 million. No impairment has been indicated to date.

Accounting for Software Development Costs. Costs incurred in the research and development of new software products are expensed as incurred until technological feasibility is established. Development costs are capitalized beginning when a product's technological feasibility has been established and ending when the product is available for general release to our customers. Technological feasibility is reached when the product reaches the working model stage. To date, products and enhancements have generally reached technological feasibility and have been released for sale at substantially the same time and all research and development costs have been expensed. Consequently, no software development costs were capitalized for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002.

Certain Factors That May Affect Future Results

The following important factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by forward-looking statements made in this report and presented elsewhere by management from time to time.

Our operating results may fluctuate significantly as a result of factors outside of our control, which could cause the market price of our stock to decline.

Our operating results have fluctuated in the past, and are likely to fluctuate significantly in the future. Our financial results may as a consequence fall short of the expectations of public market analysts or investors, which could cause the price of our common stock to decline. Our revenues and operating results may vary significantly from quarter to quarter due to a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control. Factors that could affect our operating results include:

the timing of large orders;

changes in the proportion of software arrangements requiring contract accounting;

changes in the mix of our sales, including the mix between higher margin software products and lower margin services and maintenance, and the proportion of our license sales requiring us to make royalty payments;

the timing and amount of our marketing, sales, and product development expenses;

the cost and time required to develop new software products;

the introduction, timing, and market acceptance of new products introduced by us or our competitors;

changes in network technology or in applications, which could require us to modify our products or develop new products;

general economic conditions, which can affect our customers' purchasing decisions, the length of our sales cycle, and our customers' ability to pay us on time, if at all;

changes in our pricing policies or those of our competitors; and

the timing and size of potential acquisitions by us.

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We expect to make significant expenditures in all areas of our business, particularly sales and marketing operations, in order to promote future growth. Because the expenses associated with these activities are relatively fixed in the short term, we may be unable to adjust spending quickly enough to offset any unexpected shortfall in revenue growth or any decrease in revenue levels. In addition, our revenues in any quarter depend substantially on orders we receive and ship in that quarter. We typically receive a significant portion of orders in any quarter during the last month of the quarter, and we cannot predict whether those orders will be placed and shipped in that period. If we have lower revenues than we expect, we probably will not be able to reduce our operating expenses quickly in response. Therefore, any significant shortfall in revenues or delay of customer orders could have an immediate adverse effect on our operating results in that quarter.

For all of these reasons, quarterly comparisons of our financial results are not necessarily meaningful and you should not rely on them as an indication of our future performance.

The market for intelligent network management software is new and evolving, and if this market does not develop as anticipated, our revenues could decline.

We derive all of our revenues from the sale of products and services that are designed to allow our customers to manage the performance of networks and applications. Accordingly, if the market for intelligent network management software does not continue to grow, we could face declining revenues, which could ultimately lead to our becoming unprofitable. The market for intelligent network management software solutions is in an early stage of development. Therefore, we cannot accurately assess the size of the market and may be unable to identify an effective distribution strategy, the competitive environment that will develop, and the appropriate features and prices for products to address the market. If we are to be successful, our current and potential customers must recognize the value of intelligent network management software solutions, decide to invest in the management of their networks, and, in particular, adopt and continue to use our software solutions.

Our customers are primarily in four target groups and our operating results may be adversely affected by changes in one or more of these groups.

Our software solutions and services are designed to meet the needs of enterprises, U.S. government agencies, service providers, and network equipment manufacturers, and we market our solutions and services to those four customer groups. Consequently, our financial results depend, in significant part, upon the economic conditions of enterprises, U.S. government agencies, service providers, and network equipment manufacturers. An economic downturn or adverse change in the regulatory environment or business prospects for one or more of these customer groups may decrease our revenues or lower our growth rate.

The U.S. Department of Defense may not extend one consulting contract with us, which could harm our business.

In January 2003, we were awarded a consulting contract with the U.S. Department of Defense. The funding under this contract for calendar year 2003 was \$3.1 million, and there are four successive option years under the contract that may be exercised by the U.S. Department of Defense in its discretion. In January 2004, U.S. Department of Defense exercised the first of four possible contract extensions. The funding under this contract for calendar year 2004 is \$3.5 million. Our results of operations could be adversely affected if any of the remaining option are not exercised, or the contract otherwise does not receive additional funding.

A decline in information technology spending may result in a decrease in our revenues or lower our growth rate.

A decline in the demand for information technology among our current and prospective customers may result in decreased revenues or a lower growth rate for us because our sales depend, in part, on our customers' budgets for new or additional information technology systems and services. A continued economic downturn may cause our customers to reduce or eliminate information technology spending and force us to lower prices of our solutions, which would substantially reduce the number of new software licenses we sell and the average sales price for these licenses. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that we will be able to increase or maintain our revenues.

Our sales to U.S. government agencies subject us to special risks that could adversely affect our business.

We derive a substantial portion of our revenues from sales directly or indirectly to U.S. government agencies. Transactions with U.S. government agencies accounted for approximately 46% and 34% of our total revenues for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, and accounted for approximately 46% and 38% of our total revenues for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Government sales entail a variety of risks including:

Government contracts are subject to the approval of appropriations by the U.S. Congress to fund the expenditures by the agencies under these contracts. Congress often appropriates funds for government agencies on a yearly basis, even though their contracts may call for performance over a number of years.

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A significant decline in government expenditures generally, or a shift in budget priorities away from agencies or programs that we support, could cause a material decline in our government business. In particular, a decline in government spending on information technology or related services could hurt our government business.

Our products and services are included on a General Services Administration (GSA) schedule. We believe that the GSA schedule facilitates our sales to U.S. government agencies. The loss of the GSA schedule covering our products and services could adversely affect our results of operations.

We must comply with complex federal procurement laws and regulations in connection with government contracts, which may impose added costs on our business.

Some of our government business requires that we maintain facility security clearances, and requires some of our employees to maintain individual security clearances. If we were to lose these clearances, our government business might decline.

The federal government audits and reviews the performance of federal contractors on contracts, pricing practices, cost structure, and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and standards. An audit of our work could result in a finding that we overcharged the government, which could result in an adjustment to our previously reported operating results. If a government audit uncovers improper or illegal activities, we may be subject to civil and criminal penalties and administrative sanctions, including termination of contracts, forfeiture of profits, suspension of payments, fines, and suspension or debarment from doing business with U.S. federal government agencies.

Many of our government contracts are firm fixed-price contracts. To the extent that the assumptions we have used in pricing these contracts prove inaccurate, we could incur losses on contracts, which would adversely affect our operating results.

A portion of our sales to the U.S. government are made indirectly as a subcontractor to another government contractor, referred to as the prime contractor, who has the direct relationship with the government. We also team with prime contractors to bid on competitive government opportunities for which we hope to serve as a subcontractor. If prime contractors lose existing business on which we serve as a subcontractor, or fail to win the competitive bids on which we team with them, our government business would be hurt.

We could face expense and delay if any of our competitors, or competitors of the prime contractors to which we serve as a subcontractor, protest or challenge contract awards made to us or our prime contractors pursuant to competitive bidding.

Federal government contracts contain provisions and are subject to laws and regulations that provide government clients with rights and remedies not typically found in commercial contracts. These rights and remedies allow government clients, among other things, to terminate existing contracts, with short notice, for convenience without cause; reduce or modify contracts or subcontracts; and claim rights in products, systems, and technology produced by us.

If our newest products, particularly those targeted primarily for enterprises and U.S. government agencies, do not gain widespread market acceptance, our revenues might not increase and could even decline.

We expect to derive a substantial portion of our revenues in the future from sales to enterprises and U.S. government agencies of version 10.0 of *OPNET IT Guru*, which was released in August 2003, and its associated modules including *Application Characterization Environment*, *ACE Decode Module*, *NetDoctor* and *Flow Analysis*, and *OPNET VNE Server*, which was released in June 2002. Our business depends on customer acceptance of these products and our revenues may not increase, or may even decline, if our target customers do not adopt and expand their use of our products. In addition, if our

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OPNET Modeler product, which we have been selling since 1987, continues to encounter declining sales, which could occur for a variety of reasons, including market saturation and the financial condition of network equipment manufacturers, and sales of our newer products do not grow at a rate sufficient to offset the shortfall, our revenues would decline.

We may not be able to grow our business if service providers do not buy our products.

An element of our strategy is to increase sales to service providers of *OPNET SP Guru* and *OPNET WDM Guru*, both launched in fiscal 2002, and *OPNET VNE Server*, which was launched in fiscal 2003. Accordingly, if our products fail to perform favorably in the service provider environment, or fail to gain wider adoption by service providers, our business and future operating results could suffer.

Our lengthy and variable sales cycle makes it difficult to predict operating results.

It is difficult for us to forecast the timing and recognition of revenues from sales of our products because prospective customers often take significant time evaluating our products before licensing them. The period between initial customer contact and a purchase by a customer may vary from three months to more than a year. During the sales process, the customer may decide not to purchase or may reduce proposed orders of our products for various reasons, including changes in budgets and purchasing priorities. Our prospective customers routinely require education regarding the use and benefit of our products. This may also lead to delays in receiving customers' orders.

If we do not successfully expand our sales force, we may be unable to increase our sales.

We sell our products primarily through our direct sales force, and we must expand the size of our sales force to increase revenues. If we are unable to hire or retain qualified sales personnel, if newly hired personnel fail to develop the necessary skills to be productive, or if they reach productivity more slowly than anticipated, our ability to increase our revenues and grow our business could be compromised. Our sales people require a long period of time to become productive, typically three to nine months. The time required to reach productivity, as well as the challenge of attracting, training, and retaining qualified candidates, may make it difficult to meet our sales force growth targets. Further, we may not generate sufficient sales to offset the increased expense resulting from growing our sales force, or we may be unable to manage a larger sales force.

Our ability to increase our sales will be impaired if we do not expand and manage our indirect distribution channels.

To increase our sales, we must, among other things, further expand and manage our indirect distribution channels, which consist primarily of international distributors and original equipment manufacturers and resellers. If we are unable to expand and manage our relationships with our distributors, our distributors are unable or unwilling to market and sell our products effectively, or we lose existing distributor relationships, we might not be able to increase our revenues. Our international distributors and original equipment manufacturers and resellers have no obligation to market or purchase our products. In addition, they could partner with our competitors, bundle or resell competitors' products, or internally develop products that compete with our products.

We may not be able to successfully manage our expanding operations, which could impair our ability to operate profitably.

We may be unable to operate our business profitably if we fail to manage our growth. Our rapid growth has sometimes strained, and may in the future continue to strain, our managerial, administrative, operational, and financial resources and controls. We plan to continue to expand our operations and increase the number of our full-time employees. Our ability to manage growth will depend in part on our ability to continue to enhance our operating, financial, and management information systems. Our personnel, systems, and controls may not be adequate to support our growth. In addition, our revenues may not continue to grow at a sufficient rate to absorb the costs associated with a larger overall employee base.

If we are unable to introduce new and enhanced products on a timely basis that respond effectively to changing technology, our revenues may decline.

Our market is characterized by rapid technological change, changes in customer requirements, frequent new product and service introductions and enhancements, and evolving industry standards. If we fail to develop and introduce new and enhanced products on a timely basis that respond to these changes, our products could become obsolete, demand for our products could

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decline and our revenues could fall. Advances in network management technology, software engineering, and simulation technology, or the emergence of new industry standards, could lead to new competitive products that have better performance, more features, or lower prices than our products and could render our products unmarketable.

Our future revenues are substantially dependent upon our existing customers continuing to license additional products, renew maintenance agreements and purchase additional services.

Our existing customers have traditionally generated additional revenues from consulting services, renewed maintenance agreements and purchase of additional software licenses, which represents a majority of our annual revenues. The maintenance agreements are generally renewable at the option of the customers and there are no mandatory payment obligations or obligations to license additional software. In addition, customers may decide not to purchase additional products or services. If our existing customers fail to renew their maintenance agreements or purchase additional products or services, our revenues could decrease.

Increases in professional service revenues as a percentage of total revenues could decrease overall margins.

We realize lower margins on professional service revenues than we do on other types of revenues. As a result, if professional service revenues increase as a proportion of total revenues, our gross margins will be lower.

If we fail to retain our key personnel and attract and retain additional qualified personnel, we might not be able to maintain our current level of revenues.

Our future success and our ability to maintain our current level of revenues depend upon the continued service of our executive officers and other key sales and research and development personnel. The loss of any of our key employees, in particular Marc A. Cohen, our chairman of the board and chief executive officer, and Alain J. Cohen, our president and chief technology officer, could also adversely affect our ability to pursue our growth strategy. We do not have employment agreements or any other agreements that obligate any of our officers or key employees to remain with us.

We must also continue to hire highly qualified individuals, particularly software engineers and sales and marketing personnel. Our failure to attract and retain technical personnel for our product development, consulting services, and technical support teams may limit our ability to develop new products or product enhancements. Competition for these individuals is intense, and we may not be able to attract and retain additional highly qualified personnel in the future. In addition, limitations imposed by federal immigration laws and the availability of visas could impair our ability to recruit and employ skilled technical professionals from other countries to work in the United States.

Our international operations subject our business to additional risks, which could cause our sales or profitability to decline.

We plan to increase our international sales activities, but these plans are subject to a number of risks that could cause our sales to decline or could otherwise cause a decline in profitability. These risks include:

difficulty in attracting distributors that will market and support our products effectively;

greater difficulty in accounts receivable collection and longer collection periods;

the need to comply with varying employment policies and regulations that could make it more difficult and expensive to manage our employees if we need to establish more direct sales or support staff outside the United States;

potentially adverse tax consequences;

the effects of currency fluctuations; and

political and economic instability.

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We expect to face increased competition, which could cause us to lose sales, resulting in lower profitability.

Increasing competition in our market could cause us to lose sales and become unprofitable. We believe that the market for intelligent network management software is likely to become more competitive as it evolves and the demand for intelligent network management solutions continues to increase. At least one of our current competitors and many of our potential competitors are larger and have substantially greater financial and technical resources than we do. In addition, it is possible that other vendors as well as some of our customers or distributors will develop and market solutions that compete with our products in the future.

If our products contain errors and we are unable to correct those errors, our reputation could be harmed and our customers could demand refunds from us or assert claims for damages against us.

Our software products could contain significant errors or bugs that may result in:

the loss of or delay in market acceptance and sales of our products;

the delay in introduction of new products or updates to existing products;

diversion of our resources;

injury to our reputation; and

increased support costs.

Bugs may be discovered at any point in a product's life cycle. We expect that errors in our products will be found in the future, particularly in new product offerings and new releases of our current products.

Because our customers use our products to manage networks that are critical to their business operations, any failure of our products could expose us to product liability claims. In addition, errors in our products could cause our customers' networks and systems to fail or compromise their data, which could also result in liability to us. Product liability claims brought against us could divert the attention of management and key personnel, could be expensive to defend, and may result in adverse settlements and judgments.

Our software products rely on our intellectual property, and any failure to protect our intellectual property could enable our competitors to market products with similar features that may reduce our revenues and could allow the use of our products by users who have not paid the required license fee.

If we are unable to protect our intellectual property, our competitors could use our intellectual property to market products similar to our products, which could reduce our revenues. In addition, we may be unable to prevent the use of our products by persons who have not paid the required license fee, which could reduce our revenues. Our success and ability to compete depend substantially upon the internally developed technology that is incorporated in our products. Policing unauthorized use of our products is difficult, and we may not be able to prevent misappropriation of our technology, particularly in foreign countries where the laws may not protect our proprietary rights as fully as those in the United States. Others may circumvent the patents, copyrights, and trade secrets we own. In the ordinary course of business, we enter into a combination of confidentiality, non-competition and non-disclosure agreements with our employees.

These measures afford only limited protection and may be inadequate, especially because our employees are highly sought after and may leave our employ with significant knowledge of our proprietary information. In addition, any confidentiality, non-competition and non-disclosure agreements we enter into may be found to be unenforceable, or our copy protection mechanisms embedded in our software products could fail or could be circumvented.

Our products employ technology that may infringe on the proprietary rights of others, and, as a result, we could become liable for significant damages.

We expect that our software products may be increasingly subject to third-party infringement claims as the number of competitors in our industry segment grows and the functionalities of products in different industry segments overlap.

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Regardless of whether these claims have any merit, they could:

be time-consuming to defend;

result in costly litigation;

divert our management's attention and resources;

cause us to cease or delay product shipments; or

require us to enter into royalty or licensing agreements.

These royalty or licensing agreements may not be available on terms acceptable to us, if at all. A successful claim of product infringement against us or our failure or inability to license the infringed or similar technology could adversely affect our business because we would not be able to sell the affected product without redeveloping it or incurring significant additional expense.

Future interpretations of existing accounting standards could adversely affect our operating results.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and its Software Revenue Recognition Task Force continue to issue interpretations and guidance for applying the relevant standards to a wide range of sales contract terms and business arrangements that are prevalent in the software industry. Future interpretations of existing accounting standards or changes in our business practices could result in future changes in our revenue recognition accounting policies that could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

As with other software vendors, we may be required to delay revenue recognition into future periods, which could adversely affect our operating results.

We have in the past had to, and in the future may have to, defer recognition for license fees due to several factors, including whether:

software arrangements include undelivered elements for which we do not have vendor specific evidence of fair value;

we must deliver services for significant customization, enhancements and modifications of our software;

the transaction involves material acceptance criteria or there are other identified product-related issues;

the transaction involves contingent payment terms or fees;

we are required to accept a fixed-fee services contract; or

we are required to accept extended payment terms.

Because of the factors listed above and other specific requirements under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for software revenue recognition, we must have very precise terms in our software arrangements in order to recognize revenue when we initially deliver software or perform services. Negotiation of mutually acceptable terms and conditions can extend the sales cycle, and sometimes we do not obtain terms and conditions that permit revenue recognition at the time of delivery.

If we undertake acquisitions, they may be expensive and disruptive to our business and could cause the market price of our common stock to decline.

We completed the NetMaker and WDM NetDesign acquisition in March 2001 and January 2002, respectively. We may continue to acquire or make investments in companies, products or technologies if opportunities arise. Any acquisition could be expensive, disrupt our ongoing business, distract our management and employees, and adversely affect our financial results and the market price of our common stock. We may not be able to identify suitable acquisition or investment candidates, and if we do identify suitable candidates, we may not be able to make these acquisitions or investments on commercially acceptable terms or at all. If we make an acquisition, we could have difficulty integrating the acquired technology, employees, or operations. In addition, the key personnel of the acquired company may decide not to work for us.

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We also expect that we would incur substantial expenses if we acquired other businesses or technologies. We might use cash on hand, incur debt, or issue equity securities to pay for any future acquisitions. If we issue additional equity securities, our stockholders could experience dilution and the market price of our stock may decline.

Our products are subject to changing computing environments, including operating system software and hardware platforms, which could render our products obsolete.

The evolution of existing computing environments and the introduction of new popular computing environments may require us to redesign our products or develop new products. Computing environments, including operating system software and hardware platforms, are complex and change rapidly. Our products are designed to operate in currently popular computing environments. Due to the long development and testing periods required to adapt our products to new or modified computing environments, our research and development efforts could be distracted and we could experience significant delays in product releases or shipments, which could result in lost revenues and significant additional expense.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We consider all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents, and those with maturities greater than three months are considered to be marketable securities. Cash equivalents and marketable securities consist primarily of investment grade securities with high credit ratings of relatively short duration that trade in highly liquid markets. Accordingly, we have no quantitative information concerning the market risks and believe that the risk is minimal. Our outstanding notes payable have fixed interest rates and their carrying values approximate fair value. We currently do not hedge interest rate exposure, but do not believe that an increase in interest rates would have a material effect on the value of our cash equivalents, marketable securities or notes payable.

At December 31, 2003, we had \$33.9 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$44.6 million in marketable securities. Based on our cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities as of December 31, 2003, a hypothetical 10% increase/decrease in the interest rates would increase/decrease our annual interest income and cash flows by approximately \$70,000.

A majority of our revenue transactions outside the United States are denominated in U.S. dollars. The operating expenses of our foreign subsidiaries are denominated in local currencies. We currently do not hedge foreign exchange rate risk. Due to the limited nature of our foreign operations, we do not believe that a 5% change in exchange rates would have a material effect on our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

We maintain a system of internal controls and procedures that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within required time periods. Our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2003, and have each concluded that, as of the evaluation date, such controls and procedures were effective, in all material respects, to ensure that required information will be disclosed on a timely basis in our reports filed under the Exchange Act.

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During the three months ended December 31, 2003, there have been no changes to our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Subsequent to the date of the evaluation, there have been no significant changes to our internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect our internal controls.

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OPNET is involved in various claims and legal proceedings arising from its normal operations. Management does not consider any of those matters to be material.

ITEM 2. *Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds*

In August 2000, we closed an initial public offering of our common stock. The Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-32588) was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 1, 2000 and we commenced the offering on that date. After deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and the offering expenses, the net proceeds from the offering were approximately \$54.1 million.

As of December 31, 2003, the proceeds from the offering have been used to fund approximately (i) \$7.6 million of general corporate expenses, working capital and capital expenditures, including \$4.8 million for capital expenditures and leasehold improvements related to our headquarters facility in Bethesda, MD, (ii) \$6.2 million of acquisition and acquisition-related expenses for the NetMaker acquisition, and (iii) \$1.4 million of the purchase price for WDM NetDesign. None of these amounts were paid directly or indirectly to any director, officer, or general partner of us or their associates, persons owning 10% or more of any class of our equity securities, or any affiliate of us. We have not allocated any of the remaining net proceeds to any identifiable uses. We may also use a portion of the net proceeds to acquire businesses, products, or technologies that are complementary to our business. Pending their use, we have invested the net proceeds in investment grade, interest-bearing securities.

ITEM 4. *Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders*

At the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company held on November 18, 2003, (i) the Company's nominees for Class III Directors for the ensuing three years were elected and the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent auditor's for the current fiscal year was ratified.

With respect to the election of the Class III Directors, the voting was as follows:

<u>Nominees</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Withheld</u>
Marc A. Cohen	14,575,080	4,312,708
William F. Stasior	18,450,043	437,745

With respect to the ratification of the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the current fiscal year, the voting was as follows:

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For	18,545,518
Against	309,562
Abstain	32,708

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ITEM 6. *Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K*

- A. Exhibits: See Exhibit Index
- B. Reports on Form 8-K

Current report on Form 8-K furnished to the SEC on January 28, 2004, furnished information under Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits and Item 12. Disclosure of Operations and Financial Condition of Form 8-K

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Exhibit		
Number	Description	Source
3.1	Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant	Incorporated by reference from exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-2588).
3.2	Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Registrant	Incorporated by reference from exhibit 3.4 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-2588).
4.1	Specimen common stock certificate	Incorporated by reference from exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-2588).
4.2	See Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2 for provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Registrant defining the rights of holders of common stock of the Registrant	Incorporated by reference from exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-2588).
*31.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended	Exhibit 31.1 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.
*31.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended	Exhibit 31.2 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.
*32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	Exhibit 32.1 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.
*32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	Exhibit 32.2 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

* filed herewith