

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS
Form S-8
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Registration No. 333-_____

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
Under
The Securities Act of 1933, as Amended

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

94-3208477
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

1005 Hamilton Court Menlo Park, California 94025
(Address of principal executive offices)

2000 STOCK PLAN
2000 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN
(Full title of the plan(s))

Ronald A. Croen
President and Chief Executive Officer
Nuance Communications, Inc.
1005 Hamilton Court
Menlo Park, California 94025
(Name and address of agent for service)

(650) 847-0000
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:
Steven E. Bochner, Esq.

**Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
Professional Corporation
650 Page Mill Road
Palo Alto, CA 94304
(650) 493-9300**

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Maximum Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share Reserved under the 2000 Stock Plan	1,991,883	\$ 4.50(2)	\$ 8,963,473.50	\$ 825.00
Reserved under the 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	663,961	\$ 3.83(3)	\$ 2,542,970.63	\$ 234.00
TOTAL	2,655,844		\$ 11,506,444.13	\$ 1,059.00

- (1) For the sole purpose of calculating the registration fee, the number of shares to be registered under this Registration Statement has been broken down into two subtotals.
- (2) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(h) solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee on the basis of \$4.50 per share, the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's Common Stock as reported on the Nasdaq National Market on May 31, 2002.
- (3) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(h) solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee on the basis of \$3.83 per share (85% of the average of the high and the low prices of the Registrant's Common Stock as reported on the Nasdaq National Market on May 31, 2002). Pursuant to the 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, shares are sold at 85% of the lesser of the fair market value of such shares on the first day of each offering period or the last day of each offering period.

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PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

We incorporate by reference into this Registration Statement the following documents and information filed by Nuance Communications, Inc. with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

- (a) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2001, filed on April 1, 2002.
- (b) Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, for the quarter ended March 31, 2002, filed May 15, 2002.
- (c) The description of the common shares contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed on April 3, 2000 including any reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by us pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement that include that all securities offered pursuant to this Registration Statement have been sold or that deregister all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part of this Registration Statement from the date of such documents are filed. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be modified or superceded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein modifies or supercedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superceded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superceded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

As permitted by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, our Certificate of Incorporation includes a provision that eliminates the personal liability of our directors for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duty as a director to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware General Corporation Law. In addition, our Bylaws provide that we shall indemnify our directors and officers and may indemnify our employees and other agents to the extent permitted under Delaware General Corporation Law. Our bylaws also permit us to secure insurance on behalf of any director, officer, employee or agent against any liability arising out of his or her actions in such capacity, regardless of whether we have the power to indemnify such individual against such liability under the provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Our policy is to enter into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers that provide the maximum indemnity allowed to directors and executive officers by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law and our Bylaws, as well as certain additional procedural protections. These agreements, among other things, indemnify our directors and executive officers against any and all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, penalties and amounts paid in settlement (if such settlement is approved in advance by us, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld), actually and reasonably incurred, and any federal, state, local or foreign taxes imposed on the indemnified party as a result of the actual or deemed receipt of any payments under the indemnification agreement, for any action arising out of such person's position as our director, officer, employee, agent or fiduciary, or any of our subsidiary, or in relation to such person's service at our request as a director, officer, employee, agent or fiduciary of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise. Pursuant to the indemnification agreements, we will not be obligated to indemnify the indemnified party: (1) for any expenses or to advance expenses with respect to proceedings or claims initiated by the indemnified party and not by way of defense, counterclaim or crossclaim, except with respect to proceedings specifically authorized by our Board of Directors or brought to enforce a right to indemnification under the indemnification agreement, our Bylaws or any statute or law; (2) for any expenses incurred by the indemnified party with respect to any proceeding instituted by the indemnified party to enforce or interpret the agreement, if a court determines that each of the material assertions made by the indemnified party in such proceeding was not made in good faith or was frivolous; (3) with respect to any proceeding brought by us against the indemnified party to enforce or interpret the agreement, if a court determines that each of the material defenses asserted by the indemnified party was made in bad faith or was frivolous; (4) on account of any suit in which judgment is rendered against the indemnified party for the payments of profits made from the purchase or sale by the indemnified party of securities in violation of Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related laws; or (5) for any expenses resulting from acts, omissions or transactions for which the indemnified party is prohibited from receiving indemnification under the agreement or applicable law.

The indemnification provision in our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws and the indemnification agreements entered into between us and our directors and executive officers, may be sufficiently broad to permit indemnification of our officers and directors for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1*	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant.
3.2*	Bylaws of Registrant.
5.1	Opinion of Counsel as to legality of securities being registered.
10.1*	2000 Stock Plan.
10.2**	2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended, and related subscription agreement.
23.1	Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP, Independent Public Accountants.
23.2	Consent of Counsel (contained in Exhibit 5.1).
24.1	Power of Attorney (see page II-4).

(*) Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-96217), as declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 12, 2000.

(**) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-38532) filed on June 2, 2000.

Item 9. Undertakings.

- (a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:
 - (i) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.
 - (ii) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
 - (iii) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Menlo Park, State of California, on this 31st day of May, 2002.

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: /s/ Karen Blasing

**Karen Blasing,
Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer**

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Ronald A. Croen and Karen Blasing, and each of them, as his attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution in each, for him in any and all capacities to sign any amendments to this registration statement on Form S-8, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact, or his substitutes, may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons on May 31, 2002 in the capacities indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u> /s/ Ronald Croen </u> Ronald Croen	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
<u> /s/ Karen Blasing </u> Karen Blasing	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Accounting Officer)
<u> /s/ Dr. Yogen Dalal </u> Dr. Yogen Dalal	Director and Chairman of the Board
<u> /s/ Dr. Curtis Carlson </u> Dr. Curtis Carlson	Director
<u> /s/ Dr. Vinton Cerf </u> Dr. Vinton Cerf	Director
<u> /s/ Irwin Federman </u> Irwin Federman	Director
<u> /s/ Alan Herzig </u> Alan Herzig	Director

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/s/ Gary Morgenthaler

Director

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/s/ Philip Quigley

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