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

#### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 27, 2005

#### **VERITAS Software Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	000-26247	77-0507675
(State or other jurisdiction of	(Commission	(IRS Employer
incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)

#### 350 Ellis Street, Mountain View, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

**94043** (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (650) 527-8000

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#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 27, 2005, VERITAS Software Corporation (the Company ) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the year and quarter ended December 31, 2004. A copy of the press release, dated as of January 27, 2005, entitled VERITAS Software Reports Record Quarterly Revenue of \$574 Million, is furnished as Exhibit 99.01 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Statements**

The Company intends to use certain non-GAAP financial measures in connection with the announcement of its financial results for the year and quarter ended December 31, 2004 that are not prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and may be different from non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. Investors are encouraged to review the non-GAAP reconciliation table attached as Exhibit 99.02 to this Current Report and incorporated herein by reference, which describes the reasons why management believes the presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors and any additional purposes for which management uses these non-GAAP financial measures. The table also includes a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

The information in this Current Report, including the exhibits hereto, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information contained herein and in the accompanying exhibits shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Company, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit	
Number	Exhibit Title or Description
99.01	Press release entitled VERITAS Software Reports Record Quarterly Revenue of \$574 Million, dated January 27, 2005, announcing financial results of VERITAS Software Corporation for the year and quarter ended December 31, 2004.
99.02	Reconciliation of Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations to Non-GAAP Statements of Operations for the years and quarters ended December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003.

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#### **SIGNATURE**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

# **VERITAS Software Corporation**

Date: January 27, 2005

/s/ EDWIN J. GILLIS

Edwin J. Gillis

Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

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**Exhibit 99.01** 

VERITAS Software Corporation 350 Ellis Street Mountain View, CA 94043 (650) 527-8000

For Immediate Release

#### **VERITAS Software Reports Record Quarterly Revenue of \$574 Million**

Annual Revenue Grows 17% to \$2.042 Billion

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. January 27, 2005 VERITAS Software Corporation (Nasdaq: VRTS) today announced financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2004. Revenue for the quarter ended December 31, 2004 was a record \$574 million, compared to revenue of \$502 million for the same period a year ago, representing 14 percent growth year over year. Revenue for the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$2.042 billion, compared to revenue of \$1.747 billion for the same period a year ago, representing 17 percent growth year over year.

GAAP net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2004 was \$129 million, or \$0.30 per diluted share, compared to GAAP net income of \$191 million, or \$0.43 per diluted share, for the same period a year ago. Included in GAAP net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2004 are charges totaling \$9 million, net of taxes, which include the amortization of intangibles and stock-based compensation offset by a gain on strategic investments. GAAP net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2003 included a one-time tax benefit of approximately \$95 million attributable to the settlement of tax audits related to the Company s 2000 acquisition of Seagate Technology, offset by charges for the amortization of intangibles and stock-based compensation of \$4 million, net of taxes.

GAAP net income for the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$411 million, or \$0.94 per diluted share, compared to GAAP net income of \$347 million, or \$0.80 per diluted share, for the same period a year ago. Included in GAAP net income for the year ended December 31, 2004 are charges totaling \$17 million, net of taxes, which include the amortization of intangibles and stock-based compensation and the write-off of in-process research and development offset by gains on strategic investments and restructuring reversals. For the same period a year ago, GAAP net income included a net benefit of \$17 million, net of taxes, which included charges for the amortization of intangibles and stock-based compensation, the write-off of in-process research and development, losses on strategic investments, a loss on the extinguishment of debt and a

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cumulative effect of change in accounting principle related to the adoption of FASB Interpretation No. 46 Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities offset by the one-time tax benefit related to Seagate Technology.

As a result of our outstanding fourth quarter performance, we achieved the highest revenue quarter in the company s history and exceeded our \$2 billion goal for the year with revenues of \$2.042 billion, said Gary Bloom, chairman, president and CEO, VERITAS Software. We attribute our success to our focused execution of our 3-dimensional growth strategy of expanding our product portfolio, delivering these products on a broad range of hardware and software platforms to further our heterogeneous advantage, and extending our worldwide reach by investing in sales and service capacity around the globe. Our international expansion investments continue to deliver strong results, with our EMEA and Asia Pacific/Japan regions growing 40 percent and 24 percent year-over-year, respectively.

Once again we ve leveraged the revenue upside to generate both strong earnings and approximately \$157 million in cash from operating activities this quarter, driving our cash and short-term investment balance to \$2.55 billion, said Ed Gillis, executive vice president and chief financial officer, VERITAS Software. With our solid performance against our goals in 2004 and our momentum exiting the year, we anticipate continued growth in 2005 as IT spending continues to improve. Our over performance in the fourth quarter, combined with the normal seasonal patterns of the software industry, leads us to set our revenue expectations for the quarter ending March 31, 2005 in the range of \$525 to \$540 million, and diluted earnings per share in the range of \$0.18 to \$0.20 on a GAAP basis. Our expectations for GAAP diluted earnings per share for the March quarter include the impact of certain expenses related to our planned merger with Symantec Corporation, which are estimated to be in the range of \$15 to \$20 million.

In addition to strong financial performance, VERITAS also achieved a number of key business milestones throughout the year:

Delivered new technologies and major product refreshes in virtually all product areas, including Backup Exec 10.0, which was successfully launched last week in New York City. This upgraded product is receiving positive reviews from channel partners and customers for its faster disk-based data recovery, cost-saving capabilities, and broader reach with the introduction of Backup Exec Suite;

Expanded product support for IBM AIX, HP Unix, Solaris x86, Intel Itanium 2 processor-based platform, and both Red Hat Enterprise and Suse Linux;

Strengthened the company s relationship with HP with the announcement of a new OEM agreement to be HP s preferred supplier of server-based storage virtualization solutions for highly available HP-UX 11i systems;

Strengthened important relationships with Network Appliance, Sun Microsystems, and a number of key systems integrators;

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Completed three strategic acquisitions: Ejasent, Invio Software, and KVault Software, which expand the company s business into adjacent markets, such as Application Virtualization, IT Process Automation, E-mail Archiving and Compliance;

And, as a result, fortified the company s leadership position in all key markets, including storage software, backup and recovery, storage management, file system and archiving.

On December 16, 2004, VERITAS announced that it entered into a definitive agreement to merge with Symantec Corporation in an all-stock transaction. The leader in storage software and the leader in security software will provide enterprise customers with a more effective way to secure and manage their most valuable asset their information. The combined company will be uniquely positioned to deliver information security and availability solutions across all platforms, from the desktop to the data center, from consumers and small businesses to large organizations and service providers. The transaction is expected to close in the second calendar quarter of 2005 and is subject to customary closing conditions, including approval by the shareholders of both companies, and regulatory approvals.

The company will hold a conference call today at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, to review the results and business outlook. The conference call will be available to all investors. The telephone dial-in number for listen-only access to the live call is 719-457-2727, passcode: 413264. A live webcast and a reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP financial measures will also be available at www.veritas.com, Investor section. In addition, a replay will be available via audio webcast at www.veritas.com, Investor section, beginning on Thursday, January 27 at 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time until March 31, 2005 and via telephone at (719) 457-0820, replay code: 413264.

#### **About VERITAS Software**

VERITAS Software, one of the 10 largest software companies in the world, is a leading provider of software and services to enable utility computing. In a utility computing model, IT resources are aligned with business needs, and business applications are delivered with optimal performance and availability on top of shared computing infrastructure, minimizing hardware and labor costs. With 2004 revenue of \$2.04 billion, VERITAS delivers products and services for data protection, storage & server management, high availability and application performance management that are used by 99 percent of the Fortune 500. More information about VERITAS Software can be found at www.veritas.com.

#### **Safe Harbor Statement**

This press release contains unaudited financial information for the year and quarter ended December 31, 2004 and forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including statements relating to projections of future revenue and earnings, continued positive momentum in our business, continued improvement in IT spending and completion and results of our proposed merger with Symantec Corporation. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including the risk that: adjustments to our unaudited financial statements may be identified

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through the course of our independent registered public accounting firm completing its integrated audit of our financial statements and financial controls; economic conditions generally or IT spending specifically may decline and cause a reduction in customer demand for our products and services; we will not gain market acceptance of our products and services; we may lose market share to existing or new competitors; we may be unable to adequately manage our business in response to changing market conditions; our business may be negatively affected due to the announcement of our proposed merger with Symantec; and we may be unable to complete our proposed merger with Symantec. These and other factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from what we project in our forward-looking statements. For more information regarding potential risks, see the Factors That May Affect Future Results section of our most recent quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2004 and annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, which are on file with the SEC. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof.

#### Additional Information and Where to Find It

Symantec Corporation and VERITAS intend to file a registration statement on Form S-4 containing a joint proxy statement/prospectus in connection with the proposed merger transaction involving Symantec and VERITAS. **Investors and security holders are urged to read this filing when it becomes available because it will contain important information about the proposed merger transaction.** Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents (when they are available) and other documents filed with the SEC at the SEC s web site at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Symantec by contacting Symantec Investor Relations at 408-517-8239. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by VERITAS by contacting VERITAS Investor Relations at 650-527-4523.

Symantec, VERITAS and their directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Symantec and VERITAS in connection with the proposed merger transaction. Information regarding the special interests of these directors and executive officers in the proposed merger transaction will be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus of Symantec and VERITAS described above. Additional information regarding the directors and executive officers of Symantec is also included in Symantec s proxy statement for its 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on July 30, 2004. Additional information regarding the directors and executive officers of VERITAS is also included in VERITAS proxy statement for its 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on July 21, 2004. These documents are available free of charge at the SEC s web site at www.sec.gov and from Investor Relations at Symantec and VERITAS as described above.

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-Financial Statements Attached-

VERITAS Software Q4 04 Earnings Release

# VERITAS SOFTWARE CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except per share data)

		nths Ended ber 31, 2003	Year Ended December 31, 2004 2003		
		dited)	(Unaudited)	2000	
Net revenue:					
User license fees	\$ 331,392	\$310,661	\$ 1,191,069	\$1,092,731	
Services	243,043	191,297	850,805	654,356	
Total net revenue	574,435	501,958	2,041,874	1,747,087	
Cost of revenue:					
User license fees	7,053	13,631	30,553	48,747	
Services (1)	75,420	63,484	276,868	229,541	
Amortization of developed technology	7,328	4,888	19,583	35,267	
Total cost of revenue	89,801	82,003	327,004	313,555	
Gross profit	484,634	419,955	1,714,870	1,433,532	
Operating expenses:					
Selling and marketing (1)	163,307	160,649	610,962	533,974	
Research and development (1)	95,944	82,447	346,644	301,880	
General and administrative (1)	50,775	39,018	194,454	156,044	
Amortization of other intangibles	3,009	2,354	9,201	35,249	
In-process research and development			11,900	19,400	
Restructuring reversals			(9,648)		
Total operating expenses	313,035	284,468	1,163,513	1,046,547	
Income from operations	171,599	135,487	551,357	386,985	
Interest and other income, net	17,421	10,057	52,846	43,613	
Interest expense	(6,242)	(5,616)	(24,399)	(30,401)	
Loss on extinguishment of debt				(4,714)	
Gain (loss) on strategic investments	2,009		9,505	(3,518)	
Income before income taxes and cumulative effect of					
change in accounting principle	184,787	139,928	589,309	391,965	
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	56,093	(50,689)	177,898	38,243	
Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting					
principle Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of	128,694	190,617	411,411	353,722	
tax				(6,249)	

Net income	\$ 12	28,694	\$	190,617	\$	411,41	1 \$	347,473
Net income per share: Basic	\$	0.30	\$	0.45	\$	0.9	6 \$	0.83
Diluted	\$	0.30	\$	0.43	\$	0.9	4 \$	0.80
Number of shares used in computing per share amounts basic	42	23,765		428,010		429,87	3	420,754
Number of shares used in computing per share amounts diluted	4.	30,989		444,914		438,96	6	434,446
(1) Amortization of stock-based compensation consists of	<b>:</b>							
Services Selling and marketing Research and development General and administrative  Total amortization of stock-based compensation			1,5 1,5	16 59	56 233 622 37 948	3	610 5,942 3,960 851 ,363	\$ 125 479 1,994 82 \$ 2,680

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# VERITAS SOFTWARE CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

#### (In thousands)

ASSETS		December 31, 2004 Unaudited)	1	December 31, 2003
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	700,108	\$	823,171
Short-term investments		1,853,092		1,679,844
Accounts receivable, net		393,897		250,098
Other current assets		68,917		60,254
Deferred income taxes		44,311		36,288
Total current assets		3,060,325		2,849,655
Property and equipment, net		585,243		572,977
Other intangibles, net		153,373		81,344
Goodwill, net		1,953,432		1,755,591
Other non-current assets		24,375		25,385
Deferred income taxes		76,811		63,514
	\$	5,853,559	\$	5,348,466
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQ	UITY	Z		
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	38,440	\$	38,289
Accrued compensation and benefits		152,443		124,655
Accrued acquisition and restructuring costs		18,203		25,051
Other accrued liabilities		67,118		77,718
Current portion of long-term debt		380,630		
Income taxes payable		126,873		141,623
Deferred revenue		547,853		398,772
Total current liabilities		1,331,560		806,108
Convertible subordinated notes		520,000		520,000
Long-term debt		•		380,630
Accrued acquisition and restructuring costs		47,877		69,019
Other long-term liabilities		30,431		29,115
Total liabilities		1,929,868		1,804,872
Stockholders equity		3,923,691		3,543,594

\$ 5,853,559 \$ 5,348,466

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#### **VERITAS SOFTWARE CORPORATION**

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

# (In thousands)

	Year I Decem	ber 31,
	2004	2003
Cash flaws from anarating activities	(Unaudited)	
Cash flows from operating activities: Net income	\$ 411,411	\$ 347,473
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	φ 411,411	Φ 347,473
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		6,249
Depreciation and amortization	119,062	128,258
Amortization of developed technology	19,583	35,267
Amortization of other intangibles	9,201	35,249
In-process research and development	11,900	19,400
Recovery of allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,985)	(1,348)
Stock-based compensation	11,363	2,680
Tax benefits from stock plans	45,507	38,265
Loss on extinguishment of debt	13,307	4,714
(Gain) loss on strategic investments	(9,505)	3,518
Loss on sale and disposal of assets	868	133
Deferred income taxes	1,860	(58,945)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of business acquisitions:	,	( ) /
Accounts receivable	(124,300)	(62,344)
Other assets	(5,387)	37,033
Accounts payable	(991)	(3,154)
Accrued compensation and benefits	23,325	16,496
Accrued acquisition and restructuring costs	(36,892)	(31,662)
Other liabilities	(15,755)	(31,380)
Income taxes payable	(3,831)	17,179
Deferred revenue	128,724	124,916
Net cash provided by operating activities  Cash flows from investing activities:	584,158	627,997
Purchases of investments	(3,846,285)	(1,789,371)
Sales and maturities of investments	3,671,861	1,701,733
Purchases of property and equipment	(117,739)	(81,184)
Purchases of businesses and technology, net of cash acquired	(324,890)	(400,234)
Net cash used for investing activities  Cash flows from financing activities:	(617,053)	(569,056)
Net proceeds from issuance of convertible subordinated notes	(170)	508,200
Redemption of convertible subordinated notes		(391,671)

(249,991)		(316,239)
122,338		178,943
(127,823)		(20,767)
37,655		20,935
(123,063)		59,109
823,171		764,062
\$ 700,108	\$	823,171
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**Exhibit 99.02** 

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# VERITAS SOFTWARE CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS TO THE NON-GAAP STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	D	ree Months lecember 31,		Three Months Ended December 31, 2003				
	Under GAAP	Adjustmen	nts	Non-GAAP	Under GAAP	Adjustment	ts	Non-GAAP
Net revenue: User license fees Services	\$ 331,392 243,043			\$ 331,392 243,043	\$310,661 191,297			\$ 310,661 191,297
Total net revenue Cost of revenue:	574,435			574,435	501,958			501,958
User license fees Services (1) Amortization of developed technology (1)	7,053 75,420 7,328	(246) (7,328)	A B	7,053 75,174	13,631 63,484 4,888	(56) (4,888)	A B	13,631 63,428
Total cost of revenue (2)	89,801	(7,574)		82,227	82,003	(4,944)		77,059
Gross profit (2) Gross profit % (2) Operating expenses: Selling and marketing	484,634 <b>84.4</b> %	7,574 1.3%		492,208 <b>85.7%</b>	419,955 <b>83.7</b> %	4,944 <b>0.9</b> %		424,899 <b>84.6</b> %
(1) Research and	163,307	(1,502)	A	161,805	160,649	(233)	A	160,416
development (1) General and	95,944	(1,516)	A	94,428	82,447	(622)	A	81,825
administrative (1) Amortization of other	50,775	(59)	A	50,716	39,018	(37)	A	38,981
intangibles (1)	3,009	(3,009)	В		2,354	(2,354)	В	
Total operating expenses (2)	313,035	(6,086)		306,949	284,468	(3,246)		281,222
Income from operations (2)	171,599 <b>29.9</b> %	13,660 <b>2.4</b> %		185,259 <b>32.3</b> %	135,487 <b>27.0</b> %	8,190 <b>1.6%</b>		143,677 28.6%

# Operating margin %

17,421			17,421	10,057			10,057
(6,242)			(6,242)	(5,616)			(5,616)
2,009	(2,009)	$\mathbf{C}$					
184,787	11,651		196,438	139,928	8,190		148,118
56,093	2,838	D	58,931	(50,689)	99,568	D	48,879
\$ 128,694	\$ 8,813		\$ 137,507	\$ 190,617	\$ (91,378		
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