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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2009

or

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 0-27275

**Akamai Technologies, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of

**04-3432319**  
(I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

**8 Cambridge Center**

**Identification Number)**

**Cambridge, MA 02142**

**(617) 444-3000**

(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number,

Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller

reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock as of November 5, 2009: 171,279,451 shares.

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**AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
**(UNAUDITED)**

	<b>September 30, 2009</b>	<b>December 31, 2008</b>
<b>(In thousands, except share data)</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 202,802	\$ 156,074
Marketable securities (including restricted securities of \$1,941 at September 30, 2009 and \$3,460 at December 31, 2008)	379,268	174,557
Accounts receivable, net of reserves of \$14,297 and \$11,270 at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively	152,132	139,612
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	37,828	27,124
Deferred income tax assets	4,542	4,542
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>776,572</b>	<b>501,909</b>
Property and equipment, net	179,826	174,483
Marketable securities (including restricted securities of \$73 at September 30, 2009 and \$153 at December 31, 2008)	391,206	440,996
Goodwill	441,875	441,258
Other intangible assets, net	80,415	92,995
Deferred income tax assets, net	154,246	223,718
Other assets	4,531	5,592
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,028,671</b>	<b>\$ 1,880,951</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 24,142	\$ 21,165
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	54,871	66,132
Deferred revenue	30,423	11,506
Accrued restructuring	869	1,653
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>110,305</b>	<b>100,456</b>
Other liabilities	17,211	10,619
Deferred revenue	2,954	1,251
1% convertible senior notes	199,755	199,855
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>330,225</b>	<b>312,181</b>
Commitments, contingencies and guarantees (Note 15)		
Stockholders' equity:		

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Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 5,000,000 shares authorized; 700,000 shares designated as Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock; no shares issued or outstanding		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 700,000,000 shares authorized; 173,903,680 shares issued and 171,222,534 shares outstanding at September 30, 2009 and 169,371,675 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2008	1,739	1,694
Additional paid-in capital	4,599,355	4,539,154
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net	(9,527)	(24,350)
Treasury stock, at cost, 2,681,146 shares at September 30, 2009	(51,226)	
Accumulated deficit	(2,841,895)	(2,947,728)
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>1,698,446</b>	<b>1,568,770</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 2,028,671</b>	<b>\$ 1,880,951</b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.*

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**AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
**(UNAUDITED)**

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</b>			
Revenues	\$ 206,500	\$ 197,347	\$ 621,468	\$ 578,370
Costs and operating expenses:				
Cost of revenues	61,987	56,659	182,358	161,922
Research and development	10,904	9,943	31,138	28,766
Sales and marketing	44,106	42,027	127,813	119,159
General and administrative	34,655	33,776	105,867	100,845
Amortization of other intangible assets	4,103	3,173	12,580	10,254
Restructuring charge			454	
Total costs and operating expenses	155,755	145,578	460,210	420,946
Income from operations	50,745	51,769	161,258	157,424
Interest income	3,434	5,678	12,233	19,209
Interest expense	(710)	(684)	(2,130)	(2,104)
Other (expense) income, net	(659)	154	659	(340)
Gain (loss) on investments, net	83	1	643	273
Income before provision for income taxes	52,893	56,918	172,663	174,462
Provision for income taxes	20,148	23,558	66,830	69,857
Net income	\$ 32,745	\$ 33,360	\$ 105,833	\$ 104,605
Net income per weighted average share:				
Basic	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.63
Diluted	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.56
Shares used in per share calculations:				
Basic	171,686	168,474	171,588	167,283
Diluted	188,273	187,769	188,671	188,175

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	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009                      2008</b>	
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 105,833	\$ 104,605
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>		
Depreciation and amortization	89,921	70,628
Stock-based compensation expense	41,999	42,370
Provision for deferred income taxes, net	61,784	66,386
Amortization of deferred financing costs	630	630
Provision for doubtful accounts	4,261	1,346
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	(1,371)	(11,033)
Gain on investments and loss on disposal of property and equipment, net	(367)	(287)
Gain on divesture of certain assets	(1,062)	
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions:</b>		
Accounts receivable	3,895	(10,892)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(10,727)	(8,208)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(3,437)	(1,033)
Deferred revenue	2,261	(2,333)
Accrued restructuring	(1,022)	(547)
Other non-current assets and liabilities	6,945	(611)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>299,543</b>	<b>251,021</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Purchases of property and equipment	(58,455)	(76,229)
Capitalization of internal-use software development costs	(20,448)	(18,721)
Purchases of short- and long-term marketable securities	(530,794)	(479,555)
Proceeds from sales of short- and long-term marketable securities	304,558	172,100
Proceeds from maturities of short- and long-term marketable securities	91,744	118,356
Cash paid for acquisition of business	(5,779)	
Proceeds from divesture of certain assets	1,350	
Proceeds from the sale of property and equipment	32	76
Decrease in restricted investments held for security deposits	233	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(217,559)</b>	<b>(283,973)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock under stock option and employee stock purchase plans	13,759	19,802
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	1,371	11,033
Repurchase of common stock	(51,568)	
<b>Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities</b>	<b>(36,438)</b>	<b>30,835</b>
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	1,182	(939)
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>46,728</b>	<b>(3,056)</b>

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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	156,074	145,078
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 202,802	\$ 142,022
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 16,605	\$ 10,018
Cash paid for interest	999	999
Non-cash financing and investing activities:		
Capitalization of stock-based compensation as internal-use software	\$ 4,525	\$ 5,459
Common stock issued upon conversion of 1% convertible senior notes	100	
Common stock returned upon settlement of escrow claims related to prior business acquisitions	(213)	(2,452)

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.*



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**AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Nature of Business and Basis of Presentation**

Akamai Technologies, Inc. ( Akamai or the Company ) provides services for accelerating and improving the delivery of content and applications over the Internet. Akamai s globally distributed platform comprises thousands of servers in hundreds of networks in approximately 70 countries. The Company was incorporated in Delaware in 1998 and is headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Akamai currently operates in one industry segment: providing services for accelerating and improving delivery of content and applications over the Internet.

The accompanying interim consolidated financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or GAAP, for interim financial information. These financial statements include the accounts of Akamai and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in the accompanying financial statements.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in the Company s annual audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes have been condensed or omitted in these interim financial statements. Accordingly, the unaudited consolidated financial statements included herein should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in Akamai s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2009.

The results of operations presented in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that may be expected for any future periods. In the opinion of management, these unaudited consolidated financial statements include all adjustments and accruals, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, that are necessary for a fair statement of the results of all interim periods reported herein.

The Company evaluated subsequent events through November 9, 2009, the date it filed its report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and had no material subsequent events to report.

**2. Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In February 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the FASB ) issued authoritative guidance for fair value measurement for all non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities, except for items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). The Company adopted this guidance on January 1, 2009, and it did not have a material impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements.

In June 2008, the FASB issued authoritative guidance for determining whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities. The Company adopted this guidance on January 1, 2009. This guidance provides that unvested share-based payment awards that contain nonforfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents (whether paid or unpaid) are participating securities and shall be included in the computation of earnings per share pursuant to the two-class method. Upon adoption, a company is required to retrospectively adjust its earnings per share data (including any amounts related to interim periods, summaries of earnings and selected financial data) to conform with the provisions in this guidance. The adoption of the guidance for determining whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities did not have a material impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements.

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In December 2007, the FASB issued authoritative guidance on accounting for business combinations. The Company adopted this guidance on January 1, 2009. The standard significantly changes the accounting for business combinations in a number of areas including the treatment of contingent consideration, contingencies, acquisition costs, in-process research and development and restructuring costs. In addition, under the standard, changes in deferred tax asset valuation allowances and acquired income tax uncertainties in a business combination that occur after the measurement period will impact income tax expense. The standard may have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements if or when it enters into any business combinations in the future.

In April 2009, the FASB issued authoritative guidance for interim disclosures about fair value of financial instruments, which amended previous guidance to require disclosures about fair value of financial instruments in interim as well as in annual financial statements. This guidance also amends previous guidance for financial reporting to require those disclosures in all interim financial statements. The guidance for interim disclosures about fair value of financial instruments is effective for periods ending after June 15, 2009. The adoption of the guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In April 2009, the FASB issued authoritative guidance clarifying how companies should determine fair value measurements when the level of market activity for an asset or liability has significantly decreased. The authoritative guidance is effective for periods ending after June 15, 2009. The adoption of the guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In April 2009, the FASB issued authoritative guidance for recognition and presentation of other-than-temporary impairments. The authoritative guidance requires an entity to recognize the credit component of an other-than-temporary impairment of a debt security in earnings and the non-credit component in other comprehensive loss when the entity does not intend to sell the security and it is more likely than not that the entity will not be required to sell the security prior to recovery. The guidance is effective for periods ending after June 15, 2009. As of September 30, 2009, the Company did not have any debt securities that had other-than-temporary impairments that contained both a credit and non-credit component. Accordingly, adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2009, the FASB issued authoritative guidance related to subsequent events. The standard establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. The standard is effective for interim or annual financial reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009. The Company adopted this standard as of June 30, 2009, the required effective date. The Company evaluated its September 30, 2009 consolidated financial statements for subsequent events through November 9, 2009, the date the financial statements were issued. The Company is not aware of any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

In June 2009, the FASB issued the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (the Codification). The Codification became the single source for all authoritative accounting principles recognized by the FASB to be applied for financial statements issued for periods ending after September 15, 2009. The Codification does not change GAAP and did not have an effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

In September 2009, the FASB's Emerging Issues Task Force issued authoritative guidance on revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables. This guidance provides another alternative for establishing fair value for a deliverable. When vendor-specific objective evidence or third-party evidence for deliverables in an arrangement cannot be determined, companies will be required to develop a best estimate of the selling price for separate deliverables and allocate arrangement consideration using the relative selling price method. This guidance is effective January 1, 2011, and early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this guidance on its financial position and results of operations.

**Table of Contents****3. Business Acquisition***aCerno*

In November 2008, the Company acquired all of the outstanding common and preferred stock of the parent entity of aCerno, Inc. ( acerno ) including vested stock options, in exchange for approximately \$89.5 million in cash paid in 2008 and in the first quarter of 2009. The purchase of acerno was intended to augment Akamai's Internet advertising-related offerings, which are designed to help customers more effectively target online advertising to the desired audience. The aggregate purchase price of \$90.8 million consisted of \$89.5 million in cash and \$1.3 million of transaction costs, which primarily consisted of fees for legal and financial advisory services.

The acquisition of acerno was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. The results of operations of the acquired business have been included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company since November 3, 2008, the date of acquisition. The total purchase consideration was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values as of the date of acquisition, as determined by management and, with respect to identifiable intangible assets, by management with the assistance of an appraisal provided by a third-party valuation firm. The excess of the purchase price over the amounts allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed was recorded as goodwill. The value of the goodwill from this acquisition can be attributed to a number of business factors including, but not limited to, potential sales opportunities to provide Akamai services to acerno customers; a trained technical workforce in place in the United States; an existing sales pipeline and a trained sales force. In accordance with current accounting standards, goodwill associated with the acerno acquisition will not be amortized and will be tested for impairment at least annually.

The following table presents the allocation of the purchase price for acerno:

	<b>(In thousands)</b>
<b>Total consideration:</b>	
Cash paid	\$ 89,520
Transaction costs	1,294
Total purchase consideration	\$ 90,814
<b>Allocation of the purchase consideration:</b>	
Current assets	\$ 5,249
Property and equipment	1,720
Identifiable intangible assets	19,400
Goodwill	80,901
Deferred tax liabilities	(7,516)
Other liabilities assumed	(8,940)
	\$ 90,814

The following were the identified intangible assets acquired and the respective estimated periods over which such assets will be amortized:

	<b>Amount (In thousands)</b>	<b>Weighted average useful life (In years)</b>
Completed technologies	\$ 9,200	2.5
Customer relationships	4,300	4.1
Non-compete agreements	5,600	2.5
Trade names	300	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,400</b>	



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In determining the purchase price allocation, the Company considered, among other factors, its intention to use the acquired assets and the historical and estimated future demand for acerno services. The fair value of intangible assets was based upon the income approach. In applying this approach, the values of the intangible assets acquired were determined using projections of revenues and expenses specifically attributed to the intangible assets. The income streams were then discounted to present value using estimated risk adjusted discount rates. The rate used to discount the expected future net cash flows from the intangible assets to their present values was based upon a weighted average cost of capital of 15%. The discount rate was determined after consideration of market rates of return on debt and equity capital, the weighted average return on invested capital and the risk associated with achieving forecasted sales related to the technology and assets acquired from acerno.

The customer relationships were valued using the excess earnings method of income approach. The key assumptions used in valuing the customer relationships were as follows: discount rate of 15%, tax rate of 35% and estimated average economic life of seven years.

The relief-from-royalty method was used to value the completed technologies acquired from acerno. The relief-from-royalty method estimates the cost savings that accrue to the owner of an intangible asset that would otherwise be required to pay royalties or license fees on revenues earned through the use of the asset. The royalty rate used is based on an analysis of empirical, market-derived royalty rates for guideline intangible assets. Typically, revenue is projected over the expected remaining useful life of the completed technology. The market-derived royalty rate is then applied to estimate the royalty savings. The key assumptions used in valuing the completed technologies are as follows: royalty rate of 10%, discount rate of 15%, tax rate of 35% and estimated average economic life of five years.

The lost-profits method was used to value the non-compete agreements Akamai entered into with certain members of acerno's management team. The lost-profits method recognizes that the current value of an asset may be premised upon the expected receipt of future economic benefits protected by clauses within an agreement. These benefits are generally considered to be higher income resulting from the avoidance of a loss in revenue that would likely occur without an agreement. The key assumptions used in valuing the non-compete agreements were as follows: discount rate of 15%, tax rate of 35% and estimated average economic life of five years.

The relief-from-royalty method was used to value trade names. The relief-from-royalty method recognizes that the current value of an asset may be premised upon the expected receipt of future economic benefit in the use of trade names. These benefits are generally considered to be higher income resulting from the avoidance of a loss in revenue that would likely occur without the specific trade names. The key assumptions used in valuing trade names were as follows: royalty rate of 1%, discount rate of 15%, tax rate of 35% and estimated average economic life of three years.

The total weighted average amortization period for the intangible assets acquired from acerno is 2.8 years. The intangible assets are being amortized based upon the pattern in which the economic benefits of the intangible assets are being utilized, which in general reflects the cash flows generated from such assets. None of the goodwill or identifiable intangible assets resulting from the acerno acquisition is deductible for income tax purposes.

The Company's pro forma results of operations, presented to give effect to the acquisition of acerno for periods prior to the acquisition, would not differ materially from the Company's reported results of operations.

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The Company accounts for financial assets and liabilities in accordance with a fair value measurement accounting standard. The accounting standard provides a framework for measuring fair value under GAAP and requires expanded disclosures regarding fair value measurements. Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The accounting standard also establishes a fair value hierarchy that requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs, where available, and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 Observable inputs, other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices in active markets for similar assets and liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities, including certain pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies and similar techniques.

The following is a summary of marketable securities and other investment-related assets held at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 (in thousands).

As of September 30, 2009	Gross Unrealized			Other-than-temporary Impairment Gains (Losses)	Aggregate Fair Value	Classified on Balance Sheet	
	Cost	Gains	Losses			Short-term Marketable Securities	Long-term Marketable Securities
<b>Available-for-sale securities:</b>							
Certificates of deposit	\$ 405	\$	\$	\$	\$ 405	\$ 382	\$ 23
Commercial paper	45,456	9	(17)		45,448	45,448	
U.S. corporate debt securities	289,010	2,855	(109)		291,756	172,051	119,705
U.S. government agency obligations	176,910	541	(8)		177,443	84,987	92,456
Auction rate securities	200,200		(21,178)		179,022		179,022
	711,981	3,405	(21,312)		694,074	302,868	391,206
<b>Trading securities:</b>							
Auction rate securities	76,400			(9,761)	66,639	66,639	
<b>Other investment-related assets:</b>							
Put option related to auction rate securities				9,761	9,761	9,761	
	\$ 788,381	\$ 3,405	\$ (21,312)	\$	\$ 770,474	\$ 379,268	\$ 391,206

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As of December 31, 2008	Gross Unrealized			Other-than-temporary Impairment Gains (Losses)	Aggregate Fair Value	Classified on Balance Sheet	
	Cost	Gains	Losses			Short-term Marketable Securities	Long-term Marketable Securities
<b>Available-for-sale securities:</b>							
Certificates of deposit	\$ 640	\$	\$	\$	\$ 640	\$ 487	\$ 153
Commercial paper	39,357	52			39,409	39,409	
U.S. corporate debt securities	216,883	681	(2,593)		214,971	85,907	129,064
U.S. government agency obligations	110,137	902	(12)		111,027	48,754	62,273
Auction rate securities	210,600		(37,163)		173,437		173,437
	577,617	1,635	(39,768)		539,484	174,557	364,927
<b>Trading securities:</b>							
Auction rate securities	76,500			(12,931)	63,569		63,569
<b>Other investment-related assets:</b>							
Put option related to auction rate securities				12,500	12,500		12,500
	\$ 654,117	\$ 1,635	\$ (39,768)	\$ (431)	\$ 615,553	\$ 174,557	\$ 440,996

Unrealized gains and unrealized temporary losses on investments classified as available-for-sale securities are included within accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net within stockholders' equity. Upon realization, those amounts are reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net to gain (loss) on investments, net in the statement of operations. All gains and losses on investments classified as trading securities are included within the statement of operations as gain (loss) on investments, net. Realized gains and losses and other-than-temporary impairments on investments classified as available-for-sale securities are reflected in the statement of operations as gain (loss) on investments, net. As of September 30, 2009, the Company had \$276.6 million of auction rate securities and \$1.0 million of U.S. corporate debt securities at cost with gross unrealized losses that have been in a continuous unrealized loss position for more than 12 months.

The following table details the fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy of the Company's financial assets, including investments and cash equivalents, at September 30, 2009 (in thousands):

	Total Fair Value at September 30, 2009	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Money market funds	\$ 110,600	\$ 110,600	\$	\$
Certificates of deposit	405	405		
Commercial paper	71,434		71,434	
U.S. corporate debt securities	291,756		291,756	
U.S. government agency obligations	177,443		177,443	
Auction rate securities	245,661			245,661
Put option related to auction rate securities	9,761			9,761
	\$ 907,060	\$ 111,005	\$ 540,633	\$ 255,422

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The following table reflects the activity for the Company's major classes of assets measured at fair value using Level 3 inputs for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 (in thousands):

	Auction Rate Securities	Put Option Related to Auction Rate Securities	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2008	\$ 237,006	\$ 12,500	\$ 249,506
Sales of securities	(10,500)		(10,500)
Unrealized gain included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net	15,985		15,985
Unrealized gain on auction rate securities included in the statement of operations	3,170		3,170
Unrealized loss on other investment-related assets included in the statement of operations		(2,739)	(2,739)
Balance as of September 30, 2009	\$ 245,661	\$ 9,761	\$ 255,422

As of September 30, 2009, the Company had grouped money market funds and certificates of deposit using a Level 1 valuation because market prices for such investments are readily available in active markets. As of September 30, 2009, the Company had grouped commercial paper, U.S. government agency obligations and U.S. corporate debt securities using a Level 2 valuation because quoted prices for identical or similar assets are available in markets that are not active. As of September 30, 2009, the fair value of the Company's assets grouped using a Level 3 valuation consisted of auction rate securities (ARS) as well as a related put option described below. ARS are long-term variable rate bonds tied to short-term interest rates that may reset through a Dutch auction process that is designed to occur every seven to 35 days.

Historically, the carrying value (par value) of the ARS approximated fair market value due to the resetting of variable interest rates. Beginning in mid-February 2008 and continuing throughout the period ended September 30, 2009, however, the auctions for ARS then held by the Company were unsuccessful. As a result, the interest rates on ARS reset to the maximum rate per the applicable investment offering statements. The Company will not be able to liquidate affected ARS until a future auction on these investments is successful, a buyer is found outside the auction process, the securities are called or refinanced by the issuer, or the securities mature. Due to these liquidity issues, the Company performed a discounted cash flow analysis to determine the estimated fair value of these investments. The discounted cash flow analysis performed by the Company considered the timing of expected future successful auctions, the impact of extended periods of maximum interest rates, collateralization of underlying security investments and the creditworthiness of the issuer. The discounted cash flow analysis performed as of September 30, 2009 assumes a weighted average discount rate of 4.06% and expected term of five years. The discount rate was determined using a proxy based upon the current market rates for similar debt offerings within the AAA-rated ARS market. The expected term was based on management's estimate of future liquidity. As a result, as of September 30, 2009, the Company has estimated an aggregate loss of \$30.9 million, of which \$21.2 million was related to the impairment of ARS deemed to be temporary and included in accumulated other comprehensive loss within stockholders' equity, and of which \$9.8 million was related to the impairment of ARS deemed other-than-temporary and included in gain (loss) on investments, net in the consolidated statement of operations. The impact for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 was a net gain of \$2.0 million and \$16.0 million, respectively, included in accumulated other comprehensive loss within stockholders' equity, related to ARS having impairments deemed to be temporary in nature, as well as a net loss of \$0.1 million and net gain of \$3.2 million, respectively, included in gain (loss) on investments, net in the consolidated statement of operations, related to the impairment of ARS deemed other-than-temporary. The aggregate net gain in the fair value of ARS experienced in the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was due to a decrease in the weighted average discount rate used in the computation of fair values to 4.06% from 6.275% used as of December 31, 2008.



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The ARS the Company holds are primarily AAA-rated bonds, most of which are collateralized by federally guaranteed student loans as part of the Federal Family Education Loan Program through the U.S. Department of Education. The Company believes the quality of the collateral underlying these securities will enable it to recover the Company's principal balance.

Despite the failed auctions, the Company continues to receive cash flows in the form of specified interest payments from the issuers of ARS. In addition, except as described below for ARS related to the put option, the Company believes it is more likely than not that it will not be required to sell the ARS prior to a recovery of par value and intends to hold the investments until such time because it believes it has sufficient cash and other marketable securities on-hand and from projected cash flows from operations such that it does not anticipate a need to sell its ARS prior to a recovery of par value.

In November 2008, the Company entered into an agreement with one of its investment advisors, which will require the advisor to repurchase the \$76.4 million in par value of ARS purchased through such advisor at par value beginning on June 30, 2010 if the Company cannot liquidate such ARS before that time. Such agreement created a separate financial instrument between the two companies (the put option). For these particular ARS, Akamai expects to continue to hold these long-term debt instruments until the earlier of the settlement date or the date on which the market allows for active trading of ARS at par value. At any time during the period up until June 2010, the investment advisor can call the ARS at par value. These ARS were classified as trading securities as of December 31, 2008 and September 30, 2009.

The Company elected to apply the fair value option, permissible under the accounting standard for the fair value option for financial assets and financial liabilities, to the put option. As of December 31, 2008, the \$12.5 million fair value of the put option was grouped with short-term marketable securities on the Company's consolidated balance sheet. As of September 30, 2009, the fair value of the put option was reduced to \$9.8 million. As a result, the Company recorded a net loss on investments of \$2.7 million, included in gain (loss) on investments, net in the consolidated statement of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The fair value of the put option was determined by comparing the fair values of the related ARS, as described above, to their par values and also considers the credit risk associated with the investment advisor. This put option will continue to be adjusted on each balance sheet date based on its then fair value. The fair value of the put option is based on unobservable inputs and is therefore classified as Level 3 in the hierarchy.

As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company classified \$179.0 million and \$237.0 million, respectively, of ARS as long-term marketable securities on its consolidated balance sheet due to management's estimate of its inability to liquidate these investments within the following twelve months. As of September 30, 2009, the Company classified \$66.6 million of ARS as short-term marketable securities on its consolidated balance sheet due to its ability and intent to exercise the put option that the Company has with its investment advisor on June 30, 2010, provided that the ARS are not earlier called by the investment advisor. Expected maturities of the Company's marketable securities and other investment-related assets held at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 are as follows:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
<b>Available-for-sale securities:</b>		
Due in one year or less	\$ 302,868	\$ 174,710
Due after 1 year through 5 years	212,184	191,337
Due after 5 years	179,022	173,437
<b>Trading securities:</b>		
Due in one year or less	66,639	
Due after 1 year through 5 years		63,569
<b>Other investment-related assets:</b>		
Due in one year or less	9,761	
Due after 1 year through 5 years		12,500
	\$ 770,474	\$ 615,553

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As of September 30, 2009, \$2.0 million of the Company's marketable securities were classified as restricted. These securities primarily represent security for irrevocable letters of credit in favor of third-party beneficiaries, mostly related to facility leases. The letters of credit are collateralized by restricted marketable securities, of which \$1.9 million are classified as short-term marketable securities and \$0.1 million are classified as long-term marketable securities on the consolidated balance sheets. The restrictions on these marketable securities lapse as the Company fulfills its obligations or such obligations expire under the terms of the letters of credit. These restrictions are expected to lapse at various times through October 2014.

**5. Accounts Receivable**

Net accounts receivable consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 133,943	\$ 138,286
Unbilled accounts	32,486	12,596
<b>Gross accounts receivable</b>	<b>166,429</b>	<b>150,882</b>
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(7,768)	(6,943)
Reserve for cash-basis customers	(6,529)	(4,327)
Total accounts receivable reserves	(14,297)	(11,270)
<b>Accounts receivable, net</b>	<b>\$ 152,132</b>	<b>\$ 139,612</b>

The Company's accounts receivable balance includes unbilled amounts that represent revenues recorded for customers that are typically billed monthly in arrears. The Company records reserves against its accounts receivable balance. These reserves consist of allowances for doubtful accounts and reserves for cash-basis customers. Increases and decreases in the allowance for doubtful accounts are included as a component of general and administrative expenses. The Company's reserve for cash-basis customers increases as services are provided to customers where collection is no longer assured. Increases to the reserve for cash-basis customers are recorded as reductions of revenues. The reserve decreases and revenue is recognized when and if cash payments are received.

Estimates are used in determining these reserves and are based upon the Company's review of outstanding balances on a customer-specific, account-by-account basis. The allowance for doubtful accounts is based upon a review of customer receivables from prior sales with collection issues where the Company no longer believes that the customer has the ability to pay for services previously provided. The Company also performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers. If such an evaluation indicates that payment is no longer reasonably assured for services provided, any future services provided to that customer will result in the creation of a cash-basis reserve until the Company receives consistent payments. The Company does not have any off-balance sheet credit exposure related to its customers.

For presentation on the balance sheet at December 31, 2008, the Company reduced customer accounts receivable balances and deferred revenue by the amount of any deferred revenue recorded for customers that had a balance receivable. The reduction as of December 31, 2008 totaled \$22.2 million. Beginning in the quarter ended March 31, 2009, the Company ceased to record such reduction for balance sheet presentation and now only records a reduction of customers' accounts receivable balances for the amount of any deferred revenue related to services that have not yet commenced and any deferred revenue for customers from which collection is not reasonably assured. The actual reported deferred revenue on the balance sheet at December 31, 2008 was \$12.8 million. That amount would have been \$30.1 million if the new presentation had been applied at December 31, 2008.

**Table of Contents****6. Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities**

Accrued expenses consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Payroll and other related benefits	\$ 31,520	\$ 26,377
Bandwidth and co-location	17,190	16,642
Property, use and other taxes	932	13,317
Legal professional fees	1,479	1,475
Other	3,750	8,321
Total	\$ 54,871	\$ 66,132

**7. Net Income per Share**

Basic net income per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the applicable period. Diluted net income per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period, plus the dilutive effect of potential common stock. Potential common stock consists of shares issuable pursuant to stock options, deferred stock units, restricted stock units ( RSUs ) and convertible notes.

The following table sets forth the components used in the computation of basic and diluted net income per common share (in thousands, except per share data):

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2009		For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008	
<b>Numerator:</b>				
Net income	\$ 32,745	\$ 33,360	\$ 105,833	\$ 104,605
Add back of interest expense on 1% convertible senior notes, net of tax	439	416	1,305	1,277
Numerator for diluted net income	\$ 33,184	\$ 33,776	\$ 107,138	\$ 105,882
<b>Denominator:</b>				
Denominator for basic net income per common share	171,686	168,474	171,588	167,283
<b>Effect of dilutive securities:</b>				
Stock options	2,589	3,730	2,724	4,971
Effect of escrow contingencies	347	458	347	458
RSUs and deferred stock units	722	2,171	1,078	2,527
Assumed conversion of 1% convertible senior notes	12,929	12,936	12,934	12,936
Denominator for diluted net income per common share	188,273	187,769	188,671	188,175
Basic net income per common share	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.63
Diluted net income per common share	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.56

Outstanding options to acquire an aggregate of 3.2 million and 3.3 million shares of common stock for the three months ending September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because the exercise prices of these stock options were greater than the average market price of the Company's common stock during the respective periods. Similarly, outstanding options to acquire an aggregate of 3.2 million and 2.5 million shares of common stock for the nine months ending September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because the exercise prices of these stock options were greater than the average market price of the Company's common stock during



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the respective periods. Additionally, 3.3 million and 2.0 million shares of common stock issuable in respect of outstanding performance-based RSUs were excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, because the performance conditions had not been met as of those dates.

The calculation of assumed proceeds used to determine the diluted weighted average shares outstanding under the treasury stock method in the periods presented was adjusted by tax windfalls and shortfalls associated with all of the Company's outstanding stock awards. Such windfalls and shortfalls are computed by comparing the tax deductible amount of outstanding stock awards to their grant date fair values and multiplying the results by the applicable statutory tax rate. A positive result creates a windfall, which increases the assumed proceeds, and a negative result creates a shortfall, which reduces the assumed proceeds.

**8. Stockholders' Equity*****Stock Repurchase Program***

On April 29, 2009, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had authorized a stock repurchase program permitting purchases of up to \$100.0 million of the Company's common stock from time to time on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. The timing and amount of any shares repurchased will be determined by the Company's management based on its evaluation of market conditions and other factors. The Company may choose to suspend or discontinue the repurchase program at any time.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company repurchased 1,967,946 and 2,681,146 shares, respectively, of its common stock for \$36.2 million and \$51.2 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2009, the Company had \$48.8 million remaining available for future purchases of shares under the approved repurchase program. Additionally, as of September 30, 2009, the Company had prepaid approximately \$0.3 million for purchases of its common stock which had a settlement date in early October 2009.

***Stock-Based Compensation Expense***

The following table summarizes the components of total stock-based compensation expense included in the Company's consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands):

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Stock-based compensation expense by type of award:				
Stock options	\$ 4,344	\$ 5,609	\$ 13,621	\$ 17,249
Deferred stock units			2,085	1,885
RSUs	9,630	9,519	27,957	25,973
Shares issued under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan	1,011	862	2,861	2,722
Amounts capitalized as internal-use software	(1,373)	(1,868)	(4,525)	(5,459)
Total stock-based compensation before income taxes	13,612	14,122	41,999	42,370
Less: Income tax benefit	(5,185)	(5,072)	(16,257)	(14,379)
Total stock-based compensation, net of taxes	\$ 8,427	\$ 9,050	\$ 25,742	\$ 27,991
Effect of stock-based compensation on income by line item:				
Cost of revenues	\$ 532	\$ 614	\$ 1,582	\$ 1,779
Research and development expense	2,654	2,765	7,603	7,875
Sales and marketing expense	6,787	6,949	19,851	19,002
General and administrative expense	3,639	3,794	12,963	13,714
Provision for income taxes	(5,185)	(5,072)	(16,257)	(14,379)
Total cost related to stock-based compensation, net of taxes	\$ 8,427	\$ 9,050	\$ 25,742	\$ 27,991



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In addition to the amounts of stock-based compensation reported in the table above, the Company's consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 also included stock-based compensation reflected as a component of amortization of capitalized internal-use software; such additional stock-based compensation was \$1.8 million and \$4.6 million, respectively, before tax. The Company's consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 also included stock-based compensation reflected as a component of amortization of capitalized internal-use software; such additional stock-based compensation was \$1.1 million and \$3.0 million, respectively, before tax.

Akamai has selected the Black-Scholes option pricing model to determine the fair value of the Company's stock option awards. This model requires the input of subjective assumptions, including expected stock price volatility and estimated life of each award. The estimated fair value of Akamai's stock-based awards, less expected forfeitures, is amortized over the awards' vesting period on a straight-line basis. Expected volatilities are based on the Company's historical stock price volatility and implied volatility from traded options in its stock. The Company uses historical data to estimate the expected life of options granted within the valuation model. The risk-free interest rate for periods commensurate with the expected life of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield rate in effect at the time of grant.

The grant-date fair values of option awards granted during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 were estimated using the following weighted-average assumptions:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Expected life (years)	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Risk-free interest rate (%)	2.0	2.9	1.7	2.8
Expected volatility (%)	52.1	49.8	55.5	50.2
Dividend yield (%)				

For the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, the weighted average fair value of Akamai's stock option awards granted in those periods was \$7.94 per share and \$10.81 per share, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, the weighted average fair value of Akamai's stock option awards granted in those periods was \$7.98 per share and \$12.90 per share, respectively.

The grant-date fair values of Akamai's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP) awards granted during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 were estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Expected life (years)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Risk-free interest rate (%)	0.3	2.0	0.4	2.7
Expected volatility (%)	74.0	57.0	70.1	53.2
Dividend yield (%)				

For the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, the weighted average fair value of ESPP awards granted in those periods was \$4.49 per share and \$6.37 per share, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, the weighted average fair value of ESPP awards granted in those periods was \$2.95 per share and \$5.88 per share, respectively.

As of September 30, 2009, the total pre-tax unrecognized compensation cost for stock options, RSUs and stock issued under the ESPP was \$83.6 million. This non-cash expense is estimated to be recognized through 2013 over a weighted average period of 1.2 years. Nearly all of the Company's employees have received grants through these equity compensation programs.

**Table of Contents****Stock Options**

Options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock are granted at the discretion of the Board of Directors, a committee thereof or, subject to defined limitations, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company to whom such authority has been delegated. Options granted under the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan generally have a contractual life of ten years, while options granted under the Company's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan have a contractual life of seven years. Options typically vest as to 25% of the shares one year from date of grant, with the remaining 75% of the shares vesting in twelve equal quarterly installments thereafter so that all options are vested in full at the end of four years from the date of grant. The exercise price of the option is the Company's closing stock price on the effective date of grant. In May 2009, the Company's stockholders approved the 2009 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2009 Plan") for the issuance of incentive and nonqualified stock options, restricted stock awards and other types of equity awards. The total number of shares of common stock issuable under the 2009 Plan was 8,500,000 shares. The terms of typical option awards granted under the 2009 Plan are the same as those granted under the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan.

The following tables summarize the stock option activity under all of the Company's stock incentive plans during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands, except exercise prices):

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at December 31, 2008	10,380	\$ 18.76
Granted	669	17.29
Exercised	(408)	8.94
Forfeited and expired	(123)	35.70
Outstanding at March 31, 2009	10,518	18.86
Granted	112	20.80
Exercised	(208)	9.85
Forfeited and expired	(56)	35.46
Outstanding at June 30, 2009	10,366	18.96
Granted	125	18.49
Exercised	(274)	11.13
Forfeited and expired	(82)	27.39
Outstanding at September 30, 2009	10,135	19.10
Exercisable at September 30, 2009	7,868	16.62
	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	12,034	\$ 15.83
Granted	458	31.95
Exercised	(466)	9.01
Forfeited and expired	(28)	29.12
Outstanding at March 31, 2008	11,998	16.68
Granted	218	34.79
Exercised	(1,653)	4.97
Forfeited and expired	(132)	36.02
Outstanding at June 30, 2008	10,431	18.67
Granted	333	25.74



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Exercised	(265)	6.20
Forfeited and expired	(49)	43.99
Outstanding at September 30, 2008	10,450	19.09
Exercisable at September 30, 2008	7,728	14.12

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The total pre-tax intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$1.6 million and \$4.5 million, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, the total pre-tax intrinsic value of stock options exercised was \$5.7 million and \$62.9 million, respectively. Cash proceeds from the exercise of stock options were \$3.1 million and \$1.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively; and \$8.8 million and \$14.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

**Deferred Stock Units**

The Company has granted deferred stock units ( DSUs ) to non-employee members of its Board of Directors and to the Company's Executive Chairman. Each DSU represents the right to receive one share of the Company's common stock upon vesting. The holder may elect to defer receipt of all or a portion of the vested shares of stock represented by the DSU for a period of at least one year but not more than ten years from the grant date. The DSUs typically vest with respect to 50% of the shares upon the first anniversary of the grant date with the remaining 50% of the shares vesting in equal installments of 12.5% each quarter thereafter so that all DSUs are vested in full at the end of two years from the date of grant.

The following tables summarize the DSU activity for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands, except grant date fair values):

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2008 and March 31, 2009	207	\$ 24.86
Granted	97	21.56
Vested and distributed	(5)	23.94
Outstanding at June 30, 2009	299	21.67
Vested and distributed	(4)	40.14
Outstanding at September 30, 2009	295	21.44
	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	196	\$ 15.03
Vested and distributed	(1)	31.15
Outstanding at March 31, 2008	195	14.98
Granted	47	39.86
Vested and distributed	(2)	19.85
Outstanding at June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2008	240	19.84

The grant date fair value of each DSU is calculated based upon the Company's closing stock price on the date of grant. The total fair value of DSUs that were expensed during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$2.1 million and \$1.9 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2009, DSUs representing 114,441 shares of common stock were unvested, with a weighted average pre-tax intrinsic value of approximately \$2.3 million and a weighted average remaining contractual life of approximately 1.5 years. These outstanding DSUs are expected to vest through May 2011. All DSUs vest upon fulfilling service conditions or, under certain circumstances, upon a director's departure from the Board.

**Table of Contents****Restricted Stock Units**

RSUs represent the right to receive one share of the Company's common stock upon vesting. RSUs are granted at the discretion of the Board of Directors, a committee thereof or, subject to defined limitations, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company to whom such authority has been delegated. The Company has issued RSUs that vest based on the passage of time assuming continued service with the Company, as well as RSUs that vest only upon the achievement of defined performance metrics tied to corporate revenue and earnings per share targets.

The following table summarizes the different types of RSUs granted by the Company (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
RSUs with service-based vesting conditions	37	3	2,342	1,322
RSUs with performance-based vesting conditions			1,974	898
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4,316</b>	<b>2,220</b>

For RSUs with service-based vesting conditions, the fair value was calculated based upon the Company's closing stock price on the date of grant, and the stock-based compensation expense is being recognized over the vesting period. Most RSUs with service-based vesting provisions vest in installments over a three- or four-year period following the grant date.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, management measured compensation expense for performance-based RSUs based upon a review of the Company's expected achievement of specified performance targets. Such compensation cost is being recorded using a graded-vesting method for each series of grants of performance-based RSUs, to the extent management has deemed that such awards are probable of vesting based upon the expected achievement of the specified targets. Management will continue to review periodically the Company's expected performance and adjust the compensation cost, if needed, at such time.

The following table summarizes the RSU activity for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands, except grant date fair values):

	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2008	6,199	\$ 34.64
Granted	2,144	15.87
Vested	(2,945)	17.48
Forfeited	(10)	36.31
Outstanding at March 31, 2009	5,388	30.26
Granted	2,135	21.56
Vested	(105)	33.01
Forfeited	(93)	35.09
Outstanding at June 30, 2009	7,325	27.55
Granted	37	20.32
Vested	(104)	32.68
Forfeited	(64)	32.57
Outstanding at September 30, 2009	7,194	27.40



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	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	4,595	\$ 36.67
Granted	2,217	32.05
Vested	(395)	35.56
Forfeited	(16)	38.38
Outstanding at March 31, 2008	6,401	35.23
Vested	(28)	54.07
Forfeited	(170)	37.66
Outstanding at June 30, 2008	6,203	35.07
Granted	3	32.71
Vested	(5)	42.50
Forfeited	(87)	40.47
Outstanding at September 30, 2008	6,114	34.89

As of September 30, 2009, RSUs representing 7.2 million shares of common stock were outstanding and unvested, with an aggregate pre-tax intrinsic value of \$141.6 million and a weighted average remaining contractual life of approximately 1.9 years. These RSUs are expected to vest through July 2012.

**9. Comprehensive Income**

The following table presents the calculation of comprehensive income and its components (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net income	\$ 32,745	\$ 33,360	\$ 105,833	\$ 104,605
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	1,380	(4,101)	2,444	(3,180)
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments, net	2,600	(14,001)	20,208	(31,121)
Income tax (expense) benefit related to unrealized gain (loss) on investments, net	(1,007)	5,718	(7,829)	12,154
Other comprehensive income (loss)	2,973	(12,384)	14,823	(22,147)
Comprehensive income	\$ 35,718	\$ 20,976	\$ 120,656	\$ 82,458

Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) consisted of (in thousands):

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$ 1,442	\$ (1,002)
Net unrealized loss on investments, net of taxes	(10,969)	(23,348)
Total accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (9,527)	\$ (24,350)

**10. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets**

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The Company recorded goodwill and other intangible assets as a result of business acquisitions that occurred from 2000 through 2008. The Company also acquired license rights from the Massachusetts Institute of

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Technology in 1999. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company made purchase accounting adjustments affecting goodwill of \$0.6 million to reflect the final determination of the fair value of assumed liabilities and assets in connection with the acquisition of acerno.

Other intangible assets that are subject to amortization consist of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2009		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
Completed technology	\$ 35,031	\$ (9,531)	\$ 25,500
Customer relationships	88,700	(38,853)	49,847
Non-compete agreements	7,200	(2,489)	4,711
Trademarks	800	(443)	357
Acquired license rights	490	(490)	
Total	\$ 132,221	\$ (51,806)	\$ 80,415

	December 31, 2008		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
Completed technology	\$ 35,031	\$ (5,659)	\$ 29,372
Customer relationships	88,700	(31,291)	57,409
Non-compete agreements	7,200	(1,529)	5,671
Trademarks	800	(257)	543
Acquired license rights	490	(490)	
Total	\$ 132,221	\$ (39,226)	\$ 92,995

Aggregate expense related to amortization of other intangible assets for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$4.1 million and \$3.2 million, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, aggregate expense related to amortization of other intangible assets was \$12.6 million and \$10.3 million, respectively. Based on the Company's other intangible assets as of September 30, 2009, aggregate expense related to amortization of other intangible assets is expected to be \$4.1 million for the remainder of 2009, and \$16.4 million, \$16.4 million, \$15.4 million and \$12.6 million for fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, respectively.

**11. Concentration of Credit Risk**

Financial instruments that subject the Company to credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities and accounts receivable. The Company maintains the majority of its cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities balances principally with domestic financial institutions that the Company believes are of high credit standing.

At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company held ARS, with an estimated fair value of \$245.7 million and \$237.0 million, respectively, which have experienced failed auctions, which have prevented the Company from liquidating those investments. Based on its ability to access its cash and short-term investments and its expected cash flows, the Company does not anticipate the current lack of liquidity with respect to these ARS to have a material impact on its financial condition or results of operations during 2009. As of September 30, 2009, the Company had recorded a pre-tax cumulative unrealized loss of \$21.2 million related to the temporary impairment of the ARS, which was included in accumulated other comprehensive loss on its consolidated balance sheet. See Note 4.

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Concentrations of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable are limited to certain customers to which the Company makes substantial sales. The Company's customer base consists of a large number of geographically dispersed customers diversified across numerous industries. To reduce risk, the Company routinely assesses the financial strength of its customers. Based on such assessments, the Company believes that its accounts receivable credit risk exposure is limited. No customer accounted for 10% or more of accounts receivable as of September 30, 2009 or as of December 31, 2008. The Company believes that, at September 30, 2009, concentration of credit risk related to accounts receivable is not significant.

**12. 1% Convertible Senior Notes**

As of September 30, 2009, the carrying amount and fair value of the Company's 1% convertible senior notes were \$199.8 million and \$273.2 million, respectively. The initial, and current, conversion price of the 1% convertible senior notes is \$15.45 per share (equivalent to 64.7249 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of 1% convertible senior notes). During the three months ended September 30, 2009, the Company issued 6,472 shares of common stock in connection with the conversion of \$100,000 in aggregate principal amount of its 1% convertible senior notes. The conversion price is subject to adjustment in certain events. The Company may redeem the 1% convertible senior notes on or after December 15, 2010 at the Company's option at 100% of the principal amount together with accrued and unpaid interest. Conversely, holders of the 1% convertible senior notes may require the Company to repurchase all or a portion of such notes at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest on certain specified dates beginning on December 15, 2010. In the event of a change of control of the Company, the holders may require Akamai to repurchase all or a portion of such 1% convertible senior notes at a repurchase price of 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest. Interest on the 1% convertible senior notes began to accrue as of the issue date and is payable semiannually on June 15 and December 15 of each year. The 1% convertible senior notes are senior unsecured obligations and are the same rank as all existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness of Akamai. The 1% convertible senior notes rank senior to all of the Company's subordinated indebtedness. Deferred financing costs of \$5.9 million, including the initial purchaser's discount and other offering expenses, for the 1% convertible senior notes are being amortized over the first seven years of the term of these notes to reflect the put and call rights discussed above. Amortization of deferred financing costs of the 1% convertible senior notes was \$210,000 and \$630,000 each for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008. Using the effective interest method, the Company records the amortization of deferred financing costs as interest expense in the consolidated statement of operations.

**13. Segment and Geographic Information**

Akamai's chief decision-maker, as defined under the authoritative guidance that discusses disclosures about segments of an enterprise and related information, is the Chief Executive Officer and the executive management team. As of September 30, 2009, Akamai operated in one industry segment: providing services for accelerating and improving the delivery of content and applications over the Internet. The Company is not organized by market and is managed and operated as one business. A single management team that reports to the Chief Executive Officer comprehensively manages the entire business. The Company does not operate any material separate lines of business or separate business entities with respect to its services. Accordingly, the Company does not accumulate discrete financial information with respect to separate product lines and does not have separately reportable segments as defined in the guidance.

The Company deploys its servers into networks worldwide. As of September 30, 2009, the Company had \$142.2 million and \$37.6 million of property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, located in the United States and in foreign locations, respectively. As of December 31, 2008, the Company had \$138.6 million and \$35.9 million of property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, located in the United States and in foreign locations, respectively. Akamai sells its services through a direct sales force and channel partners located both in the United States and certain foreign locations. For both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, approximately 28% of revenues were derived from the Company's operations outside the United States.



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including 17% from Europe. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, approximately 26% and 25% of revenues, respectively, was derived from the Company's operations outside the United States, including 17% and 18%, respectively, from Europe during such periods. No single country outside the United States accounted for 10% or more of revenues during these periods. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, no customer accounted for 10% or more of total revenues.

**14. Income Taxes**

The Company's effective income tax rate, including discrete items, was 38.7% and 40.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The effective income tax rate is based upon the estimated income for the year, the estimated composition of the income in different jurisdictions and discrete adjustments, if any, in the applicable quarterly periods for settlements of tax audits or assessments, the resolution or identification of tax position uncertainties, and acquisitions of other companies. The discrete items also include the tax effect of disqualifying dispositions of incentive stock options and shares purchased under the ESPP. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, the effective income tax rates were higher than the federal statutory tax rate mainly due to the effects of accounting for stock-based compensation in accordance with the authoritative guidance for share-based payments, and state income tax expense.

**15. Commitments, Contingencies and Guarantees*****Operating Lease Commitments***

The Company leases its facilities under non-cancelable operating leases. These operating leases expire at various dates through December 2019 and generally require the payment of real estate taxes, insurance, maintenance and operating costs. As of June 1, 2009, the Company is occupying an additional 110,000 square feet at its current location in Cambridge. These lease obligations have been included in the future lease commitment table below.

The expected minimum aggregate future obligations under non-cancelable leases as of September 30, 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Operating Leases</b>
Remaining 2009	\$ 5,333
2010	20,770
2011	20,026
2012	19,448
2013	18,374
Thereafter	90,244
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 174,195</b>

***Purchase Commitments***

The Company has long-term commitments for bandwidth usage and co-location services with various network and Internet service providers. For the remainder of 2009 and for the years ending December 31, 2010 and 2011, the minimum commitments pursuant to these contracts in effect as of September 30, 2009, are \$21.2 million, \$24.6 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2009, the Company had entered into purchase orders with various vendors for aggregate purchase commitments of \$22.2 million, which are expected to be paid over the next twelve months.

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Between July 2, 2001 and November 7, 2001, purported class action lawsuits seeking monetary damages were filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York against the Company as well as against the underwriters of its October 28, 1999 initial public offering of common stock. The complaints were filed allegedly on behalf of persons who purchased the Company's common stock during different time periods, all beginning on October 28, 1999 and ending on various dates. The complaints are similar and allege violations of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, primarily based on the allegation that the underwriters received undisclosed compensation in connection with the Company's initial public offering. On April 19, 2002, a single consolidated amended complaint was filed, reiterating in one pleading the allegations contained in the previously filed separate actions. The consolidated amended complaint defines the alleged class period as October 28, 1999 through December 6, 2000. A Special Litigation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors authorized management to negotiate a settlement of the pending claims substantially consistent with a Memorandum of Understanding that was negotiated among class plaintiffs, all issuer defendants and their insurers. The parties negotiated a settlement that was subject to approval by the District Court. On February 15, 2005, the Court issued an Opinion and Order preliminarily approving the settlement, provided that the defendants and plaintiffs agree to a modification narrowing the scope of the bar order set forth in the original settlement agreement. On June 25, 2007, the District Court signed an order terminating the settlement. On August 25, 2009, the plaintiffs filed a motion for final approval of a new proposed settlement (among plaintiffs, the underwriter defendants, the issuer defendants and the insurers for the issuer defendants), plan of distribution of the settlement fund, and certification of the settlement classes. On October 5, 2009, the District Court issued an opinion and order granting plaintiffs' motion for final approval of the settlement, approval of the plan of distribution of the settlement fund, and certification of the settlement classes. Notices of appeal of the District Court's October 5, 2009 opinion and order have been filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

In addition, on or about October 3, 2007, a purported Akamai shareholder filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, against the underwriters involved in its 1999 initial public offering of common stock, alleging violations of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The complaint alleges that the combined number of shares of the Company's common stock beneficially owned by the lead underwriters and certain unnamed officers, directors and principal shareholders exceeded ten percent of its outstanding common stock from the date of the Company's initial public offering on October 29, 1999, through at least October 28, 2000. The complaint further alleges that those entities and individuals were thus subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) and the short-swing trading prohibition of Section 16(b) and failed to comply with those provisions. The complaint seeks to recover from the lead underwriters any short-swing profits obtained by them in violation of Section 16(b). Akamai was named as a nominal defendant in the action but has no liability for the asserted claims. None of the Company's directors or officers serving in such capacities at the time of its initial public offering are currently named as defendants in this action, but there can be no guarantee that the complaint will not be amended or a new complaint or suit filed to name such directors or officers as defendants in this action or another action alleging a violation of the same provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. On March 12, 2009, the Court granted a joint motion by the Company and other issuer defendants to dismiss the complaint without prejudice on the grounds that the plaintiff had failed to make an adequate demand on the Company prior to filing her complaint. In its order, the Court stated it would not permit the plaintiff to amend her demand letters while pursuing her claims in the litigation. Because the Court dismissed the case on the grounds that it lacked subject matter jurisdiction, it did not specifically reach the issue of whether the plaintiff's claims were barred by the applicable statute of limitations. However, the Court also granted a Joint Motion to Dismiss by the underwriter defendants in the action with respect to cases involving non-moving issuers, holding that the cases were barred by the applicable statute of limitations because the issuers' shareholders had notice of the potential claims more than five years prior to filing suit. The plaintiff filed a Notice of Appeal on April 10, 2009. The Company does not expect the results of this action to have a material adverse effect on its business, results of operations or financial condition.

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The Company is party to various other litigation matters that management considers routine and incidental to its business. Management does not expect the results of any of these routine actions to have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations or financial condition.

***Guarantees***

The Company has identified guarantees in accordance with the authoritative guidance for guarantor's accounting and disclosure requirements for guarantees, including indirect guarantees of indebtedness of others which is an interpretation of previous accounting statements and rescission of previous guidance. This guidance elaborates on the existing disclosure requirements for most guarantees, including loan guarantees such as standby letters of credit. The guidance also clarifies that at the time an entity issues a guarantee, that entity must recognize an initial liability for the fair value, or market value, of the obligation it assumes under the guarantee and must disclose that information in its interim and annual financial statements. The Company evaluates losses for guarantees under the statement for accounting for contingencies, as interpreted by the guidance for guarantor's accounting and disclosure requirements for guarantees, including direct guarantees of indebtedness of others. The Company considers such factors as the degree of probability that the Company would be required to satisfy the liability associated with the guarantee and the ability to make a reasonable estimate of the amount of loss. To date, the Company has not encountered material costs as a result of such obligations and has not accrued any liabilities related to such obligations in its financial statements. The fair value of the Company's outstanding guarantees as of September 30, 2009 was determined to be immaterial.

**Table of Contents****Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q, particularly Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations set forth below, and notes to our unaudited consolidated financial statements included herein contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties and are based on the beliefs and assumptions of our management as of the date hereof based on information currently available to our management. Use of words such as believes, expects, anticipates, intends, plans, estimates, should, forecasts, if, continues, goal, likely or similar expressions indicates a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Actual results may differ materially from the forward-looking statements we make. See Risk Factors elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for a discussion of certain risks associated with our business. We disclaim any obligation to update forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

We provide services for accelerating and improving the delivery of content and applications over the Internet. We primarily derive income from the sale of services to customers executing contracts with terms of one year or longer, which we refer to as recurring revenue contracts or long-term contracts. These contracts generally commit the customer to a minimum monthly level of usage with additional charges applicable for actual usage above the monthly minimum. In recent years, however, we have entered into increasing numbers of customer contracts that have minimum usage commitments that are based on quarterly, twelve-month or longer periods. Our goal of having a consistent and predictable base level of income is important to our financial success. Accordingly, to be successful, we must maintain our base of recurring revenue contracts by eliminating or reducing lost monthly, quarterly or annual recurring revenue due to customer cancellations or terminations and build on that base by adding new customers and increasing the number of services, features and functionalities that our existing customers purchase. At the same time, we must ensure that our expenses do not increase faster than, or at the same rate as, our revenues. Accomplishing these goals requires that we compete effectively in the marketplace on the basis of quality, price and the attractiveness of our services and technology.

**Overview of Financial Results**

The following sets forth, as a percentage of revenues, consolidated statements of operations data, for the periods indicated:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Revenues	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of revenues	30.0	28.7	29.3	28.0
Research and development expense	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.0
Sales and marketing expense	21.4	21.3	20.6	20.6
General and administrative expense	16.8	17.2	17.0	17.4
Amortization of other intangible assets	2.0	1.6	2.0	1.8
Restructuring charge			0.1	
Total cost and operating expenses	75.5	73.8	74.0	72.8
Income from operations	24.5	26.2	26.0	27.2
Interest income	1.7	2.9	1.9	3.3
Interest expense	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Other (expense) income, net	(0.2)	0.1	0.1	(0.1)
Gain (loss) on investments, net			0.1	
Income before provision for income taxes	25.7	28.8	27.8	30.1
Provision for income taxes	9.8	11.9	10.8	12.1
Net income	15.9%	16.9%	17.0%	18.0%



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We were profitable for the fiscal year 2008 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009; however, we cannot guarantee continued profitability or profitability for any period in the future at the levels we have recently experienced, or at all. We have observed the following trends and events that are likely to have an impact on our financial condition and results of operations in the foreseeable future:

During each quarter of 2008 and each of the first three quarters of 2009, we were able to offset lost monthly or recurring revenue due to customer cancellations or terminations by adding new customers and increasing the number of services, features and functionalities that our existing customers purchase. A continuation of this trend, in conjunction with increased revenues from non-recurring revenue contracts, could lead to increased revenues; however, any such increased revenues could be offset if lower traffic reduces the revenues we earn on a non-committed basis or as a result of declines in the prices we charge.

During each of the first three quarters of 2009, unit prices offered to some new and existing customers declined, primarily as a result of increased competition from new and established competitors that are willing to use low unit prices as a method of differentiation. These price reductions primarily impacted customers, such as digital media companies, for which we deliver high volumes of traffic over our network. Budgetary constraints facing our customers due to current economic conditions also contributed to pricing pressure on certain services. If we continue to experience decreases in unit prices for new and existing customers and we are unable to offset such reductions with increased traffic over our network, our revenues and profit margins could decrease.

We have experienced seasonal variations in our quarterly revenues attributable to e-commerce services used by our retail customers, with higher revenues in the fourth quarter of the year and lower revenues during the summer months. In each of the first three quarters of 2009, our total revenues were lower than our total revenues in the fourth quarter of 2008.

During each of the first three quarters of 2009, we reduced our network bandwidth costs per unit by entering into new supplier contracts with lower pricing and amending existing contracts to take advantage of price reductions offered by our existing suppliers. Additionally, we continued to invest in internal-use software development to improve the performance and efficiency of our network. Even with increased traffic delivered over our network, our total bandwidth costs decreased during each of the first three quarters of 2009 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2008. We believe that our overall bandwidth costs will increase in the fourth quarter as compared to each of the first three quarters of 2009 as a result of expected higher traffic levels, partially offset by anticipated continued reductions in bandwidth costs per unit. If we do not experience lower per unit bandwidth pricing or we are unsuccessful at effectively routing traffic over our network through lower cost providers, total network bandwidth costs could increase more than expected during the fourth quarter of 2009 and in 2010.

During each of the first three quarters of 2009, no customer accounted for 10% or more of our total revenues. We expect that customer concentration levels will continue to remain low if our customer base continues to grow.

During each of the first three quarters of 2009, revenues derived from customers outside the United States accounted for 28% of our total revenues, an increase over prior quarters. We expect revenues from such customers as a percentage of our total revenues to be between 25% and 30% for fiscal 2009.

Depreciation and amortization expense related to our network equipment and internal-use software development costs increased during each of the first three quarters of 2009 as compared to the same quarters in 2008. Due to expected purchases of network equipment during the fourth quarter of 2009, we believe that depreciation expense related to our network equipment will increase in the fourth quarter 2009 as compared to each of the first three quarters of 2009. We expect to continue to enhance and add functionality to our service offerings and capitalize stock-based compensation expense attributable to employees working on such projects, which would increase the amount of capitalized internal-use software costs. As a result, we believe that the amortization of internal-use software



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development costs, which we include in cost of revenues, will be higher in the fourth quarter of 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, our stock-based compensation expense was \$13.6 million and \$42.0 million, respectively, as compared to \$14.1 million and \$42.4 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008. We expect that stock-based compensation expense will remain relatively flat for the fourth quarter of 2009 as compared to the third quarter of 2009. As of September 30, 2009, our total pre-tax unrecognized compensation costs for stock-based awards were \$83.6 million, which we expect to recognize as expense over a weighted average period of 1.2 years through 2013.

As of September 30, 2009, we have recorded a pre-tax net cumulative unrealized loss in stockholders' equity of \$17.9 million related to the temporary impairment of some of our marketable security investments. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, we recorded an unrealized gain of \$3.2 million in our statement of operations related to a decrease in the other-than-temporary impairment of our investments in auction rate securities, or ARS. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, we also recorded an unrealized loss of \$2.7 million in our statement of operations related to a decrease in the net unrealized gain from a put option we recorded in connection with an agreement we entered into with one of our investment advisors. Under the terms of the agreement, the investment advisor agreed to repurchase, in June 2010, the ARS it previously sold to us. The loss represented by the put option incorporated into this agreement was included in gain on investments, net in our statement of operations. Based upon our cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities balance of \$973.3 million at September 30, 2009 and expected operating cash flows, we do not anticipate that the lack of liquidity associated with our ARS will adversely affect our ability to conduct business during the remainder of 2009 or 2010. We believe we have the ability to hold these ARS until a recovery of the auction process, a buyer is found outside the auction process, the securities are called or refinanced by the issuer, or until maturity.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, our effective income tax rate, including discrete items, was 38.7%. We expect our effective income tax rate to remain relatively consistent in the fourth quarter of 2009. In addition, we do not expect to make significant cash tax payments due to the continued utilization of our deferred tax assets during the remainder of 2009.

Based on our analysis of, among other things, the aforementioned trends and events, as of the date of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, we expect to continue to generate net income on a quarterly and annual basis during 2009 and 2010; however, our future results are likely to be affected by many factors identified in the section captioned "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, including our ability to:

increase our revenue by adding customers through long-term contracts and limiting customer cancellations and terminations;

offset unit price declines for our services with higher volumes of traffic delivered on our network as well as increased sales of our value-added solutions;

prevent disruptions to our services and network due to accidents or intentional attacks; and

maintain our network bandwidth costs and other operating expenses consistent with our revenues.

As a result, there is no assurance that we will achieve our expected financial objectives, including generating positive net income, in any future period.

Our management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, which have been prepared by us in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.





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of America, or GAAP, for interim periods and with Regulation S-X promulgated under the Exchange Act. The preparation of these unaudited consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related items, including, but not limited to, revenue recognition, accounts receivable and related reserves, valuation and impairment of investments and marketable securities, goodwill and other intangible assets, capitalized internal-use software costs, impairment and useful lives of long-lived assets, tax reserves, loss contingencies and stock-based compensation costs. We base our estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances at the time they were made. Actual results may differ from our estimates. See the section entitled "Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 for further discussion of our critical accounting policies and estimates.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In February 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or the FASB, issued authoritative guidance for fair value measurement for all non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities, except for items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). We adopted this guidance on January 1, 2009, and it did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2008, the FASB issued authoritative guidance for determining whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities. We adopted this guidance on January 1, 2009. This guidance provides that unvested share-based payment awards that contain nonforfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents (whether paid or unpaid) are participating securities and shall be included in the computation of earnings per share pursuant to the two-class method. Upon adoption, a company is required to retrospectively adjust its earnings per share data (including any amounts related to interim periods, summaries of earnings and selected financial data) to conform with the provisions in this guidance. The adoption of the guidance for determining whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued authoritative guidance on accounting for business combinations. We adopted this guidance on January 1, 2009. The standard significantly changes the accounting for business combinations in a number of areas including the treatment of contingent consideration, contingencies, acquisition costs, in-process research and development and restructuring costs. In addition, under the standard, changes in deferred tax asset valuation allowances and acquired income tax uncertainties in a business combination that occur after the measurement period will impact income tax expense. The standard may have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements if or when we enter into any business combinations in the future.

In April 2009, the FASB issued authoritative guidance for interim disclosures about fair value of financial instruments, which amended previous guidance to require disclosures about fair value of financial instruments in interim as well as in annual financial statements. This guidance also amends previous guidance for financial reporting to require those disclosures in all interim financial statements. The guidance for interim disclosures about fair value of financial instruments is effective for periods ending after June 15, 2009. The adoption of the guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2009, the FASB issued authoritative guidance clarifying how companies should determine fair value measurements when the level of market activity for an asset or liability has significantly decreased. The authoritative guidance is effective for periods ending after June 15, 2009. The adoption of the guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2009, the FASB issued authoritative guidance for recognition and presentation of other-than-temporary impairments. The authoritative guidance requires an entity to recognize the credit component of an

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other-than-temporary impairment of a debt security in earnings and the non-credit component in other comprehensive loss when the entity does not intend to sell the security and it is more likely than not that the entity will not be required to sell the security prior to recovery. The guidance is effective for periods ending after June 15, 2009. As of September 30, 2009, we did not have any debt securities that had other-than-temporary impairments that contained both a credit and non-credit component. Accordingly, adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2009, the FASB issued authoritative guidance related to subsequent events. The standard establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. The standard is effective for interim or annual financial reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009. We adopted this standard as of June 30, 2009, the required effective date. We evaluated our September 30, 2009 consolidated financial statements for subsequent events through November 9, 2009, the date the financial statements were issued. We are not aware of any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

In June 2009, the FASB issued the FASB Accounting Standards Codification, or the Codification. The Codification became the single source for all authoritative accounting principles recognized by the FASB to be applied for financial statements issued for periods ending after September 15, 2009. The Codification does not change GAAP and did not have an effect on our financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

In September 2009, the FASB's Emerging Issues Task Force issued authoritative guidance on revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables. This guidance provides another alternative for establishing fair value for a deliverable. When vendor-specific objective evidence or third-party evidence for deliverables in an arrangement cannot be determined, companies will be required to develop a best estimate of the selling price for separate deliverables and allocate arrangement consideration using the relative selling price method. This guidance is effective January 1, 2011, and early adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact of this guidance on our financial position and results of operations.

**Results of Operations**

*Revenues.* Total revenues increased 5%, or \$9.2 million, to \$206.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to \$197.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, revenues increased 7%, or \$43.1 million, to \$621.5 million as compared to \$578.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The increase in revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the same period in the prior year was primarily attributable to an increase in the number of customers under recurring revenue contracts, as well as increases in traffic and additional services sold to new and existing customers. Increased sales to existing customers contributed to increases in the average revenue per customer during the period, partially offset by reduced unit prices offered to new and certain existing customers. We believe that the continued growth in the use of the Internet by businesses and consumers was the principal factor driving increased purchases of our services. As of September 30, 2009, we had 3,031 customers under recurring revenue contracts as compared to 2,808 as of September 30, 2008.

For the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, 28% and 26%, respectively, of our revenues were derived from our operations located outside of the United States, including 17% derived from Europe during each of these periods. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, 28% and 25%, respectively, of our revenues were derived from our operations located outside of the United States, including 17% and 18%, respectively, derived from Europe during those periods. No single country outside of the United States accounted for 10% or more of revenues during these periods. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, resellers accounted for 19% and 18%, respectively, of revenues, as compared to 17% and 16% of total revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008. For each of the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, no customer accounted for 10% or more of revenues.

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*Cost of Revenues.* Cost of revenues includes fees paid to network providers for bandwidth and co-location of our network equipment. Cost of revenues also includes payroll and payroll-related costs and stock-based compensation expense for network operations personnel, cost of software licenses, depreciation of network equipment used to deliver our services and amortization of internal-use software.

Cost of revenues was comprised of the following (in millions):

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Bandwidth, co-location and storage fees	\$ 35.0	\$ 34.7	\$ 106.5	\$ 99.6
Payroll and related costs of network operations personnel	2.9	2.9	8.4	8.1
Stock-based compensation	2.3	1.7	6.2	4.8
Depreciation and impairment of network equipment	16.1	13.9	47.1	39.9
Amortization of internal-use software	5.7	3.5	14.2	9.5
Total cost of revenues	\$ 62.0	\$ 56.7	\$ 182.4	\$ 161.9

Cost of revenues increased 9%, or \$5.3 million, to \$62.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to \$56.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, cost of revenues increased 13%, or \$20.4 million, to \$182.4 million as compared to \$161.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. These increases were primarily due to an increase in amounts paid to network providers for bandwidth due to higher traffic levels, partially offset by reduced bandwidth costs per unit, and an increase in depreciation expense of network equipment and amortization of internal-use software as we continued to invest in our infrastructure.

Cost of revenues during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 also included credits received of approximately \$0.9 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, from settlements and renegotiated contracts entered into in connection with billing disputes related to bandwidth contracts. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, cost of revenues included similar credits of approximately \$1.6 million and \$2.5 million, respectively. Credits of this nature may occur in the future; however, the timing and amount of future credits, if any, is unpredictable.

We have long-term purchase commitments for bandwidth usage and co-location services with various network and Internet service providers. For the fourth quarter of 2009 and for the years ending December 31, 2010 and 2011, we estimate that the minimum commitments related to bandwidth usage and co-location services under agreements currently in effect are approximately \$21.2 million, \$24.6 million and \$0.6 million, respectively.

We expect that cost of revenues will increase during the fourth quarter of 2009 as compared to each of the first three quarters of 2009. We expect to deliver more traffic on our network, which would result in higher expenses associated with the increased traffic; such costs are likely to be partially offset by lower bandwidth costs per unit. There is no guarantee, however, that bandwidth costs per unit will continue to decline. Additionally, during the fourth quarter of 2009, as we continue to make investments in our network, we anticipate an increase in depreciation expense related to our network equipment and amortization of internal-use software development costs as compared to the corresponding periods in 2008.

*Research and Development.* Research and development expenses consist primarily of payroll and related costs and stock-based compensation expense for research and development personnel who design, develop, test and enhance our services and our network. Research and development costs are expensed as incurred, except certain internal-use software development costs eligible for capitalization. During the three and nine months

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ended September 30, 2009, we capitalized software development costs of \$6.4 million and \$20.1 million, respectively, net of impairments. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, we capitalized software development costs of \$5.9 million and \$17.9 million, respectively, net of impairments. These development costs consisted of external consulting expenses and payroll and payroll-related costs for personnel involved in the development of internal-use software used to deliver our services and operate our network. Additionally, during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, we capitalized \$1.4 million and \$4.5 million of stock-based compensation, respectively, as compared to \$1.9 million and \$5.5 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively. These capitalized internal-use software costs are amortized to cost of revenues over their estimated useful lives of two years.

Research and development expenses increased 10%, or \$1.0 million, to \$10.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to \$9.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, research and development expenses increased 8%, or \$2.4 million, to \$31.1 million as compared to \$28.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The increase during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the same periods in 2008 was due to an increase in payroll and related costs, partially offset by higher capitalized salaries and a decrease in stock-based compensation expense.

The following table quantifies the changes in the various components of our research and development expenses for the periods presented (in millions):

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 as compared to 2008</b>	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 as compared to 2008</b>
Payroll and related costs	\$ 1.2	\$ 4.0
Stock-based compensation	(0.1)	(0.3)
Capitalized salaries and other expenses	(0.1)	(1.3)
 Total net increase	 \$ 1.0	 \$ 2.4

We believe that research and development expenses, in absolute dollar terms, will be consistent in the fourth quarter of 2009 as compared to each of the first three quarters of 2009.

*Sales and Marketing.* Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of payroll and related costs, stock-based compensation expense and commissions for personnel engaged in marketing, sales and support functions, as well as advertising and promotional expenses.

Sales and marketing expenses increased 5%, or \$2.1 million, to \$44.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to \$42.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, sales and marketing expenses increased 7%, or \$8.7 million, to \$127.8 million, as compared to \$119.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The increase in sales and marketing expenses during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the same periods in 2008 was primarily due to an increase in payroll and related costs. These increases were partially offset by a reduction in marketing and related costs, as well as a decrease in other expenses, such as travel costs.

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The following table quantifies the changes in the various components of our sales and marketing expenses for the periods presented (in millions):

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 as compared to 2008</b>	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 as compared to 2008</b>
Payroll and related costs	\$ 3.6	\$ 10.7
Stock-based compensation	(0.2)	0.9
Marketing and related costs	(0.9)	(1.6)
Other expenses	(0.4)	(1.3)
<b>Total net increase</b>	<b>\$ 2.1</b>	<b>\$ 8.7</b>

We believe that sales and marketing expenses will increase during the fourth quarter as compared to each of the first three quarters of 2009 due to an expected increase in hiring of sales and marketing personnel and an expected increase in other direct marketing programs.

*General and Administrative.* General and administrative expenses consist primarily of the following components:

payroll, stock-based compensation expense and other related costs, including expenses for executive, finance, business applications, network management, human resources and other administrative personnel;

depreciation and amortization of property and equipment we use internally;

fees for professional services;

rent and other facility-related expenditures for leased properties;

the provision for doubtful accounts;

insurance costs; and

non-income related taxes.

General and administrative expenses increased 3%, or \$0.9 million, to \$34.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to \$33.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, general and administrative expenses increased 5%, or \$5.0 million, to \$105.9 million as compared to \$100.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The increase in general and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008 was primarily due to an increase in facilities and related costs, payroll and related costs and depreciation and amortization expense, in particular amortization of leasehold improvements as a result of our office expansion. These increases were partially offset by reductions in the provision for doubtful accounts and stock-based compensation expense, as well as a decrease in litigation-related expenses. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008, general and administrative expenses increased due to increases in facility-related expenditures and amortization of leasehold improvements, as well as an increase in the provision for doubtful

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accounts and payroll and related costs. These increases were partially offset by a reduction in stock-based compensation expense and a decrease in the litigation-related expenses.

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The following table quantifies the changes in various components of our general and administrative expenses for the period presented (in millions):

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 as compared to 2008</b>	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 as compared to 2008</b>
Payroll and related costs	\$ 1.0	\$ 1.0
Stock-based compensation	(0.2)	(0.8)
Depreciation and amortization	1.0	3.6
Facilities and related costs	1.7	3.3
Legal fees	(0.8)	(4.7)
Provision for doubtful accounts	(0.4)	2.5
Non-income related taxes	(0.1)	
Consulting and advisory services	(0.2)	0.9
Other expenses	(1.1)	(0.8)
<b>Total net increase</b>	<b>\$ 0.9</b>	<b>\$ 5.0</b>

During the fourth quarter of 2009, we expect general and administrative expenses to increase, in absolute dollar terms, as compared to each of the three quarters of 2009 due to anticipated higher payroll and related costs attributable to increased hiring and growth in other administrative expenses.

*Amortization of Other Intangible Assets.* Amortization of other intangible assets consists of amortization of intangible assets acquired in business combinations and amortization of acquired license rights. Amortization of other intangible assets increased 29%, or \$0.9 million, to \$4.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to \$3.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, amortization of other intangible assets increased 23%, or \$2.3 million, to \$12.6 million as compared to \$10.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The increase in amortization of other intangible assets during the first nine months of 2009 was primarily due to the amortization of intangible assets from the acquisition of acerno in November 2008. Based on our intangible assets at September 30, 2009, we expect amortization of other intangible assets to be approximately \$4.1 million for the fourth quarter of 2009, and \$16.4 million, \$16.4 million, \$15.4 million and \$12.6 million for fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, respectively.

*Restructuring charge.* During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, we recorded a restructuring charge of \$0.5 million related to one-time benefits provided to terminated employees in connection with the workforce reduction we announced in November 2008.

*Interest Income.* Interest income includes interest earned on invested cash balances and marketable securities. Interest income decreased 40%, or \$2.2 million, to \$3.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to \$5.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, interest income decreased 36%, or \$7.0 million, to \$12.2 million as compared to \$19.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The decreases were due to lower interest rates earned on our investments during 2009 as compared to the same periods in 2008.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense includes interest paid on our debt obligations as well as amortization of deferred financing costs. Interest expense was \$0.7 million and \$2.1 million for each of the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Based on our outstanding indebtedness at September 30, 2009, we believe that interest expense on our debt obligations, including deferred financing amortization, will not exceed \$2.8 million for fiscal 2009.



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*Other (Expense) Income, net.* Other (expense) income, net primarily represents net foreign exchange gains and losses incurred, gains from legal settlements, and other non-operating (expense) income items. Other (expense) income, net for the three months ended September 30, 2009 decreased 528%, or \$0.8 million, to \$0.7 million of expense as compared to \$0.2 million of income for the three months ended September 30, 2008. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, other income increased 294%, or \$1.0 million, to \$0.7 million of income as compared to \$0.3 million of expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The changes in both periods in 2009 as compared to the same periods in 2008 were mainly due to exchange rate fluctuations, offset by the gains on divestiture of certain assets in the second quarter of 2009 and legal settlements. Other (expense) income, net may fluctuate in the future based upon movements in foreign exchange rates, the outcome of legal proceedings, or other events.

*Gain (Loss) on Investments, net.* During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, we recorded net gain on investments of \$0.6 million, which relates primarily to an unrealized gain of \$3.2 million due to a decrease in the other-than-temporary impairment of certain marketable securities and an unrealized loss of \$2.7 million on a put option related to our auction rate securities holdings attributable to a decrease in the net unrealized gain resulting from such put option. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, we recorded a gain of \$0.3 million from sales of marketable securities. We do not expect significant gains or losses on investments during the fourth quarter of 2009.

*Provision for Income Taxes.* For the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, our effective income tax rate, including discrete items, was 38.7% and 40.0%, respectively. For both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, our effective income tax rates were higher than the federal statutory tax rate mainly due to the effects of accounting for stock-based compensation and state income tax expense. The effective income tax rate is based upon the estimated income for the year, the estimated composition of the income in different jurisdictions and discrete adjustments, if any, in the applicable quarterly periods for settlements of tax audits or assessments, the resolution or identification of tax position uncertainties, and acquisitions of other companies. Provision for income taxes decreased by \$3.4 million, or 14%, to \$20.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to \$23.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. Provision for income taxes decreased by \$3.0 million, or 4%, to \$66.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to \$69.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The decreases in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 as compared to the same periods in 2008 were mainly due to the reduction in our operating income before taxes, along with the lower effective income tax rate in 2009 as compared to 2008.

While we expect our effective income tax rate for the fourth quarter of 2009 to remain relatively consistent with the rate in each of the first three quarters of 2009, this expectation does not take into consideration the effect of discrete items recorded as a result of stock-based compensation, if any, or any potential tax planning strategies. Our effective tax rate could be materially different depending on the nature and timing of dispositions of incentive stock option and other employee equity awards. Further, our effective tax rate may fluctuate within a fiscal year and from quarter to quarter, due to items arising from discrete events, including settlements of tax audits and assessments, the resolution or identification of tax position uncertainties and acquisitions of other companies.

Because of the availability of net operating losses, or NOLs, a significant portion of our future provision for income taxes is expected to be a non-cash expense; consequently, the amount of cash paid with respect to income taxes is expected to be a relatively small portion of the total annualized tax expense during periods in which the NOLs are utilized. In determining our net deferred tax assets and valuation allowances, annualized effective tax rates, and cash paid for income taxes, management is required to make judgments and estimates about domestic and foreign profitability, the timing and extent of the utilization of NOL carryforwards, applicable tax rates, transfer pricing methodologies and tax planning strategies. Judgments and estimates related to our projections and assumptions are inherently uncertain; therefore, actual results could differ materially from our projections.

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We have recorded certain tax reserves to address potential exposures involving our income tax and sales and use tax positions. These potential tax liabilities result from the varying application of statutes, rules, regulations and interpretations by different taxing jurisdictions. Our estimate of the value of these tax reserves reflects assumptions based on past experiences and judgments about the interpretation of statutes, rules and regulations by taxing jurisdictions. It is possible that the ultimate tax liability or benefit from of these matters may be materially greater or less than the amount that we have estimated.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

To date, we have financed our operations primarily through public and private sales of debt and equity securities, proceeds from exercise of stock awards and cash generated by operations.

As of September 30, 2009, our cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, which consisted of corporate debt securities, U.S. Treasury and government agency securities, commercial paper, corporate debt securities, student loan-backed ARS and other investment-related assets, totaled \$973.3 million. We place our cash investments in instruments that meet high credit quality standards, as specified in our investment policy. Our investment policy also limits the amount of our credit exposure to any one issue or issuer and seeks to manage these assets to achieve our goals of preserving principal, maintaining adequate liquidity at all times, and maximizing returns subject to our investment policy.

We held approximately \$276.6 million and \$287.1 million in par value of ARS as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. The ARS are primarily AAA-rated bonds, most of which are guaranteed by the U.S. government as part of the Federal Family Education Loan Program through the U.S. Department of Education. None of the ARS in our portfolio are mortgage-based or collateralized debt obligations. In mid-February 2008, all of our ARS experienced failed auctions, which failures continued throughout the rest of 2008 and the first nine months of 2009. As a result, we have been unable to liquidate most of our holdings of ARS. Based on our ability to access our cash and other short-term investments, our expected operating cash flows, and our other sources of cash, we do not anticipate the current lack of liquidity on these investments to have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations in 2009. In November 2008, we entered into an agreement with one of our investment advisors that provides for the repurchase in June 2010 of \$76.4 million of the ARS we purchased through such financial advisor if we have been unable to achieve liquidity with respect to such securities before that time.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$299.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, compared to \$251.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. We expect that cash provided by operating activities will continue to increase, as compared to the same period in 2008, as a result of an upward trend in cash collections related to anticipated higher revenues, partially offset by an anticipated increase in operating expenses that require cash outlays due to the growth in the business, such as payroll-related costs and facility-related costs. Current economic conditions could negatively impact our cash provided by operating activities if we are unable to manage our days sales outstanding or our business otherwise deteriorates.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$217.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, compared to \$284.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. Cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 reflects a \$5.8 million earn-out payment associated with the purchase of acerno, purchases of short- and long-term marketable securities of \$530.8 million and purchases of property and equipment of \$78.9 million, including \$20.4 million related to the capitalization of internal-use software development costs. Amounts attributable to these purchases and investments were offset, in part, by proceeds from sales and maturities of short- and long-term marketable securities of \$396.3 million. Cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 reflects purchases of short- and long-term marketable securities of \$480.0 million and purchases of property and equipment of \$95.0 million, including \$18.7 million related to the capitalization of internal-use software development costs. Amounts attributable to these purchases

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and investments were partially offset by proceeds from sales and maturities of short- and long-term marketable securities of \$290.5 million and from sales of property and equipment of \$0.1 million. For fiscal year 2009, we expect total capital expenditures, a component of cash used in investing activities, to be approximately 13% of total revenue for the year. We expect to fund such capital expenditures through cash generated from operations.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$36.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the \$30.8 million provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. Cash provided by financing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 consisted of \$1.4 million related to excess tax benefits resulting from the exercise of stock options and proceeds of \$13.8 million from the issuance of common stock upon exercises of stock options under our stock option and employee stock purchase plans. Cash used in financing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 consisted of \$51.6 million related to a common stock repurchase program we initiated in April 2009, as described more fully below. Cash provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 consisted of \$11.0 million related to excess tax benefits resulting from the exercise of stock options and proceeds of \$19.8 million received from exercises of stock options under our stock option and employee stock purchase plans.

Changes in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities are dependent upon changes in, among other things, working capital items such as deferred revenues, accounts payable, accounts receivable and various accrued expenses, as well as changes in our capital and financial structure due to debt repurchases and issuances, stock option exercises, purchases and sales of equity investments and similar events.

The following table presents the net inflows and outflows of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities for the periods presented (in millions):

	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009</b>	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities balance as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively	\$ 771.6	\$ 633.5
Changes in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities:		
Receipts from customers	648.0	576.9
Payments to vendors	(281.5)	(284.3)
Payments for employee payroll	(153.5)	(131.8)
Debt interest and premium payments	(1.0)	(1.0)
Stock option exercises and employee stock purchase plan issuances	13.8	14.4
Cash used in business acquisition	(5.8)	
Common stock repurchases	(51.6)	
Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on marketable investments and other investment-related assets, net	20.8	(31.1)
Interest income	12.2	19.2
Other	0.3	(7.1)
<b>Net increase</b>	<b>201.7</b>	<b>155.2</b>
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities balance as of September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively	\$ 973.3	\$ 788.7

As part of an agreement entered into with one of our investment advisors under which it agreed to repurchase \$76.4 million of our ARS in June 2010 if we have been unable to achieve liquidity with respect to such ARS before then, we were also offered the ability to enter into a line of credit that would be collateralized by the underlying ARS investments. In January 2009, the line of credit for \$76.4 million was approved by the investment advisor. We have not yet used the line of credit.



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On April 29, 2009, we announced that our Board of Directors had authorized a stock repurchase program permitting purchases of up to \$100.0 million of our common stock from time to time on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, we repurchased 1,967,946 and 2,681,146 shares, respectively, of common stock for an aggregate of \$36.2 million and \$51.2 million, respectively, at an average price of \$18.41 per share and \$19.11 per share, respectively. The timing and amount of any future share repurchases will be determined by our management based on its evaluation of market conditions and other factors. We may choose to suspend or discontinue the repurchase program at any time. Any purchases made under the program will be reflected as an increase in cash used in financing activities.

We believe, based on our present business plan, that our current cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities and forecasted cash flows from operations will be sufficient to meet our cash needs for working capital and capital expenditures for at least the next 24 months. If the assumptions underlying our business plan regarding future revenue and expenses change, if we are unable to liquidate our marketable securities, or if unexpected opportunities or needs arise, we may seek to raise additional cash by selling equity or debt securities. We may not, however, be able to sell equity or debt securities on terms we consider reasonable, or at all. If additional funds are raised through the issuance of equity or debt securities, these securities could have rights, preferences and privileges senior to those accruing to holders of common stock, and the terms of any such debt could impose restrictions on our operations. The sale of additional equity or convertible debt securities could result in additional dilution to our existing stockholders. See **Risk Factors** elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for a discussion of additional factors that could affect our liquidity.

**Contractual Obligations, Contingent Liabilities and Commercial Commitments**

The following table presents our contractual obligations and commercial commitments, as of September 30, 2009, for the next five years and thereafter (in millions):

Contractual Obligations as of September 30, 2009	Payments Due by Period				
	Total	Less than 12 Months	12-36 Months	36-60 Months	More than 60 Months
1% convertible senior notes	\$ 199.8	\$	\$	\$	\$ 199.8(1)
Interest on 1% convertible senior notes	49.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	39.0
Bandwidth and co-location agreements	46.4	43.9	2.5		
Real estate operating leases	174.2	21.0	39.7	36.4	77.1
Open vendor purchase orders	22.2	22.2			
Total	\$ 491.6	\$ 89.1	\$ 46.2	\$ 40.4	\$ 315.9

(1) Represents the 1% convertible senior notes, which can be redeemed by, or put to, us on or after December 15, 2010. See Note 12 to our accompanying consolidated financial statements.

In accordance with authoritative guidance issued by FASB, as of September 30, 2009, we had unrecognized tax benefits of \$9.5 million, which included approximately \$2.8 million of accrued interest and penalties. We do not expect to recognize any of these tax benefits in 2009. We are not, however, able to provide a reasonably reliable estimate of the timing of future payments relating to these unrecognized benefits.

**Letters of Credit**

As of September 30, 2009, we had \$7.0 million in outstanding irrevocable letters of credit in favor of third-party beneficiaries, primarily related to facility leases. Approximately \$2.0 million of these letters of credit are collateralized by restricted marketable securities, of which \$0.1 million are classified as long-term marketable securities and \$1.9 million are classified as short-term marketable securities on the consolidated balance sheet at

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September 30, 2009. The restrictions on these marketable securities lapse as we fulfill our obligations or as such obligations expire as provided by the letters of credit. These restrictions are expected to lapse through October 2014. The remaining \$5.0 million of irrevocable letters of credit are unsecured and are expected to remain in effect until December 2019.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have entered into indemnification agreements with third parties, including vendors, customers, landlords, our officers and directors, shareholders of acquired companies, joint venture partners and third parties to which we license technology. Generally, these indemnification agreements require us to reimburse losses suffered by a third party due to various events, such as lawsuits arising from patent or copyright infringement or our negligence. These indemnification obligations are considered off-balance sheet arrangements in accordance with the authoritative guidance for guarantor's accounting and disclosure requirements for guarantees, including indirect guarantees of indebtedness of others. See also Note 11 to our consolidated financial statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 for further discussion of these indemnification agreements. The fair value of guarantees issued or modified during the three months ended September 30, 2009 was determined to be immaterial.

The conversion features of our 1% convertible senior notes due December 15, 2033 are equity-linked derivatives. As such, we recognize these instruments as off-balance sheet arrangements. The conversion features associated with these notes would be accounted for as derivative instruments, except that they are indexed to our common stock and classified in stockholders' equity. Therefore, these instruments meet the scope exception of the accounting standard for accounting for derivatives instruments and hedging activities, and accordingly are not accounted for as derivatives.

As of September 30, 2009, we did not have any additional material off-balance sheet arrangements.

### **Litigation**

We are party to litigation that we consider to be routine and incidental to our business and certain non-routine legal proceedings. Management does not expect the results of any of these routine actions to have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations. See *Legal Proceedings* in Item 1 of Part II of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q and Note 15 to our unaudited consolidated financial statements elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for further discussion on litigation including any developments related to material non-routine proceedings that arose in the third quarter of 2009.

### **Item 3. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk***

Our exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to our debt and investment portfolio. In our investment portfolio, we do not use derivative financial instruments. We place our investments with high quality issuers and, by policy, limit the amount of risk by investing primarily in money market funds, U.S. Treasury obligations, high-quality corporate and municipal obligations and certificates of deposit. Our investment policy also limits the amount of our credit exposure to any one issue or issuer and seeks to manage these assets to achieve our goals of preserving principal, maintaining adequate liquidity at all times and maximizing returns subject to our investment policy.

At September 30, 2009, we held approximately \$276.6 million in par value of ARS that have experienced failed auctions, which has prevented us from liquidating those investments. Due to these liquidity issues, we performed a discounted cash flow analysis to determine the estimated fair value of these ARS investments. The discounted cash flow analysis we performed considered the timing of expected future successful auctions, the impact of extended periods of maximum interest rates, collateralization of underlying security investments and

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the creditworthiness of the issuer. The discounted cash flow analysis performed as of September 30, 2009 assumes a weighted average discount rate of 4.06% and expected term of five years. The discount rate was determined using a proxy based upon the current market rates for similar debt offerings within the AAA-rated ARS market. The expected term was based on management's estimate of future liquidity. As a result, as of September 30, 2009, we have estimated an aggregate loss of \$30.9 million, of which \$21.2 million was related to the impairment of ARS deemed to be temporary and included in accumulated other comprehensive loss within stockholders' equity and of which \$9.8 million was related to the impairment of ARS deemed other-than-temporary and included in gain (loss) on investments, net in the consolidated statement of operations. The impact for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 was a net gain of \$2.0 million and \$16.0 million, respectively, included in accumulated other comprehensive loss within stockholders' equity related to ARS having impairments deemed to be temporary in nature, as well as a net loss of \$0.1 million and a net gain of \$3.2 million, respectively, included in gain (loss) on investments, net in the consolidated statement of operations, related to the impairment of ARS deemed other-than-temporary. The aggregate net gain in the fair value of ARS experienced in the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was due to a decrease in the weighted average discount rate used in the computation of fair values to 4.06% from 6.275% used as of December 31, 2008.

Our valuation of the ARS is sensitive to market conditions and management's judgment and could change significantly based on the assumptions used. If we had used a term of three years or seven years and discount rate of 3.98%, the gross unrealized loss on the \$200.2 million in par value of ARS classified as available-for-sale would have been \$12.7 million or \$28.5 million, respectively. If we had used a term of five years and discount rate of 2.98% or 4.98%, the gross unrealized loss on the \$200.2 million in par value of ARS classified as available-for-sale would have been \$12.7 million or \$29.5 million, respectively.

During November 2008, we entered into an agreement with one of our investment advisors providing for it to repurchase the ARS held through such advisor at par value beginning on June 30, 2010 if we cannot liquidate such ARS before that date. The ARS covered by this agreement had a par value of \$76.4 million at September 30, 2009. We expect to continue to hold these debt instruments until the earlier of the settlement date or the date on which the market for active trading of ARS at par value is re-established. At any time during the period up until the June 2010, our investment advisor can call the ARS at par value. We elected to apply the fair value option from the accounting standard for the fair value option of financial assets and financial liabilities, to the put option incorporated in this repurchase agreement. As of December 31, 2008, the \$12.5 million fair value of such put option was grouped with other long-term marketable securities on our consolidated balance sheet. The fair value of the put option is determined by comparing the fair values of the related ARS, as described above, to their par values and also considers the credit risk associated with our investment advisor. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the fair value of the put option decreased \$2.7 million to \$9.8 million with the resultant loss partially offsetting \$3.2 million of the related ARS gain included in gain (loss) on investments, net in the consolidated statement of operations. This put option will continue to be adjusted on each balance sheet date based on its then fair value. As of September 30, 2009, the \$9.8 million fair value of such put option was grouped with other short-term marketable securities on our consolidated balance sheet due to the repurchase agreement we have with our investment advisor to purchase such ARS at par value beginning June 2010.

Our 1% convertible senior notes are subject to changes in market value. Under certain conditions, the holders of our 1% convertible senior notes may require us to redeem the notes on or after December 15, 2010. As of September 30, 2009, the aggregate outstanding principal amount and the fair value of the 1% convertible senior notes were \$199.8 million and \$273.2 million, respectively.

We have operations in Europe, Asia, Australia and India. As a result, we are exposed to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. Additionally, we may continue to expand our operations globally and sell to customers in foreign locations, which may increase our exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations. We do not have any foreign currency hedge contracts.

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**Item 4.     *Controls and Procedures***

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2009. The term disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives, and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on the evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2009, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

No change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) occurred during the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2009 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.



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On or about October 3, 2007, Vanessa Simmonds, a purported Akamai shareholder, filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, against the underwriters involved in our 1999 initial public offering of common stock, alleging violations of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The complaint alleges that the combined number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned by the lead underwriters and certain unnamed officers, directors, and principal shareholders exceeded ten percent of our outstanding common stock from the date of our initial public offering on October 29, 1999, through at least October 28, 2000. The complaint further alleges that those entities and individuals were thus subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) and the short-swing trading prohibition of Section 16(b) and failed to comply with those provisions. The complaint seeks to recover from the lead underwriters any short-swing profits obtained by them in violation of Section 16(b). Akamai was named as a nominal defendant in the action, but has no liability for the asserted claims. None of our directors or officers serving in such capacities at the time of our initial public offering are currently named as defendants in this action, but there can be no guarantee that the complaint will not be amended or a new complaint or suit filed to name such directors or officers as defendants in this action or another action alleging a violation of the same provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. On March 12, 2009, the Court granted a joint motion by Akamai and other issuer defendants to dismiss the complaint without prejudice on the grounds that Ms. Simmonds had failed to make an adequate demand on us prior to filing her complaint. In its order, the Court stated it would not permit Ms. Simmonds to amend her demand letters while pursuing her claims in the litigation. Because the Court dismissed the case on the grounds that it lacked subject matter jurisdiction, it did not specifically reach the issue of whether Ms. Simmonds' claims were barred by the applicable statute of limitations. However, the Court also granted a Joint Motion to Dismiss by the underwriter defendants in the action with respect to cases involving non-moving issuers, holding that the cases were barred by the applicable statute of limitations because the issuers' shareholders had notice of the potential claims more than five years prior to filing suit. Ms. Simmonds filed a Notice of Appeal on April 10, 2009. We currently believe that the outcome of this litigation will not have a material adverse impact on our financial position or results of operations.

Between July 2, 2001 and November 7, 2001, purported class action lawsuits seeking monetary damages were filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against us as well as against the underwriters of our October 28, 1999 initial public offering of common stock. The complaints were filed allegedly on behalf of persons who purchased our common stock during different time periods, all beginning on October 28, 1999 and ending on various dates. The complaints are similar and allege violations of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, primarily based on the allegation that the underwriters received undisclosed compensation in connection with our initial public offering. On April 19, 2002, a single consolidated amended complaint was filed, reiterating in one pleading the allegations contained in the previously filed separate actions. The consolidated amended complaint defines the alleged class period as October 28, 1999 through December 6, 2000. A Special Litigation Committee of our Board of Directors authorized management to negotiate a settlement of the pending claims substantially consistent with a Memorandum of Understanding that was negotiated among class plaintiffs, all issuer defendants and their insurers. The parties negotiated a settlement that was subject to approval by the District Court. On February 15, 2005, the Court issued an Opinion and Order preliminarily approving the settlement, provided that the defendants and plaintiffs agree to a modification narrowing the scope of the bar order set forth in the original settlement agreement. On June 25, 2007, the District Court signed an order terminating the settlement. On August 25, 2009, the plaintiffs filed a motion for final approval of a new proposed settlement (among plaintiffs, the underwriter defendants, the issuer defendants and the insurers for the issuer defendants), plan of distribution of the settlement fund, and certification of the settlement classes. On October 5, 2009, the District Court issued an opinion and order granting plaintiffs motion for final approval of the settlement, approval of the plan of distribution of the settlement fund, and certification of the settlement classes. Notices of appeal of the District Court's October 5,

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2009 opinion and order have been filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. See Item 3 of part I of our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 for a more complete discussion of this legal proceeding.

### ***Item 1A. Risk Factors***

The following are certain of the important factors, among others, that could cause our actual operating results to differ materially from those indicated or suggested by forward-looking statements made in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q or presented elsewhere by management from time to time. We have not made any material changes in the risk factors previously disclosed in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 except for the addition of the following sentence to the Risk Factor captioned *Failure to increase our revenues and keep our expenses consistent with revenues could prevent us from maintaining profitability at recent levels or at all.* : In addition, revenues in the second quarter of 2009 were lower than our revenues in the first quarter; we may experience quarter-over-quarter revenue declines in the future.

***The markets in which we operate are highly competitive, and we may be unable to compete successfully against new entrants with innovative approaches and established companies with greater resources.***

We compete in markets that are intensely competitive, highly fragmented and rapidly changing. We have experienced and expect to continue to experience increased competition. Many of our current competitors, as well as a number of our potential competitors, have longer operating histories, greater name recognition, broader customer relationships and industry alliances and substantially greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we do. Some of our existing resellers are competitors. If one or more other resellers that generate substantial revenues for us were to terminate our relationship or become a competitor or a reseller for a competitor, our business could be adversely affected. Other competitors may attract customers by offering less-sophisticated versions of services than we provide at lower prices than those we charge. Given the relative ease with which some customers can potentially switch to another content delivery network provider, any differentiated offerings or lower pricing by competitors could lead to a rapid loss of customers. Our competitors may be able to respond more quickly than we can to new or emerging technologies and changes in customer requirements. Some of our current or potential competitors may bundle their offerings with other services, software or hardware in a manner that may discourage website owners from purchasing any service we offer. Increased competition could result in price and revenue reductions, loss of customers and loss of market share, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, potential customers may decide to purchase or develop their own hardware, software and other technology solutions rather than rely on an external provider like Akamai. As a result, our competitors include hardware manufacturers, software companies and other entities that offer Internet-related solutions that are not service-based. It is an important component of our growth strategy to educate enterprises and government agencies about our services and convince them to entrust their content and applications to an external service provider, and Akamai in particular. If we are unsuccessful in such efforts, our business, financial condition and results of operations could suffer.

***Prices we have been charging for some of our services have declined in recent years. This decline may continue in the future as a result of, among other things, existing and new competition in the markets we serve.***

In recent quarters, we have lowered the prices we charge many of our customers for our content delivery services in order to remain competitive. This has been particularly true for the digital media services. Consequently, our historical revenue rates may not be indicative of future revenues based on comparable traffic volumes. In addition, our operating expenses have increased on an absolute basis in each of 2006, 2007 and 2008. If we are unable to sell our services at acceptable prices relative to our costs or if we are unsuccessful with

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our strategy of selling additional services and features to new or existing content delivery customers, our revenues and gross margins will decrease, and our business and financial results will suffer.

*Failure to increase our revenues and keep our expenses consistent with revenues could prevent us from maintaining profitability at recent levels or at all.*

We believe our revenue growth rate will decline in 2009 as a result of a number of factors including increasing competition, the inevitable decline in growth rates as our revenues increase to higher levels and macroeconomic factors affecting certain aspects of our business. In addition, revenues in the second quarter of 2009 were lower than our revenues in the first quarter; we may experience quarter-over-quarter revenue declines in the future. We also believe our operating margins will decrease because we have large fixed expenses and expect to continue to incur significant bandwidth, sales and marketing, product development, administrative and other expenses. As a result, we may not be able to continue to maintain our current level of profitability in 2009 or on a quarterly or annual basis thereafter. We announced a restructuring in November 2008 that included termination of the employment of approximately seven percent of our global workforce, which resulted in a charge of approximately \$2.5 million in 2008. There is no guarantee that the restructuring will be sufficient to improve the alignment of our expenses with revenues or that future restructurings will not be required. Therefore, we will need to generate higher revenues to maintain profitability at recent levels or at all.

There are numerous factors that could, alone or in combination with other factors, impede our ability to increase revenues and/or moderate expenses, including:

market pressure to decrease our prices;

significant increases in bandwidth costs or other operating expenses;

failure to increase sales of our core services;

any failure of our current and planned services and software to operate as expected;

loss of any significant customers or loss of existing customers at a rate greater than we increase our number of, and sales to, new customers or our sales to existing customers;

unauthorized use of or access to content delivered over our network or network failures;

failure of a significant number of customers to pay our fees on a timely basis or at all or failure to continue to purchase our services in accordance with their contractual commitments; and

inability to attract high-quality customers to purchase and implement our current and planned services.

*General global market and economic conditions may have an adverse impact on our operating performance and results of operations.*

Our business has been and could continue to be affected by general global economic and market conditions. Weakness in the United States and/or worldwide economy has had and could continue to have a negative effect on our operating results, including decreases in revenues and operating cash flows. In particular, weakness in the online advertising market has affected and could continue to affect the success of our Internet advertising-related initiatives and could have a negative impact on our media and other customers. To the extent customers are unable to profitably monetize the content we deliver on their behalf, they may reduce or eliminate the traffic we deliver on their behalf. Such reductions in traffic would lead to a reduction in our revenues. Additionally, in a down-cycle economic environment, we may experience the negative effects

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of increased competitive pricing pressure, customer loss and failures by customers to pay amounts owed to us on a timely basis or at all. Suppliers on which we rely for servers, bandwidth, co-location and other services could also be negatively impacted by economic conditions which, in turn, could have a negative impact on our operations or expenses. There can be no assurance, therefore, that current economic conditions or worsening economic conditions or a prolonged or recurring recession will not have a significant adverse impact on our operating results.

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### ***Our failure to manage expected growth, diversification and changes to our business could harm us.***

We have continued to grow, diversify and evolve our business both in the United States and internationally. It is unclear, however, whether such growth will continue. In the event of a slowing or decline in our rate of growth, we must also address the challenges of establishing an appropriate organizational size while maintaining the quality of our services. As a result of the diversification of our business, personnel growth, acquisitions and international expansion in recent years, many of our employees are now based outside of our Cambridge, Massachusetts headquarters. If we are unable to effectively manage a large and geographically dispersed group of employees or to anticipate our future personnel needs, our business may be adversely affected.

As our business evolves, we must also expand and adapt our operational infrastructure. Our business relies on our data systems, billing systems, and other operational and financial reporting and control systems. All of these systems have become increasingly complex in the recent past due to the diversification and complexity of our business, acquisitions of new businesses with different systems and increased regulation over controls and procedures. To effectively manage our technical support infrastructure, we will need to continue to upgrade and improve our data systems, billing systems and other operational and financial systems, procedures and controls. These upgrades and improvements will require a dedication of resources and in some cases are likely to be complex. If we are unable to adapt our systems and organization in a timely and cost-effective manner to accommodate changing circumstances, our business may be adversely affected.

### ***Any unplanned interruption in the functioning of our network or services could lead to significant costs and disruptions that could reduce our revenues and harm our business, financial results and reputation.***

Our business is dependent on providing our customers with fast, efficient and reliable distribution of applications and content over the Internet. For our core services, we currently provide a standard guarantee that our networks will deliver Internet content 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. If we do not meet this standard, affected customers will be entitled to credits. Our network or services could be disrupted by numerous events, including natural disasters, unauthorized access to our servers, failure or refusal of our third-party network providers to provide the necessary capacity, power losses and intentional disruptions of our services, such as disruptions caused by software viruses or attacks by unauthorized users. Although we have taken steps to prevent such disruptions, there can be no assurance that attacks by unauthorized users will not be attempted in the future, that our security measures will be effective, or that a successful attack would not be damaging. Any widespread interruption of the functioning of our network or services would reduce our revenues and could harm our business, financial results and reputation.

### ***We may have insufficient transmission and server capacity, which could result in interruptions in our services and loss of revenues.***

Our operations are dependent in part upon transmission capacity provided by third-party telecommunications network providers. In addition, our distributed network must be sufficiently robust to handle all of our customers' traffic. We believe that, absent extraordinary circumstances, we have access to adequate capacity to provide our services; however, there can be no assurance that we are adequately prepared for unexpected increases in bandwidth demands by our customers. In addition, the bandwidth we have contracted to purchase may become unavailable for a variety of reasons, including payment disputes or network providers going out of business. Any failure of these network providers to provide the capacity we require, due to financial or other reasons, may result in a reduction in, or interruption of, service to our customers. If we do not have access to third-party transmission capacity, we could lose customers. If we are unable to obtain transmission capacity on terms commercially acceptable to us or at all, our business and financial results could suffer. We may not be able to deploy on a timely basis enough servers to meet the needs of our customer base or effectively manage the functioning of those servers. In addition, damage or destruction of, or other denial of access to, a facility where our servers are housed could result in a reduction in, or interruption of, service to our customers.

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***Because our services are complex and are deployed in complex environments, they may have errors or defects that could seriously harm our business.***

Our services are highly complex and are designed to be deployed in and across numerous large and complex networks that we do not control. From time to time, we have needed to correct errors and defects in our software. In the future, there may be additional errors and defects in our software that may adversely affect our services. We may not have in place adequate quality assurance procedures to ensure that we detect errors in our software in a timely manner. If we are unable to efficiently and cost-effectively fix errors or other problems that may be identified, or if there are unidentified errors that allow persons to improperly access our services, we could experience loss of revenues and market share, damage to our reputation, increased expenses and legal actions by our customers.

***As part of our business strategy, we have entered into and may enter into or seek to enter into business combinations and acquisitions that may be difficult to integrate, disrupt our business, dilute stockholder value and divert management attention.***

In late 2006 and early 2007, we acquired Nine Systems Corporation, or Nine Systems, Netli and Red Swoosh. Additionally, we completed the acquisition of acerno in November 2008. If attractive acquisition opportunities arise in the future, we may seek to enter into additional business combinations or purchases. Acquisitions are accompanied by a number of risks, including the difficulty of integrating the operations and personnel of the acquired companies, the potential disruption of our ongoing business, the potential distraction of management, expenses related to the acquisition and potential unknown liabilities associated with acquired businesses. Any inability to integrate completed acquisitions in an efficient and timely manner could have an adverse impact on our results of operations. In addition, we may not be able to recognize any expected synergies or benefits in connection with a future acquisition. If we are not successful in completing acquisitions that we may pursue in the future, we may incur substantial expenses and devote significant management time and resources without a successful result. In addition, future acquisitions could require use of substantial portions of our available cash, as in the acerno acquisition, or, as in the Nine Systems, Netli and Red Swoosh acquisitions, dilutive issuances of securities.

***Our stock price has been volatile.***

The market price of our common stock has been volatile. Trading prices may continue to fluctuate in response to a number of events and factors, including the following:

quarterly variations in operating results and announcements of innovations;

introduction of new products, services and strategic developments by us or our competitors;

business combinations and investments by us or our competitors;

variations in our revenue, expenses or profitability;

changes in financial estimates and recommendations by securities analysts;

failure to meet the expectations of public market analysts;

unfavorable media coverage;

macro-economic factors;

repurchases of shares of our common stock;

our customers' inability to access equity and credit markets;

performance by other companies in our industry; and

geopolitical conditions such as acts of terrorism or military conflicts.

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Any of these events may cause the price of our common stock to fall. In addition, the stock market in general, and the market prices for technology companies in particular, have experienced significant volatility that often has been unrelated to the operating performance of such companies. These broad market and industry fluctuations may adversely affect the market price of our common stock, regardless of our operating performance.

***If we are unable to continue to innovate and respond to emerging technological trends and customers' changing needs, our operating results may suffer.***

The market for our services is characterized by rapidly changing technology, evolving industry standards and new product and service introductions. Our ability to provide new and innovative solutions is important to our future growth; other companies are also looking to offer Internet-related solutions, such as cloud computing, to generate growth. These other companies may develop technological or business model innovations in the markets we seek to address that are, or are perceived to be, equivalent or superior to our services. In addition, our customers' business models may change in ways that we do not anticipate and these changes could reduce or eliminate our customers' needs for our services. Our operating results depend on our ability to adapt to market changes and develop and introduce new services into existing and emerging markets. The process of developing new technologies is complex and uncertain; we must commit significant resources to developing new services or enhancements to our existing services before knowing whether our investments will result in services the market will accept. Furthermore, we may not execute successfully our technology initiatives because of errors in planning or timing, technical hurdles that we fail to overcome in a timely fashion, misunderstandings about market demand or a lack of appropriate resources. Failures in execution or market acceptance of new services we introduce could result in competitors providing those solutions before we do and, consequently, loss by us of market share, revenues and earnings.

***If the accounting estimates we make, and the assumptions on which we rely, in preparing our financial statements prove inaccurate, our actual results may be adversely affected.***

Our financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments about, among other things, taxes, revenue recognition, stock-based compensation costs, capitalization of internal-use software, investments, contingent obligations, allowance for doubtful accounts, intangible assets and restructuring charges. These estimates and judgments affect the reported amounts of our assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, the amounts of charges accrued by us, such as those made in connection with our restructuring charges, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances and at the time they are made. If our estimates or the assumptions underlying them are not correct, actual results may differ materially from our estimates and we may need to, among other things, accrue additional charges that could adversely affect our results of operations, which in turn could adversely affect our stock price.

***Future changes in financial accounting standards may adversely affect our reported results of operations.***

A change in accounting standards can have a significant effect on our reported results. New accounting pronouncements and interpretations of accounting pronouncements have occurred and may occur in the future. These new accounting pronouncements may adversely affect our reported financial results.

***A substantial portion of our marketable securities are invested in auction rate securities. Continued failures in the auctions for these securities may affect our liquidity.***

We held \$276.6 million in par value of auction rate securities, or ARS, as of September 30, 2009, which represented approximately 36% of our total short- and long-term marketable securities of \$770.5 million as of



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that date. ARS are securities that are structured to allow for short-term interest rate resets but with contractual maturities that can be well in excess of ten years. At the end of each reset period, which typically occurs every seven to 35 days, investors can sell or continue to hold the securities at par. Beginning in February 2008, the majority of ARS in the marketplace, including the ARS that we hold in our portfolio, failed auction due to sell orders exceeding buy orders. Such failures resulted in the interest rate on these ARS resetting to predetermined rates in accordance with the underlying loan agreement, which might be lower than the current market rate of interest. In the event we need to liquidate our investments in these types of securities including for purposes of funding our operations, we will not be able to do so until a future auction on these investments in which demand equals or exceeds the supply of such securities being offered, the issuer redeems the outstanding securities, a buyer is found outside the auction process, the securities mature or there is a default requiring immediate payment from the issuer. These alternative liquidation measures may require that we sell our ARS at a substantial discount to par value. In the future, should the ARS we hold be subject to prolonged auction failures and we determine that the decline in value of ARS is other-than-temporary, we would recognize a loss in our consolidated statement of operations, which could be material. In addition, any future failed auctions may adversely impact the liquidity of our investments and our ability to fund our operations. Furthermore, if one or more of the issuers of the ARS held in our portfolio are unable to successfully close future auctions and their credit ratings deteriorate, we may be required to adjust the carrying value of these investments through additional impairment charges, which could be material.

*If we are unable to retain our key employees and hire qualified sales and technical personnel, our ability to compete could be harmed.*

Our future success depends upon the continued services of our executive officers and other key technology, sales, marketing and support personnel who have critical industry experience and relationships. There is increasing competition for talented individuals in the regions in which our primary offices are located. This affects both our ability to retain key employees and hire new ones. None of our officers or key employees is bound by an employment agreement for any specific term. We compensate our officers and employees in part through equity incentives, including stock options. A significant portion of these stock options held by our officers and employees have exercise prices in excess of the current market price of our common stock, which has diminished the retentive value of such options. The loss of the services of any of our key employees could hinder or delay the implementation of our business model and the development and introduction of, and negatively impact our ability to sell, our services.

*We may need to defend against patent or copyright infringement claims, which would cause us to incur substantial costs.*

Other companies or individuals, including our competitors, may hold or obtain patents or other proprietary rights that would prevent, limit or interfere with our ability to make, use or sell our services or develop new services, which could make it more difficult for us to increase revenues and improve or maintain profitability. Companies holding Internet-related patents or other intellectual property rights are increasingly bringing suits alleging infringement of such rights against both technology providers and customers that use such technology.

We have agreed to indemnify our customers if our services infringe specified intellectual property rights; therefore, we could become involved in litigation brought against customers if our services and technology are implicated. Any litigation or claims, whether or not valid, brought against us or pursuant to which we indemnify our customers could result in substantial costs and diversion of resources and require us to do one or more of the following:

cease selling, incorporating or using products or services that incorporate the challenged intellectual property;

pay substantial damages and incur significant litigation expenses;

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obtain a license from the holder of the infringed intellectual property right, which license may not be available on reasonable terms or at all; or

redesign products or services.

If we are forced to take any of these actions, our business may be seriously harmed. In the event of a successful claim of infringement against us and our failure or inability to obtain a license to the infringed technology, our business and operating results could be materially adversely affected.

***Our business will be adversely affected if we are unable to protect our intellectual property rights from unauthorized use or infringement by third parties.***

We rely on a combination of patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret laws and restrictions on disclosure to protect our intellectual property rights. These legal protections afford only limited protection. We have previously brought lawsuits against entities that we believe are infringing our intellectual property rights. Such lawsuits can be expensive and require a significant amount of attention of our management and technical personnel, and the outcomes are unpredictable. Monitoring unauthorized use of our services is difficult, and we cannot be certain that the steps we have taken will prevent unauthorized use of our technology, particularly in foreign countries where the laws may not protect our proprietary rights as fully as in the United States. Although we have licensed from other parties proprietary technology covered by patents, we cannot be certain that any such patents will not be challenged, invalidated or circumvented. Such licenses may also be non-exclusive, meaning our competition may also be able to access such technology. Furthermore, we cannot be certain that any pending or future patent applications will be granted, that any future patent will not be challenged, invalidated or circumvented, or that rights granted under any patent that may be issued will provide competitive advantages to us.

***If our license agreement with MIT terminates, our business could be adversely affected.***

We have licensed from MIT technology that is covered by various patents, patent applications and copyrights relating to Internet content delivery technology. Some of our core technology is based in part on the technology covered by these patents, patent applications and copyrights. Our license is effective for the life of the patents and patent applications; however, under limited circumstances, such as a cessation of our operations due to our insolvency or our material breach of the terms of the license agreement, MIT has the right to terminate our license. A termination of our license agreement with MIT could have a material adverse effect on our business.

***If our ability to deliver media files in popular proprietary content formats were to become restricted or cost-prohibitive, demand for our content delivery services could decline, we could lose customers and our financial results could suffer.***

Our business depends on our ability to deliver media content in all major formats. If our legal right or technical ability to store and deliver content in one or more popular proprietary content formats, such as Adobe® Flash® or Windows® Media®, was limited, our ability to serve our customers in these formats would be impaired and the demand for our content delivery services would decline by customers using these formats. Owners of propriety content formats may be able to block, restrict or impose fees or other costs on our use of such formats, which could lead to additional expenses for us and for our customers, or which could prevent our delivery of this type of content altogether. Such interference could result in a loss of existing customers, increased costs and impairment of our ability to attract new customers, which would harm our revenue, operating results and growth.

***We face risks associated with international operations that could harm our business.***

We have operations in numerous foreign countries and may continue to expand our sales and support organizations internationally. Such expansion could require us to make significant expenditures. We are

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increasingly subject to a number of risks associated with international business activities that may increase our costs, lengthen our sales cycle and require significant management attention. These risks include:

increased expenses associated with marketing services in foreign countries;

currency exchange rate fluctuations;

unexpected changes in regulatory requirements resulting in unanticipated costs and delays;

interpretations of laws or regulations that would subject us to regulatory supervision or, in the alternative, require us to exit a country, which could have a negative impact on the quality of our services or our results of operations;

uncertainty regarding liability for content or services;

adjusting to different employee/employer relationships and different regulations governing such relationships;

longer accounts receivable payment cycles and difficulties in collecting accounts receivable; and

potentially adverse tax consequences.

***Any failure to meet our debt obligations would damage our business.***

We have long-term debt. As of September 30, 2009, our total long-term debt was \$199.8 million. If we are unable to remain profitable or if we use more cash than we generate in the future, our level of indebtedness could adversely affect our future operations by increasing our vulnerability to adverse changes in general economic and industry conditions and by limiting or prohibiting our ability to obtain additional financing for future capital expenditures, acquisitions and general corporate and other purposes. In addition, if we are unable to make interest or principal payments when due, we would be in default under the terms of our long-term debt obligations, which would result in all principal and interest becoming due and payable which, in turn, would seriously harm our business.

***Changes in regulations or user concerns regarding privacy and protection of user data could adversely affect our business.***

Federal, state, foreign and international laws and regulations may govern the collection, use, retention, sharing and security of data that we receive from our customers, visitors to their websites and others. In addition, we have and post on our website our own privacy policy concerning the collection, use and disclosure of user data. Any failure, or perceived failure, by us to comply with our posted privacy policies or with any privacy- related laws, government regulations or directives, or industry self-regulatory principles could result in damage to our reputation or proceedings or actions against us by governmental entities or others, which could potentially have an adverse effect on our business.

A large number of legislative proposals pending before the U.S. Congress, various state legislative bodies and foreign governments concern data privacy and retention issues related to our business, particularly the advertising-related services we have begun to offer. It is not possible to predict whether, when, or the extent to which such legislation may be adopted. In addition, the interpretation and application of user data protection laws are currently unsettled. These laws may be interpreted and applied inconsistently from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and inconsistently with our current data protection policies and practices. Complying with these varying international requirements could cause us to incur substantial costs or require us to change our business practices in a manner adverse to our business.



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### ***Internet-related and other laws could adversely affect our business.***

Laws and regulations that apply to communications and commerce over the Internet are becoming more prevalent. In particular, the growth and development of the market for online commerce has prompted calls for more stringent tax, consumer protection and privacy laws, both in the United States and abroad, that may impose additional burdens on companies conducting business online or providing Internet-related services such as ours. The adoption of any of these measures could negatively affect both our business directly as well as the businesses of our customers, which could reduce their demand for our services. Local tax laws that might apply to our servers, which are located in many different jurisdictions, could require us to pay additional taxes in those jurisdictions, which could adversely affect our continued profitability. We have recorded certain tax reserves to address potential exposures involving our sales and use and franchise tax positions. These potential tax liabilities result from the varying application of statutes, rules, regulations and interpretations by different jurisdictions.

Our reserves, however, may not be adequate to cover our total actual liability. Congress has been contemplating net neutrality legislation. The adoption of laws regulating the operation of the Internet could affect our business. As a government contractor, we are also subject to numerous laws and regulations. If we fail to comply with applicable requirements, then we could face penalties, contract terminations and damage to our reputation. We also may be required to devote substantial resources to the development and improvement of procedures to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

### ***Provisions of our charter documents, our stockholder rights plan and Delaware law may have anti-takeover effects that could prevent a change in control even if the change in control would be beneficial to our stockholders.***

Provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, amended and restated by-laws and Delaware law could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us, even if doing so would be beneficial to our stockholders. In addition, our Board of Directors has adopted a stockholder rights plan the provisions of which could make it more difficult for a potential acquirer of Akamai to consummate an acquisition transaction without the approval of our Board of Directors.

### ***If we are required to seek additional funding, such funding may not be available on acceptable terms or at all.***

If we seek to acquire significant businesses or technologies or require more cash to fund our future plans, we may need to obtain funding from outside sources. The current economic environment makes it difficult for companies to obtain financing, particularly raising debt financing or implementing credit facilities. Therefore, we may not be able to raise additional capital, which could limit future actions we may want to take. Even if we were to find outside funding sources, we might be required to issue securities with greater rights than the securities we have outstanding today or issue debt that places restrictions on our future activities. We might also be required to take other actions that could lessen the value of our common stock, including borrowing money on terms that are not favorable to us.

### ***A class action lawsuit has been filed against us and an adverse resolution of such action could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations in the period in which the lawsuit is resolved.***

We are named as a defendant in a purported class action lawsuit filed in 2001 alleging that the underwriters of our initial public offering received undisclosed compensation in connection with our initial public offering of common stock in violation of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. See Note 15 to the financial statements included elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for more information. Any conclusion of these matters in a manner adverse to us could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

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*We may become involved in other litigation that may adversely affect us.*

In the ordinary course of business, we are or may become involved in litigation, administrative proceedings and governmental proceedings. Such matters can be time-consuming, divert management's attention and resources and cause us to incur significant expenses. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that the results of any of these actions will not have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds****Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

Period(1)	(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased(2)	(b) Average Price Paid per Share(3)	(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs(4)	(d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under Plans or Programs(5)
July 1, 2009 – July 31, 2009	520,300	\$ 19.23	520,300	\$ 75,000,172
August 1, 2009 – August 31, 2009	806,500	\$ 18.12	806,500	\$ 60,385,800
September 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009	641,146	\$ 18.11	641,146	\$ 48,773,838
Total	1,967,946	\$ 18.41	1,967,946	

- (1) Information is based on settlement dates of repurchase transactions.
- (2) Consists of shares of our common stock, par value \$.01 per share. All repurchases were made pursuant to an announced plan (see note 4 below). All repurchases were made in open market transactions under the terms of a Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted by us.
- (3) Includes commissions paid.
- (4) On April 29, 2009, we announced that our Board of Directors had authorized a stock repurchase program for up to \$100.0 million of our common stock from time to time on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. The Board of Directors did not specify an expiration date for this program.
- (5) Dollar amounts represented reflect \$100.0 million minus the total aggregate amount purchased in such month and all prior months during which the repurchase program was in effect and aggregate commissions paid in connection therewith.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

The exhibits filed as part of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q are listed in the exhibit index immediately preceding the exhibits and are incorporated herein.



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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Akamai Technologies, Inc.

November 9, 2009

By: */s/* J. DONALD SHERMAN  
**J. Donald Sherman**  
**Chief Financial Officer**



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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit 31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/ Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
Exhibit 31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/ Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
Exhibit 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 32.2	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
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document.**
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.**
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document.**
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document.**
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document.**

\*\* submitted electronically herewith

Attached as Exhibit 101 to this report are the following formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2008, (ii) Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2008 and (iv) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

In accordance with Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the XBRL-related information in Exhibit 101 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act, is deemed not filed for purposes of section 18 of the Exchange Act, and otherwise is not subject to liability under these sections.