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PROSPECTUS

14,000,000 Shares

COMMON STOCK

ServiceNow, Inc. is offering 1,650,000 shares of common stock and the selling stockholders are offering 12,350,000 shares of common stock. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares by the selling stockholders.

*Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol **NOW**. On November 14, 2012, the last reported sale price of our common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange was \$28.71 per share.*

*We are an **emerging growth company** as defined under the federal securities laws. Investing in our common stock involves risks. See **Risk Factors** beginning on page 10.*

PRICE \$28.00 A SHARE

	<i>Price to Public</i>	<i>Underwriting Discounts and Commissions</i>	<i>Proceeds to ServiceNow</i>	<i>Proceeds to Selling Stockholders</i>
<i>Per Share</i>	\$28.00	\$1.12	\$26.88	\$26.88
<i>Total</i>	\$392,000,000	\$15,680,000	\$44,352,000	\$331,968,000

We and the selling stockholders have granted the underwriters the right to purchase up to an additional 2,100,000 shares of common stock at the public offering price less the underwriting discount.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and state regulators have not approved or disapproved of these securities, or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares of common stock to purchasers on November 20, 2012.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus or contained in any free writing prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Neither we, the selling stockholders nor the underwriters have authorized anyone to provide you with additional information or information different from that contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. We and the selling stockholders are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, our common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any sale of shares of our common stock. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

For investors outside the United States: Neither we, the selling stockholders, nor any of the underwriters have done anything that would permit this offering or possession or distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the shares of common stock and the distribution of this prospectus outside the United States.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary highlights selected information contained elsewhere in this prospectus and does not contain all of the information that you should consider in making your investment decision. Before investing in our common stock, you should carefully read this entire prospectus, including our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included in this prospectus and the information set forth under the headings Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

SERVICENOW, INC.

Overview

ServiceNow is a leading provider of cloud-based services to automate enterprise information technology, or IT, operations. Our service includes a suite of applications built on our proprietary platform that automates workflow and integrates related business processes. We focus on transforming enterprise IT by automating and standardizing business processes and consolidating IT across the global enterprise. Organizations deploy our service to create a single system of record for enterprise IT, to lower operational costs and to enhance efficiency. Additionally, our customers use our extensible platform to build custom applications for automating activities unique to their business requirements.

We help transform IT organizations from reactive, manual and task-oriented, to pro-active, automated and service-oriented organizations. Our on-demand service enables organizations to define their IT strategy, design the systems and infrastructure that will support that strategy, and implement, manage and automate that infrastructure throughout its lifecycle. We provide a broad set of integrated applications that are highly configurable and can be efficiently implemented and upgraded. Further, our multi-instance architecture has proven scalability for global enterprises, as well as advantages in security, reliability and deployment location.

We offer our service under a Software-as-a-Service, or SaaS, business model. Customers can rapidly deploy our service in a modular fashion, allowing them to solve immediate business needs and access, configure and build new applications as their requirements evolve. Our service, which is accessed through an intuitive web-based interface, can be easily configured to adapt to customer workflow and processes. Upgrades to our service are designed to be efficient and compatible with configuration changes and applied with minimal disruption to ongoing operations.

We have achieved significant growth in recent periods. A majority of our revenues comes from large, global enterprise customers. Our total customers grew 58% from 852 as of September 30, 2011 to 1,346 as of September 30, 2012. Our customers operate in a wide variety of industries, including financial services, consumer products, IT services, health care and technology. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010 and 2011, our revenues grew 114% from \$43.3 million to \$92.6 million. We incurred a net loss of \$29.7 million and generated net income of \$9.8 million for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010 and 2011, respectively. For the six months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, our revenues grew 93% from \$37.9 million to \$73.4 million. We generated net income of \$4.8 million and incurred a net loss of \$6.7 million for the six months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012, our revenues grew 90% from \$88.9 million to \$168.6 million. We generated net income of \$5.1 million and incurred a net loss of \$27.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012, respectively.

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Our Industry

Enterprises Face Increasing Challenges in Managing and Automating IT Operations

For decades, enterprises have invested in IT to empower their workforces and enable business-critical functionality. This investment reflects enterprise dependence on a myriad of software applications, databases, operating systems, servers, networking equipment, personal computers, mobile devices, and a variety of other hardware and software assets. When managing the IT environment, enterprises face significant challenges:

Complexity of IT environments. The accelerating adoption of cloud-based services, virtual servers and desktops, and mobile technologies has added to the complexity of enterprise IT environments.

Budget pressures. IT executives are consistently asked to deliver more value for less cost and to provide transparency regarding the true costs and business value of IT investments. The most recent downturn in the global economy has heightened these demands.

Alignment to business goals. IT organizations are increasingly asked to be proactive and design and develop new processes that span the entire enterprise, rather than support a set of discrete technologies and react to business changes. IT organizations must develop strategies to enable necessary business changes. This has resulted in a much greater need for alignment of IT strategy and performance with overall business performance.

Consumerization of IT. Individuals are spending more time interacting with intuitive, social and mobile consumer-oriented Internet services. These experiences have increased business users' expectations that they can access and interact with corporate IT technologies in a similar, familiar way. IT organizations are struggling to respond to these increased demands in a cost-effective manner.

Integration and standardization. Enterprises need integrated and standardized solutions that work with their existing systems and follow the most recent Information Technology Infrastructure Library, or ITIL, standard, a set of recommended business processes designed and adopted by IT operations industry participants globally to maximize the availability and usability of IT assets and the efficiency of IT staff.

Legacy IT Management Products Fall Short

Organizations have invested heavily in legacy software products to manage the inventory, cost and performance of IT resources. These traditional software products were originally architected in the 1980s and 1990s before the introduction of many of today's modern computing technologies. Shortcomings of these legacy products include:

Disparate and redundant solutions. Many legacy IT management products were developed and widely deployed decades ago. Vendors of these products have in many cases relied upon acquisitions and partnerships to extend their offerings and have not re-architected their solutions to provide the seamless, integrated platform that customers desire. In addition, enterprises may have overlapping solutions in various business units, especially those that have grown by acquisition or that operate globally. As a result, many enterprises operate multiple systems and infrastructures.

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Inflexible integration, customization and maintenance. Enterprises face numerous challenges when trying to customize legacy IT management products to meet their specific needs, as well as integrate them with third-party solutions. Due to their architectures and proprietary languages, these inflexible products often cannot be easily customized to meet customers' business requirements and are difficult to integrate and maintain. As a result, enterprises may be required to adapt their business processes to the capabilities of the software.

Highly manual. Many legacy IT management products installed today are labor intensive, time-consuming, prone to error and prevent IT from rapidly responding to business needs.

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Upgrade challenges and disruption of service. Once legacy IT management products have been installed, integrated and customized, upgrades can be challenging. As new versions of the software are released on a periodic basis, customers are often required to re-implement the updated software with limited ability to carry forward customizations.

Difficult to use and access. Many legacy IT management products lack a modern, easy to navigate user interface and were not originally designed to be accessed over the Internet or on mobile devices.

High total cost of ownership. Because legacy IT management products are often disparate, inflexible, highly manual, challenging to upgrade and difficult to use and access, we believe these products have a high total cost of ownership.

Our Solution

Our cloud-based service includes the following key elements:

Broad set of integrated functionality. Our suite of applications was developed to address core ITIL processes as well as additional business processes, and runs on a single extensible platform. Our platform includes workflow automation, notification, assignment and escalation, third-party integration capabilities, reporting and business intelligence, social and collaboration and administration capabilities. Our cloud-based service is designed to be deployed in a modular fashion, allowing customers to solve immediate business needs and access new application functionality as needs evolve.

Automation of IT operations. Our service automates the documentation, categorization, prioritization, assignment, notification and escalation of IT and other business processes. Additionally, our service automates routine and repeatable data center operations such as rebooting a server, cloning a database or deploying a virtualized environment.

Highly configurable and extensible to meet business needs. Our configuration features are designed to give customers the ability to easily alter the appearance and operation of the user interface, change and develop business rules to meet specific requirements, and extend the database schema to support the tracking and capturing of necessary data. As a result, our service enables management of IT operations without requiring changes to existing business processes. In addition, our customers and partners can use our platform to build applications to automate processes that are unique to their businesses.

Efficient implementations and integration. Our cloud-based model allows customers to quickly access and deploy our service without the need to install and maintain costly infrastructure hardware and software necessary for on-premises deployments. Our service is developed on an architecture that enables efficient integration with third-party architectures and other data sources.

Efficient upgrades. We design our upgrades to be compatible with customer configuration changes and applied rapidly with minimal disruption to ongoing operations, enabling customers to be on the most up-to-date version.

Scalable, secure and reliable multi-instance architecture. Our multi-instance architecture is designed to provide scalability, security and reliability for customers' large, global businesses. By providing customers with dedicated applications and databases we ensure that customer data is not comingled. In addition, this architecture reduces risk associated with infrastructure outages, improves system scalability and security, and allows for flexibility in deployment location.

Our cloud-based service provides the following business benefits:

Single system of record for IT. We provide a single system of record for IT executives to track assets, activities and resources across the multiple systems and infrastructures currently in use in large

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enterprises. This provides executives with the ability to execute their IT strategy by quickly assessing how well their IT infrastructure is supporting business processes, analyzing business needs real-time and developing business solutions as needs evolve.

Lower total cost of ownership. We assume complete responsibility for our service, including application set, hosting infrastructure, maintenance, monitoring, storage, security, customer support and upgrades, all of which free customer resources. Additionally, we manage, monitor and handle upgrades and patch deployments remotely, which can result in lower total cost of ownership to our customers compared to legacy IT management products.

Easy to use and widely accessible. Our suite of intuitive and easy-to-use applications provides users with a familiar experience based on business-to-consumer concepts. Users can access our service through a web-based interface anywhere an Internet connection is available, including through mobile devices. We believe this ease of use and accessibility result in increased user adoption of specified processes, enhancing efficiency.

Our Growth Strategy

Our goal is to be the industry-recognized leading provider of cloud-based services to automate enterprise IT operations. Key elements of our growth strategy include:

Expand our customer base. We believe the global market for next-generation enterprise IT operations management is large and underserved, and we intend to continue to make investments in our business to capture increasingly larger market share. To expand our customer base we intend to invest in our direct sales force and strategic resellers as well as our data center footprint. In particular, we grew our sales and marketing team from 206 as of September 30, 2011 to 330 as of September 30, 2012.

Further penetrate our existing customer base. We intend to increase the number of subscriptions purchased by our current customers as they deploy additional core ITIL and extended IT applications, and use our platform to develop custom applications to meet business needs outside of IT. Additionally, we believe there are significant cross-sell opportunities for our separately priced Discovery and Runbook Automation technologies.

Expand internationally. We have a large and growing international presence, and intend to grow our customer base in various regions. We are investing in new geographies, including investment in direct and indirect sales channels, data centers, professional services, customer support and implementation partners.

Continue to innovate and enhance our service offerings. We have made, and will continue to make, significant investments in research and development to strengthen our existing applications, expand the number of applications on our platform and develop additional automation technologies. We typically offer multiple upgrades each year that allow our customers to benefit from ongoing innovation.

Strengthen our customer community. We have an enthusiastic and engaged customer community that contributes to our success through their willingness to share their ServiceNow experiences with other potential customers. Customer needs drive our development efforts. We will continue to leverage our large and growing customer community to expose our existing customers to new use cases and increase awareness of our service.

Develop our partner ecosystem. We intend to further develop our existing partner ecosystem by establishing agreements with strategic resellers and system integrators to provide broader customer coverage, access to senior executives and solution delivery capabilities. As we expand our base of partners, we intend to grow our indirect sales team and marketing efforts to support our

distribution network.

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Further promote our extensible platform. We plan to grow investments in our platform to better enable the creation of custom applications to address specific business issues. We believe our platform provides substantial application development capabilities and we intend to further realize the potential of our platform as a strategy to penetrate large and growing markets.

Selected Risks Associated with Our Business

Our business is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including those highlighted in the section titled "Risk Factors" immediately following this prospectus summary. Some of these risks are:

We have a limited history of operating profits and, as our growth rates decline and our costs increase, may not achieve or maintain profitability in the future;

We have experienced rapid growth in recent periods and may not be able to manage this growth and expansion, or our business may not grow as we expect;

The market for enterprise IT operations management solutions is rapidly evolving and highly competitive;

Declines in customer renewal rates would harm our future operating results;

Defects or disruptions in our service or security breaches could diminish demand for our service and subject us to substantial liability;

We need to continue to invest in enhancements to our cloud infrastructure and if our required investments are greater than anticipated or fail to yield anticipated cost savings and performance benefits, our financial results will be negatively impacted;

Interruptions or delays in service from our third-party data center facilities could impair the delivery of our service and harm our business;

We may not timely and effectively scale and adapt our existing technology to meet our customers' performance and other requirements.

Our quarterly results may fluctuate and, if we fail to meet the expectations of analysts or investors, our stock price and the value of your investment could decline substantially; and

Our directors, officers and principal stockholders beneficially owned approximately 77% of our outstanding stock prior to this offering, will beneficially own approximately 68% after this offering and therefore will continue to have the ability to determine all matters requiring stockholder approval.

Corporate Information

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We were incorporated as Glidesoft, Inc. in California in June 2004 and changed our name to Service-now.com in February 2006. In May 2012, we reincorporated into Delaware as ServiceNow, Inc. Our principal executive offices are located at 4810 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, California 92121, and our telephone number is (858) 720-0477. Our website address is www.servicenow.com. The information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not a part of this prospectus. Investors should not rely on any such information in deciding whether to purchase our common stock. We have included our website address in this prospectus solely as an inactive textual reference.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, as used in this prospectus, the terms ServiceNow, we, us and our refer to ServiceNow, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, unless otherwise noted.

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In February 2012, we changed our fiscal year-end from June 30 to December 31. Throughout this prospectus, references to fiscal 2009, fiscal 2010 and fiscal 2011 are to the fiscal years ended June 30, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.

We have registered the trademark **SERVICENOW** with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Our ServiceNow logo, **Discovery** and **Runbook Automation** are unregistered trademarks or service marks of ServiceNow and are the property of ServiceNow. This prospectus also includes references to trademarks and service marks of other entities, and those trademarks and service marks are the property of their respective owners.

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THE OFFERING

Common stock offered By us	1,650,000 shares
By the selling stockholders	12,350,000 shares
Total	14,000,000 shares
Common stock to be outstanding after this offering	125,021,566 shares
Option to purchase additional shares granted by us	247,500 shares
Option to purchase additional shares granted by the selling stockholders	1,852,500 shares

Use of proceeds	The principal purposes of this offering are to facilitate an orderly distribution of our shares by the selling stockholders, increase our public float, and increase our financial flexibility. We plan to use the net proceeds from this offering for working capital and other general corporate purposes. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock by the selling stockholders. See Use of Proceeds.
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New York Stock Exchange symbol	NOW
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The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after this offering is based on 123,371,566 shares of common stock outstanding as of September 30, 2012, and excludes:

37,279,442 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options with a weighted-average exercise price of \$4.48 per share and 1,134,851 shares of common stock issuable pursuant to outstanding restricted stock units;

11,635,301 additional shares of common stock reserved for future issuance under our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan; and

5,000,000 shares of common stock reserved for future issuance under our 2012 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Unless otherwise indicated, all information in this prospectus assumes no exercise by the underwriters of their option to purchase an additional 2,100,000 shares of common stock.

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The following consolidated financial data should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and related notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. We have derived the following consolidated statements of operations data for fiscal 2009, 2010 and 2011 and for the six months ended December 31, 2011 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2010 and 2011 and December 31, 2011 from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The unaudited consolidated statement of operations data for the six months ended December 31, 2010 and the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012, and the unaudited selected consolidated balance sheet data as of September 30, 2012 are derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. We have prepared the unaudited financial information on the same basis as the audited consolidated financial statements and have included, in our opinion, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, we consider necessary for a fair statement of the financial information set forth in those statements. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of our results to be expected for any future period.

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2010	2011	2010	2011	2011	2012
	(in thousands, except share and per share data)						
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:							
Revenues ⁽¹⁾ :							
Subscription	\$ 17,841	\$ 40,078	\$ 79,191	\$ 33,191	\$ 64,886	\$ 76,331	\$ 141,640
Professional services and other	1,474	3,251	13,450	4,753	8,489	12,563	26,910
Total revenues	19,315	43,329	92,641	37,944	73,375	88,894	168,550
Cost of revenues ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ :							
Subscription	3,140	6,378	15,311	6,096	15,073	15,538	43,182
Professional services and other	4,711	9,812	16,264	6,778	12,850	15,095	28,519
Total cost of revenues	7,851	16,190	31,575	12,874	27,923	30,633	71,701
Gross profit	11,464	27,139	61,066	25,070	45,452	58,261	96,849
Operating expenses ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ :							
Sales and marketing	8,499	19,334	34,123	13,728	32,501	34,375	74,356
Research and development	2,433	7,194	7,004	2,758	7,030	7,003	26,098
General and administrative	6,363	28,810	9,379	3,417	10,084	10,471	24,441
Total operating expenses	17,295	55,338	50,506	19,903	49,615	51,849	124,895
Income (loss) from operations	(5,831)	(28,199)	10,560	5,167	(4,163)	6,412	(28,046)
Interest and other income (expense), net	(27)	(1,226)	606	289	(1,446)	(412)	1,148
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes	(5,858)	(29,425)	11,166	5,456	(5,609)	6,000	(26,898)
Provision for income taxes	48	280	1,336	653	1,075	852	519
Net income (loss)	\$ (5,906)	\$ (29,705)	\$ 9,830	\$ 4,803	\$ (6,684)	\$ 5,148	\$ (27,417)

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	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2009	2010	2011	2010	2011	2011	2012
(in thousands, except share and per share data)							
Net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders ⁽⁴⁾ :							
Basic	\$ (0.17)	\$ (1.31)	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.33)	\$ 0.05	\$ (0.49)
Diluted	\$ (0.17)	\$ (1.31)	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.33)	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.49)
Weighted-average shares used to compute net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders ⁽⁴⁾ :							
Basic	39,039,066	23,157,576	18,163,977	17,156,445	21,104,219	19,695,440	57,089,411
Diluted	39,039,066	23,157,576	28,095,486	27,622,357	21,104,219	30,612,539	57,089,411

- (1) Revenues for fiscal 2011, the six months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011 and the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012 reflect the prospective adoption of new revenue accounting guidance commencing on July 1, 2010. As a result of this guidance, we separately allocate value for multiple element contracts between our subscription revenues and professional services revenues based on the best estimate of selling price. Additionally, we recognize professional services revenues as the services are delivered. Please refer to Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion of our revenue recognition policies.
- (2) Stock-based compensation included in the statements of operations data above was as follows:

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2009	2010	2011	2010	2011	2011	2012
(in thousands)							
Cost of revenues:							
Subscription	\$ 6	\$ 48	\$ 548	\$ 225	\$ 674	\$ 524	\$ 2,514
Professional services and other	11	28	117	37	193	151	964
Sales and marketing	45	277	1,004	431	2,010	1,373	6,852
Research and development	50	90	468	207	704	524	4,121
General and administrative	15	102	817	221	2,056	1,652	4,137

- (3) Operating expenses for fiscal 2009 reflect compensation expense of \$3.8 million related to the stock settlement of an outstanding promissory note in connection with our sale and issuance of Series C preferred stock. Cost of revenues and operating expenses for fiscal 2010 reflect compensation expense of \$0.7 million and \$30.1 million, respectively, related to the repurchase of shares from eligible stockholders in connection with our sale and issuance of Series D preferred stock.
- (4) Please refer to Note 13 to our consolidated financial statements for an explanation of the method used to calculate the historical net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders and the number of shares used in the computation of the per share amounts.

	As of June 30,		As of	As of
	2010	2011	December 31, 2011	September 30, 2012
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 29,402	\$ 59,853	\$ 68,088	\$ 116,976
Working capital, excluding deferred revenue	33,080	75,801	95,033	294,159
Total assets	51,369	108,746	156,323	382,204

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Deferred revenue, current and non-current portion	40,731	74,646	104,636	147,946
Convertible preferred stock	67,227	67,860	68,172	
Total stockholders' equity (deficit)	(71,262)	(58,381)	(57,426)	191,268

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should consider carefully the risks and uncertainties described below, together with all of the other information in this prospectus, including the consolidated financial statements and the related notes appearing at the end of this prospectus, before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock. If any of the following risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition, results of operations and future prospects could be harmed. In that event, the market price of our common stock could decline and you could lose part or even all of your investment.

Risks Related to Our Business and Industry

We have a limited history of operating profits, did not generate a profit in the six months ended December 31, 2011 or the nine months ended September 30, 2012, and may not achieve or maintain profitability in the future.

We have not been consistently profitable on a quarterly or annual basis. Although we had net income for fiscal 2011, we experienced net losses of \$5.9 million, \$29.7 million, \$6.7 million and \$27.4 million for fiscal 2009, fiscal 2010, the six months ended December 31, 2011 and the nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. As of September 30, 2012, our accumulated deficit was \$95.6 million. While we have experienced significant revenue growth over recent periods, we may not be able to sustain or increase our growth or return to profitability in the future. Over the past year, we have significantly increased our expenditures to support the development and expansion of our business, which has resulted in increased losses. We plan to continue to invest for future growth, and as a result, we do not expect to be profitable for the foreseeable future. In addition, as a public company, we will continue to incur significant accounting, legal and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. As a result of these increased expenditures, we will have to generate and sustain increased revenues to achieve future profitability. We may incur significant losses in the future for a number of reasons, including without limitation the other risks and uncertainties described in this prospectus. Additionally, we may encounter unforeseen operating expenses, difficulties, complications, delays and other unknown factors that may result in losses in future periods. If these losses exceed our expectations or our revenue growth expectations are not met in future periods, our financial performance will be harmed.

We have experienced rapid growth in recent periods. If we are not able to manage this growth and expansion, or if our business does not grow as we expect, our operating results may suffer.

We continue to experience rapid growth in our customer base and have significantly expanded our operations during the last several years. In particular, we are aggressively investing in: significant expansion of our cloud infrastructure and associated service capacity; our global sales, marketing and operations activities and personnel; and additional office facility lease commitments and administrative employees. Our employee headcount has increased from 491 as of September 30, 2011 to 963 as of September 30, 2012, and we plan on adding over 181 employees during the remainder of 2012. We signed new leases for a larger corporate office in San Diego in February 2012, additional office space in Amsterdam in September 2012 and San Jose in November 2012 and are currently seeking to further expand our London office. In addition, we hired new senior management in 2011 and 2012. Our rapid growth has placed, and will continue to place, a significant strain on our administrative and operational infrastructure facilities and other resources. Our ability to manage our operations and growth will require us to continue to expand our sales force, facilities, infrastructure and operations, and refine our operational, financial and management controls, human resource policies, and reporting systems and procedures. For instance, in 2012 we have been implementing a new financial enterprise resource planning system to help manage our future growth and are in the process of integrating that system with our customer relationship management system. If we fail to efficiently expand our sales force, operations, cloud infrastructure or IT and financial systems, or if we fail to implement or maintain effective internal controls and procedures, our costs and expenses may increase more than we plan and we may lose the ability to close customer opportunities, enhance our existing service, develop new applications, satisfy customer requirements, respond to competitive pressures or otherwise execute our business plan. Additionally, as our operating expenses increase in anticipation of the growth of our business, if such

growth does not meet our expectations, our financial results likely would be harmed.

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Defects or disruptions in our service could diminish demand for our service, harm our financial results and subject us to substantial liability.

Our customers use our service for important aspects of their businesses, and any errors, defects, disruptions to our service or other performance problems with our service could hurt our reputation and may damage our customers' businesses. From time to time, we have found defects in our service, and new errors in our existing service may be detected in the future. For example, recently a few of our largest customers have been experiencing reduced levels of availability, performance and functionality due to the scale at which they have implemented our service. We provide regular product updates, which frequently contain undetected errors when first introduced or released. Defects may also be introduced by our use of third-party software, including open-source software. Defects can be hard to detect and may result in disruptions to our service. In addition, our customers may use our service in ways that cause disruptions in service for other customers. Customers have delayed, and may in the future delay, payment to us, may elect not to renew, and may make service credit claims, warranty claims or other claims against us. As a result, we could lose future sales. Further, if we do not meet the stated service level commitments we have guaranteed to our customers or suffer extended periods of unavailability for our service, we have provided and in the future may be contractually obligated to provide these customers with credits for future service. The occurrence of payment delays, service credit, warranty or other claims against us could result in an increase in our bad debt expense, an increase in collection cycles for accounts receivable, an increase to our warranty provisions, or increased expenses or risks of litigation. We do not carry insurance sufficient to compensate us for the potentially significant losses that may result from claims arising from defects or disruptions in our service or the potential harm to the future growth of our business due to defects or disruptions.

If our security measures are breached or unauthorized access to customer data is otherwise obtained, our service may be perceived as not being secure, customers may curtail or stop using our service, and we may incur significant liabilities.

Our operations involve the storage and transmission of our customers' confidential information, and security breaches, computer malware and computer hacking attacks could expose us to a risk of loss of this information, litigation, indemnity obligations and other liability. For example, our third-party data center facility in London was subjected to a distributed denial of service attack in January 2012 that prevented some of our customers hosted in that data center from using our service intermittently for a period of about three hours. While we have administrative, technical, and physical security measures in place, and try to contractually require third parties to whom we transfer data to implement and maintain appropriate security measures, if our security measures are breached as a result of third-party action, employee error, malfeasance or otherwise, and, as a result, someone obtains unauthorized access to our customers' data, including personally identifiable information regarding users, our reputation will be damaged, our business may suffer and we could incur significant liability. Additionally, third parties may attempt to fraudulently induce employees or customers into disclosing sensitive information such as user names, passwords or other information in order to gain access to our customers' data or our data, including our intellectual property and other confidential business information, or our information technology systems. Because techniques used to obtain unauthorized access or to sabotage systems change frequently and generally are not recognized until successfully launched against a target, we may be unable to anticipate these techniques or to implement adequate preventative measures. If an actual or perceived breach of our security occurs, the market perception of the effectiveness of our security measures could be harmed and we could lose potential sales and existing customers.

We need to continue to invest in enhancements to our cloud infrastructure and if our required investments are greater than anticipated or fail to yield anticipated cost savings and performance benefits, our financial results will be negatively impacted.

We have made and will continue to make substantial investments in new equipment to support growth at our data centers, provide enhanced levels of service to our customers and reduce future costs of subscription revenues. In the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we purchased \$18.8 million in equipment for use in our data centers. Ongoing improvements to our cloud infrastructure may be more expensive than we anticipate, and

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may not yield the expected savings in operating costs or the expected performance benefits. In addition, we may be required to re-invest any cost savings achieved from prior cloud infrastructure improvements in future infrastructure projects to maintain the levels of service required by our customers. We may not be able to maintain or achieve cost savings from our investments, which could harm our financial results.

We may not timely and effectively scale and adapt our existing technology to meet our customers' performance and other requirements.

Our future growth is dependent upon our ability to continue to meet the needs of new customers and the expanding needs of our existing customers as their use of our service grows. As our customers gain more experience with our service, the number of users and transactions managed by our service, the amount of data transferred, processed and stored by us, the number of locations where our service is being accessed, and the number of processes and systems managed by our service on behalf of these customers have in some cases, and may in the future, expand rapidly. Recently, a few of our largest customers have been experiencing reduced levels of availability, performance and functionality due to the scale at which they have implemented our service. In order to meet the performance and other requirements of our customers, we intend to continue to make significant investments to develop and implement new technologies in our service and cloud infrastructure operations. These technologies, which include databases, applications and server optimizations, network and hosting strategies, and automation, are often advanced, complex, new and untested. We may not be successful in developing or implementing these technologies. In addition, it takes a significant amount of time to plan, develop and test improvements to our technologies and infrastructure, and we may not be able to accurately forecast demand or predict the results we will realize from such improvements. We are also dependent upon open source and other third-party technologies and may be unable to quickly effect changes to such technologies, which may prevent us from rapidly responding to evolving customer requirements. To the extent that we do not effectively scale our service and operations to meet the needs of our growing customer base and to maintain performance as our customers expand their use of our service, we may not be able to grow as quickly as we anticipate, our customers may reduce or cancel use of our services and we may be unable to compete as effectively and our business and operating results may be harmed.

Interruptions or delays in service from our third-party data center facilities could impair the delivery of our service and harm our business.

We currently serve our customers from third-party data center facilities, operated by several different providers, located around the world, with the largest located in Virginia, California, London and Amsterdam. Any damage to, or failure of, our systems, or those of our third-party data centers, could result in interruptions in our service. Impairment of or interruptions in our service may reduce our revenues, cause us to issue credits or pay penalties, subject us to claims and litigation, cause our customers to terminate their subscriptions and adversely affect our renewal rates and our ability to attract new customers. Our business will also be harmed if our customers and potential customers believe our service is unreliable.

We do not control, or in some cases have limited control over, the operation of the data center facilities we use, and they are vulnerable to damage or interruption from earthquakes, floods, fires, power loss and similar events. They may also be subject to break-ins, sabotage, intentional acts of vandalism and similar misconduct, and to adverse events caused by operator error. We cannot rapidly switch to new data centers or move customers from one data center to another in the event of any adverse event. Despite precautions taken at these facilities, the occurrence of a natural disaster, an act of terrorism or other act of malfeasance, a decision to close the facilities without adequate notice or other unanticipated problems at these facilities could result in lengthy interruptions in our service and the loss of customer data.

If the market for our technology delivery model and SaaS develops more slowly than we expect, our growth may slow or stall, and our operating results would be harmed.

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Use of SaaS applications to manage and automate enterprise IT is at an early stage. We do not know whether the trend of adoption of enterprise SaaS solutions we have experienced in the past will continue in the

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future. In particular, many organizations have invested substantial personnel and financial resources to integrate legacy software into their businesses over time, and some have been reluctant or unwilling to migrate to SaaS. Furthermore, some organizations, particularly large enterprises upon which we are dependent, have been reluctant or unwilling to use SaaS because they have concerns regarding the risks associated with the security of their data and the reliability of the technology delivery model associated with these solutions. In addition, if other SaaS providers experience security incidents, loss of customer data, disruptions in delivery or other problems, the market for SaaS solutions as a whole, including our service, will be negatively impacted. If the adoption of SaaS solutions does not continue, the market for these solutions may stop developing or may develop more slowly than we expect, either of which would harm our operating results.

The market in which we participate is intensely competitive, and if we do not compete effectively, our operating results could be harmed.

The market for enterprise IT operations management solutions is fragmented, rapidly evolving and highly competitive, with relatively low barriers to entry in some segments. Many of our competitors and potential competitors are larger and have greater name recognition, much longer operating histories, more established customer relationships, larger marketing budgets and significantly greater resources than we do. As a result, our competitors may be able to respond more quickly and effectively than we can to new or changing opportunities, technologies, standards or customer requirements. With the introduction of new technologies, the evolution of our service and new market entrants, we expect competition to intensify in the future. If we fail to compete effectively, our business will be harmed. Some of our principal competitors offer their products or services at a lower price, which has resulted in pricing pressures. If we are unable to achieve our target pricing levels, our operating results would be negatively impacted. In addition, pricing pressures and increased competition generally could result in reduced sales, reduced margins, losses or the failure of our service to achieve or maintain more widespread market acceptance, any of which could harm our business.

We face competition from in-house solutions, large integrated systems vendors and smaller companies with point solutions including SaaS offerings. Our competitors vary in size and in the breadth and scope of the products and services offered. Our primary competitors include BMC Software, Inc., CA, Inc., Hewlett-Packard Company and International Business Machines Corporation, all of which are much larger and have substantially more financial resources than we do, and have the operating flexibility to bundle competing products and services with other software offerings, including offering them at a lower price as part of a larger sale. In addition, many of our competitors offer SaaS solutions and may make acquisitions of businesses or assets that improve their service offerings. Further, other established SaaS providers not currently operating in enterprise IT operations management may expand their services to compete with our service. Many of our current and potential competitors have established marketing relationships, access to larger customer bases, pre-existing customer relationships and major distribution agreements with consultants, system integrators and resellers. In addition, some competitors may offer software that addresses one or a limited number of enterprise IT operation functions at lower prices or with greater depth than our service. Moreover, as we expand the scope of our service, we may face additional competition from platform and application development vendors. Additionally, some potential customers, particularly large enterprises, may elect to develop their own internal solutions. For all of these reasons, we may not be able to compete successfully against our current and future competitors.

Because our sales efforts are targeted at large enterprise customers, we face longer sales cycles, substantial upfront sales costs and less predictability in completing some of our sales. If our sales cycle lengthens, or if our substantial upfront sales investments do not result in sufficient sales, our operating results could be harmed.

We target our sales efforts at large enterprises, which we define as companies with over \$750 million in revenues and a minimum of 200 IT employees. For instance, we derived approximately 10%, 12% and 11% of our revenues from large enterprise customers in the financial services industry for fiscal 2011, the six months ended December 31, 2011 and the nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. Because our large

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enterprise customers are often making an enterprise-wide decision to deploy our service, sometimes on a global basis, we face long sales cycles, complex customer requirements, substantial upfront sales costs and less predictability in completing some of our sales. Our sales cycle is generally six to nine months, but is variable and difficult to predict and can be much longer. Large enterprises often undertake a prolonged evaluation of our service, including whether the customer needs professional services performed by us or a third party for its unique IT and business process needs, and a comparison of our service to products offered by our competitors. Moreover, our large enterprise customers often begin to deploy our service on a limited basis, but nevertheless demand extensive configuration, integration services and pricing concessions, which increase our upfront investment in the sales effort with no guarantee that these customers will deploy our service widely enough across their organization to justify our substantial upfront investment. It is possible in the future we may experience even longer sales cycles, more complex customer needs, higher upfront sales costs and less predictability in completing some of our sales as we continue to expand our direct sales force and thereby increase the percentage of our sales personnel with less experience in selling our service, expand into new territories and expand into functional areas outside of the traditional ITIL processes. If our sales cycle lengthens or our substantial upfront sales and implementation investments do not result in sufficient sales to justify our investments, our operating results may be harmed.

Our business depends substantially on our customers renewing their subscriptions and purchasing additional subscriptions from us. Any decline in our customer renewals would harm our future operating results.

In order for us to maintain or improve our operating results, it is important that our customers renew their subscriptions when the initial contract term expires and add additional authorized users to their subscriptions. Our customers have no obligation to renew their subscriptions, and we cannot assure you that our customers will renew subscriptions with a similar contract period or with the same or a greater number of authorized users. Although our renewal rates have been historically high, some of our customers have elected not to renew their agreements with us and we cannot accurately predict renewal rates. Moreover, in some cases, some of our customers have the right to cancel their agreements prior to the expiration of the term.

Our renewal rates may decline or fluctuate as a result of a number of factors, including their satisfaction with our subscription service, our professional services, our customer support, our prices, the prices of competing solutions, mergers and acquisitions affecting our customer base, the effects of global economic conditions, or reductions in our customers' spending levels. Our future success also depends in part on our ability to sell more subscriptions and additional professional services to our current customers. If our customers do not renew their subscriptions, renew on less favorable terms or fail to add more authorized users or fail to purchase additional professional services, our revenues may decline, and we may not realize improved operating results from our customer base.

If we are not able to develop enhancements and new applications that achieve market acceptance or that keep pace with technological developments, our business could be harmed.

Our ability to attract new customers and increase revenues from existing customers depends in large part on our ability to enhance and improve our existing service and to introduce new services. In order to grow our business, we must develop a service that reflects future updates to the ITIL framework and extends beyond the ITIL framework into other areas of enterprise IT operations management. The success of any enhancement or new service depends on several factors, including timely completion, adequate quality testing, introduction and market acceptance. Any new service that we develop may not be introduced in a timely or cost-effective manner, contain defects or may not achieve the broad market acceptance necessary to generate significant revenues. If we are unable to successfully develop new applications or enhance our existing service to meet customer requirements, our business and operating results will be harmed.

Because we designed our service to be provided over the Internet, we need to continuously modify and enhance our service to keep pace with changes in Internet-related hardware, software, communication and

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database technologies and standards. If we are unable to respond in a timely and cost-effective manner to these rapid technological developments and standards changes, our service may become less marketable and less competitive or obsolete and our operating results may be harmed.

If we fail to integrate our service with a variety of operating systems, software applications and hardware that are developed by others, our service may become less marketable and less competitive or obsolete, and our operating results would be harmed.

Our service must integrate with a variety of network, hardware and software platforms, and we need to continuously modify and enhance our platform to adapt to changes in cloud-enabled hardware, software, networking, browser and database technologies. Any failure of our service to operate effectively with future infrastructure platforms and technologies could reduce the demand for our service, resulting in customer dissatisfaction and harm to our business. If we are unable to respond to these changes in a cost-effective manner, our service may become less marketable and less competitive or obsolete and our operating results may be negatively impacted. In addition, an increasing number of individuals within the enterprise are utilizing mobile devices to access the Internet and corporate resources and to conduct business. If we cannot effectively make our service available on these mobile devices and offer the information, services and functionality required by enterprises that widely use mobile devices, we may experience difficulty attracting and retaining customers.

A portion of our revenues are generated by sales to government entities and heavily regulated organizations, which are subject to a number of challenges and risks.

A portion of our sales are to governmental agencies. Additionally, many of our current and prospective customers, such as those in the financial services and health care industries, are highly regulated and may be required to comply with more stringent regulations in connection with subscribing to and implementing our service. Selling to these entities can be highly competitive, expensive and time consuming, often requiring significant upfront time and expense without any assurance that we will successfully complete a sale. Government and highly regulated entities often require contract terms that differ from our standard arrangements and impose compliance requirements that are complicated, require preferential pricing or most favored nation terms and conditions, or are otherwise time consuming and expensive to satisfy. Due to the additional requirements of the U.S. federal government, we are in the process of establishing compliance with the Federal Information Security Management Act and other federal standards relating to our operations, security controls, processes and architecture. Individual agencies also have unique requirements, such as requirements that we use U.S.-only personnel or a requirement to use our service in a non-hosted environment. We may not be able to meet these standards or requirements. Even if we do meet them, the additional costs associated with providing our service to government and highly regulated customers could harm our margins. Moreover, changes in the underlying regulatory conditions that affect these types of customers could harm our ability to efficiently provide our service to them and to grow or maintain our customer base.

Failure to effectively expand our sales and marketing capabilities could harm our ability to increase our customer base and achieve broader market acceptance of our service.

Increasing our customer base and achieving broader market acceptance of our service will depend, to a significant extent, on our ability to effectively expand our sales and marketing operations and activities. We are substantially dependent on our direct sales force to obtain new customers. From September 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012, our sales and marketing organization increased from 206 to 330 employees. We plan to continue to expand our direct sales force both domestically and internationally. We believe that there is significant competition for direct sales personnel with the sales skills and technical knowledge that we require. Our ability to achieve significant revenue growth in the future will depend, in large part, on our success in recruiting, training and retaining a sufficient number of direct sales personnel. New hires require significant training and time before they achieve full productivity, particularly in new sales territories. Our recent hires and planned hires may not become as productive as quickly as we would like, and we may be unable to hire or retain

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sufficient numbers of qualified individuals in the future in the markets where we do business. Because we do not have a long history of expansion in our sales force, we cannot predict whether or to what extent our sales will increase as we expand our sales force or how long it will take for sales personnel to become productive. Moreover, we do not have significant experience as an organization developing and implementing overseas marketing campaigns, and such campaigns may be expensive and difficult to implement. Our business will be harmed if our expansion efforts do not generate a significant increase in revenues.

Our current management team is new and if we lose key members of our management team or are unable to attract and retain executives and employees we need to support our operations and growth, our business may be harmed.

Each of our executive officers either joined us recently or has taken on a new role in the organization. These changes in our executive management team may be disruptive to our business. Our success depends substantially upon the continued services of this new group of executive officers, particularly Frank Sloatman, our Chief Executive Officer, who joined us in May 2011, and Frederic B. Luddy, our founder and Chief Product Officer, who are critical to our vision, strategic direction, culture, services and technology. From time to time, there may be changes in our executive management team resulting from the hiring or departure of executives. Our executive officers are generally employed on an at-will basis, which means that our executive officers could terminate their employment with us at any time. The loss of one or more of our executive officers or the failure by our executive team to effectively work with our employees and lead our company could harm our business.

In the technology industry, there is substantial and continuous competition for engineers with high levels of experience in designing, developing and managing software and Internet-related solutions, as well as competition for sales executives and operations personnel. We may not be successful in attracting and retaining qualified personnel. We have from time to time experienced, and we expect to continue to experience, difficulty in hiring and retaining highly skilled employees with appropriate qualifications. In particular, competition for experienced software and cloud infrastructure engineers in San Diego, San Jose, Seattle, London and Amsterdam, our primary operating locations, is intense. If we fail to attract new personnel or fail to retain and motivate our current personnel, our business and future growth prospects could be harmed.

Our quarterly results may fluctuate, and if we fail to meet the expectations of analysts or investors, our stock price and the value of your investment could decline substantially.

Our quarterly financial results may fluctuate as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are outside of our control. If our quarterly financial results fall below the expectations of investors or any securities analysts who follow our stock, the price of our common stock could decline substantially. Some of the important factors that may cause our revenues, operating results and cash flows to fluctuate from quarter to quarter include:

our ability to retain and increase sales to existing customers, attract new customers and satisfy our customers' requirements;

the number of new employees added;

the rate of expansion and productivity of our sales force;

changes in the relative and absolute levels of professional services we provide;

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the cost, timing and management effort for the development of new services;

the length of the sales cycle for our service;

changes in our pricing policies whether initiated by us or as a result of competition;

the amount and timing of operating costs and capital expenditures related to the operations and expansion of our business;

significant security breaches, technical difficulties or interruptions with our service;

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new solutions, products or changes in pricing policies introduced by our competitors;

changes in foreign currency exchange rates;

changes in effective tax rates;

general economic conditions that may adversely affect either our customers' ability or willingness to purchase additional subscriptions, delay a prospective customer's purchasing decision, reduce the value of new subscription contracts, or affect renewal rates;

changes in deferred revenue balances due to the seasonal nature of our customer invoicing, changes in the average duration of our customer agreements, the rate of renewals and the rate of new business growth;

the timing of customer payments and payment defaults by customers;

extraordinary expenses such as litigation or other dispute-related settlement payments;

the impact of new accounting pronouncements; and

the timing of stock awards to employees and the related adverse financial statement impact of having to expense those stock awards ratably over their vesting schedules.

Many of these factors are outside of our control, and the occurrence of one or more of them might cause our operating results to vary widely. As such, we believe that quarter-to-quarter comparisons of our revenues, operating results and cash flows may not be meaningful and should not be relied upon as an indication of future performance.

We expect our revenue growth rate to decline, and as our costs increase, we may not be able to generate sufficient revenue to sustain our profitability over the long term.

From fiscal 2009 to fiscal 2011, our revenues grew from \$19.3 million to \$92.6 million, which represents a compounded annual growth rate of 119%. We expect that, in the future, as our revenues increase to higher levels, our revenue growth rate will decline. However, we may not be able to generate sufficient revenues to achieve and sustain profitability as we also expect our costs to increase in future periods. We expect to continue to expend substantial financial and other resources on:

our technology infrastructure, including enhancements to our cloud architecture and hiring of additional employees for our research and development team;

software development, including investments in our software development team, the development of new features and the improvement of the scalability, availability and security of our service;

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sales and marketing, including a significant expansion of our direct sales organization;

international expansion in an effort to increase our customer base and sales; and

general administration, including legal and accounting expenses related to being a public company.

These investments may not result in increased revenues or growth in our business. If we fail to continue to grow our revenues and overall business, our operating results and business would be harmed.

Because we recognize revenues from our subscription service over the subscription term, downturns or upturns in new sales and renewals will not be immediately reflected in our operating results.

We generally recognize revenues from customers ratably over the terms of their subscriptions, which on average are approximately 30 months in duration for initial contract terms, although terms can range from 12 to 120 months. As a result, most of the revenues we report in each quarter are derived from the recognition of deferred revenues relating to subscriptions entered into during previous quarters. Consequently, a decline in new

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or renewed subscriptions in any single quarter will likely have only a small impact on our revenue results for that quarter. Such a decline, however, will negatively affect our revenues in future quarters. Accordingly, the effect of significant downturns in sales and market acceptance of our service, and potential changes in our rate of renewals may not be fully reflected in our results of operations until future periods. Our subscription model also makes it difficult for us to rapidly increase our revenues through additional sales in any period, as revenues from new customers must be recognized over the applicable subscription term. In addition, we may be unable to adjust our cost structure to reflect the changes in revenues.

If we are unable to successfully manage the growth of our professional services business and improve our profit margin from these services, our operating results will be harmed.

Our professional services business, which performs implementation and configuration of our subscription service for our customers, has grown as our revenues from subscriptions have grown. We believe our investment in professional services facilitates the adoption of our subscription service. As a result, our sales efforts have been focused primarily on our subscription service, rather than the profitability of our professional services business. Historically, our pricing for professional services was predominantly on a fixed-fee basis and the cost of the time and materials incurred to complete these services were greater than the amount charged to the customer. These factors contributed to our negative gross profit percentages from professional services and other of (220)%, (202)% and (21)% for fiscal 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively, (43)% and (51)% for the six months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively, and (20)% and (6)% for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012, respectively. The improvement in gross profit percentages was due in part to the adoption of new revenue recognition accounting guidance commencing on July 1, 2010. In addition, in December 2011, we began shifting our pricing model to a time-and-materials basis and pricing our services predominantly based on the anticipated cost of those services. If we are unable to successfully transition to a time-and-materials based pricing model and manage the growth of our professional services business, our operating results, including our profit margins, will be harmed. In addition, the shift to this new pricing model may cause our sales cycle to lengthen.

We may be sued by third parties for alleged infringement of their proprietary rights.

There is considerable patent and other intellectual property development activity in our industry. Our success depends in part on not infringing upon the intellectual property rights of others. From time to time, our competitors or other third parties may claim that we are infringing upon their intellectual property rights, and we may be found to be infringing upon such rights. In the future, we may receive claims that our applications and underlying technology infringe or violate the claimant's intellectual property rights. However, we may be unaware of the intellectual property rights of others that may cover some or all of our technology or services. Any claims or litigation could cause us to incur significant expenses and, if successfully asserted against us, could require that we pay substantial damages or ongoing royalty payments, prevent us from offering our service, or require that we comply with other unfavorable terms. We may also be obligated to indemnify our customers or business partners in connection with any such litigation and to obtain licenses, modify our service or refund fees, which could further exhaust our resources. In addition, we may pay substantial settlement costs to resolve claims or litigation, whether or not legitimately or successfully asserted against us, which could include royalty payments in connection with any such litigation and to obtain licenses, modify our service or refund fees, which could further exhaust our resources. Even if we were to prevail in the event of claims or litigation against us, any claim or litigation regarding our intellectual property could be costly and time-consuming and divert the attention of our management and key personnel from our business operations. Such disputes could also disrupt our service, causing an adverse impact to our customer satisfaction and related renewal rates.

Our use of open source software could harm our ability to sell our service and subject us to possible litigation.

A significant portion of the technologies licensed or developed by us incorporate so-called open source software, and we may incorporate open source software into other services in the future. We attempt to monitor

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our use of open source software in an effort to avoid subjecting our service to conditions we do not intend; however, there can be no assurance that our efforts have been or will be successful. There is little or no legal precedent governing the interpretation of the terms of open source licenses, and therefore the potential impact of these terms on our business is uncertain and enforcement of these terms may result in unanticipated obligations regarding our service and technologies. For example, depending on which open source license governs open source software included within our service or technologies, we may be subjected to conditions requiring us to offer our service to users at no cost; make available the source code for modifications and derivative works based upon, incorporating or using the open source software; and license such modifications or derivative works under the terms of the particular open source license.

If an author or other third party that distributes such open source software were to allege that we had not complied with the conditions of one or more of these licenses, we could be required to incur significant legal costs defending ourselves against such allegations, we could be subject to significant damages or be enjoined from the distribution of our service. In addition, if we combine our proprietary software with open source software in a certain manner, under some open source licenses we could be required to release the source code of our proprietary software, which could substantially help our competitors develop solutions that are similar to or better than our service.

Any failure to protect our intellectual property rights could impair our ability to protect our proprietary technology and our brand.

Our success depends to a significant degree on our ability to protect our proprietary technology and our brand. We rely on a combination of copyright, trade secret and other intellectual property laws and confidentiality procedures to protect our proprietary rights. If we fail to protect our intellectual property rights adequately, our competitors may gain access to our technology and our business may be harmed. In addition, defending our intellectual property rights might entail significant expense. Any of our trademarks or other intellectual property rights may be challenged by others or invalidated through administrative process or litigation. We have only recently begun to develop a strategy to seek, and may be unable to obtain, patent protection for our technology. In addition, any patents issued in the future may not provide us with competitive advantages, or may be successfully challenged by third parties. Furthermore, legal standards relating to the validity, enforceability and scope of protection of intellectual property rights are uncertain. Effective patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret protection may not be available to us in every country in which our service is available. The laws of some foreign countries may not be as protective of intellectual property rights as those in the United States, and mechanisms for enforcement of intellectual property rights may be inadequate. Accordingly, despite our efforts, we may be unable to prevent third parties from infringing upon or misappropriating our intellectual property.

We may be required to spend significant resources to monitor and protect our intellectual property rights. We may initiate claims or litigation against third parties for infringement of our proprietary rights or to establish the validity of our proprietary rights. Any litigation, whether or not it is resolved in our favor, could result in significant expense to us and divert the efforts of our technical and management personnel.

Our growth depends in part on the success of our strategic relationships with third parties and their continued performance.

We anticipate that we will continue to depend on various third-party relationships in order to grow our business. In particular, we depend on a limited number of third parties to provide a majority of our implementation services. Our strategy is to work with third parties to increase the breadth of capability and the depth of capacity for delivery of these services to our customers.

We intend to expand our relationships with third parties, such as implementation partners, systems integrators and managed services providers. Identifying these and other partners, and negotiating and documenting relationships with them, require significant time and resources. Our agreements with partners are

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typically non-exclusive and do not prohibit them from working with our competitors or from offering competing solutions. Our competitors may be effective in providing incentives to third parties, including our partners, to favor their solutions or to prevent or reduce subscriptions to our service either by disrupting our relationship with existing customers or by limiting our ability to win new customers. In addition, global economic conditions could harm the businesses of our partners, and it is possible that they may not be able to devote the additional resources we expect to the relationship. If we are unsuccessful in establishing or maintaining our relationships with these third parties, our ability to compete in the marketplace or to grow our revenues could be impaired and our operating results would suffer. Even if we are successful, we cannot assure you that these relationships will result in greater customer usage of our service or increased revenues.

If a customer is not satisfied with the quality of work performed by us or a third party, we could incur additional costs to address the situation, the profitability of that work might be impaired, and the customer's dissatisfaction with our professional services could damage our ability to obtain additional revenues from that customer or prospective customers.

Sales to customers outside North America expose us to risks inherent in international sales.

Because we sell our service throughout the world, we are subject to risks and challenges that we would otherwise not face if we conducted our business only in North America. Sales outside of North America represented 25%, 29% and 29% of our total revenues for fiscal 2011, the six months ended December 31, 2011 and the nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, and we intend to continue to expand our international sales efforts. Our business and future prospects depend on increasing our international sales as a percentage of our total revenues, and the failure to grow internationally will harm our business. The risks and challenges associated with sales to customers outside North America are different in some ways from those associated with sales in North America and we have a limited history addressing those risks and meeting those challenges. The risks and challenges inherent with international sales include:

localization of our service, including translation into foreign languages and associated expenses;

differing laws and business practices, which may favor local competitors;

longer sales cycles;

compliance with multiple, conflicting and changing governmental laws and regulations, including employment, tax, privacy and data protection laws and regulations;

treatment of revenues from international sources and changes to tax codes, including being subject to foreign tax laws and being liable for paying withholding, income or other taxes in foreign jurisdictions;

regional data privacy laws that apply to the transmission of our customers' data across international borders;

foreign currency fluctuations and controls;

different pricing environments;

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difficulties in staffing and managing foreign operations;

different or lesser protection of our intellectual property;

longer accounts receivable payment cycles and other collection difficulties;

regional economic conditions; and

regional political conditions.

Any of these factors could negatively impact our business and results of operations.

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We face exposure to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

We conduct significant transactions, including intercompany transactions, in currencies other than the United States dollar or the functional operating currency of the transactional entities. In addition, our international subsidiaries maintain significant net assets that are denominated in currencies other than the functional operating currencies of these entities. Accordingly, changes in the value of foreign currencies relative to the United States dollar can affect our revenues and operating results due to transactional and translational remeasurement that is reflected in our earnings. We do not currently maintain a program to hedge transactional exposures in foreign currencies. However, in the future, we may use derivative instruments, such as foreign currency forward and option contracts, to hedge certain exposures to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. The use of such hedging activities may not offset any or more than a portion of the adverse financial effects of unfavorable movements in foreign exchange rates over the limited time the hedges are in place. Moreover, the use of hedging instruments may introduce additional risks if we are unable to structure effective hedges with such instruments.

Weakened global economic conditions may harm our industry, business and results of operations.

Our overall performance depends in part on worldwide economic conditions, which may remain challenging for the foreseeable future. Global financial developments seemingly unrelated to us or the IT industry may harm us. The United States and other key international economies have been impacted by falling demand for a variety of goods and services, restricted credit, poor liquidity, reduced corporate profitability, volatility in credit, equity and foreign exchange markets, bankruptcies and overall uncertainty with respect to the economy. These conditions affect the rate of information technology spending and could adversely affect our customers' ability or willingness to purchase our service, delay prospective customers' purchasing decisions, reduce the value or duration of their subscriptions, or affect renewal rates, all of which could harm our operating results.

Changes in laws, regulations and standards related to the Internet may cause our business to suffer.

Federal, state or foreign government bodies or agencies have in the past adopted, and may in the future adopt, laws and regulations affecting data privacy and the use of the Internet as a commercial medium. Industry organizations also regularly adopt and advocate for new standards in this area. For instance, we believe increased regulation is likely in the area of data privacy, and changing laws, regulations and standards applying to the solicitation, collection, processing or use of personal or consumer information could affect our customers' ability to use and share data, potentially restricting our ability to store, process and share data with our customers. In addition, government agencies or private organizations may begin to impose taxes, fees or other charges for accessing the Internet, commerce conducted via the Internet or validation that particular processes follow the latest standards. These changes could limit the viability of Internet-based services such as ours. If we are not able to adjust to changing laws, regulations and standards related to the Internet, our business may be harmed.

Unanticipated changes in our effective tax rate could harm our future results.

We are subject to income taxes in the United States and various foreign jurisdictions, and our domestic and international tax liabilities are subject to the allocation of expenses in differing jurisdictions. Our effective tax rate could be adversely affected by changes in the mix of earnings and losses in countries with differing statutory tax rates, certain non-deductible expenses as a result of acquisitions, the valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities and changes in federal, state or international tax laws and accounting principles. Increases in our effective tax rate would reduce our profitability or in some cases increase our losses.

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In addition, we may be subject to income tax audits by many tax jurisdictions throughout the world, many of which have not established clear guidance on the tax treatment of SaaS-based companies. Although we believe our income tax liabilities are reasonably estimated and accounted for in accordance with applicable laws and principles, an adverse resolution of one or more uncertain tax positions in any period could have a material impact on the results of operations for that period.

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Natural disasters and other events beyond our control could harm our business.

Natural disasters or other catastrophic events may cause damage or disruption to our operations, international commerce and the global economy, and thus could have a strong negative effect on us. Our business operations are subject to interruption by natural disasters, fire, power shortages, pandemics and other events beyond our control. Although we maintain crisis management and disaster response plans, such events could make it difficult or impossible for us to deliver our service to our customers, and could decrease demand for our service. The majority of our research and development activities, corporate offices, information technology systems, and other critical business operations are located near major seismic faults in California. Customer data could be lost, significant recovery time could be required to resume operations and our financial condition and operating results could be harmed in the event of a major earthquake or catastrophic event.

We are an emerging growth company, and any decision on our part to comply with certain reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies could make our common stock less attractive to investors.

We are an emerging growth company, as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act enacted in April 2012, and, for as long as we continue to be an emerging growth company, we may choose to take advantage of exemptions from various reporting requirements applicable to other public companies including, but not limited to, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements, and exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved. We could be an emerging growth company for up to five years, although, if the market value of our common stock that is held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of June 30 of any year starting with June 30, 2013, we could cease to be an emerging growth company as of the following December 31. We cannot predict if investors will find our common stock less attractive if we choose to rely on these exemptions. If some investors find our common stock less attractive as a result of any choices to reduce future disclosure, there may be a less active trading market for our common stock and our stock price may be more volatile.

Under Section 107(b) of the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act, emerging growth companies can delay adopting new or revised accounting standards until such time as those standards apply to private companies. We have irrevocably elected not to avail ourselves of this exemption from new or revised accounting standards and, therefore, we will be subject to the same new or revised accounting standards as other public companies that are not emerging growth companies.

We incur significant costs as a result of operating as a public company and our management has to devote substantial time to public company communications and compliance obligations.

As a public company and particularly after we cease to be an emerging growth company, we incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act and other legislation and rules implemented by the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, and the New York Stock Exchange impose various requirements on public companies, including requiring changes in corporate governance practices. Our management and other personnel need to devote a substantial amount of time to these compliance requirements. These burdens may increase as new legislation is passed and implemented, including any new requirements that the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 may impose on public companies. Moreover, these rules and regulations, along with compliance with accounting principles and regulatory interpretations of such principles, have increased and will continue to increase our legal, accounting and financial compliance costs and have made and will continue to make some activities more time-consuming and costly. For example, we expect these rules and regulations to make it more difficult and more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance, and we may be required to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantial costs to maintain the same or similar coverage.

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These rules and regulations could also make it more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified persons to serve on our board of directors or our board committees, or as executive officers.

If we do not remediate material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting or are unable to implement and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting in the future, the accuracy and timeliness of our financial reporting may be adversely affected.

Prior to our initial public offering in June 2012, we were a private company and historically had limited accounting personnel to adequately execute our accounting processes and other supervisory resources with which to address our internal control over financial reporting. This lack of adequate accounting resources contributed to audit adjustments to our financial statements in the past.

In connection with our preparation of the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2011 and the six months ended December 31, 2011, our independent registered public accounting firm identified control deficiencies in our internal control that constituted material weaknesses. A material weakness is defined under the standards issued by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board as a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. The material weaknesses our independent registered public accounting firm identified related to the design and operation of policies and procedures for accounting and reporting control processes, performance of account review and analysis, the development and review of complex judgments and estimates, the preparation of the provision for income taxes and the identification, communication and accounting of significant contracts and agreements. These material weaknesses, which contributed to multiple audit adjustments, primarily resulted from our failure to maintain a sufficient number of personnel with an appropriate level of knowledge, experience and training in the application of U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP.

We are in the process of implementing measures designed to improve our internal control over financial reporting to remediate these material weaknesses. During the six months ended December 31, 2011, we hired a new Chief Financial Officer, a new Vice President of Finance and several new finance and accounting managers which significantly increases our finance and accounting team's experience in GAAP and financial reporting for publicly traded companies. In September 2011, we engaged a third-party tax firm and in February 2012, we hired a Senior Manager of Internal Audit. In March 2012, we hired a Vice President of Tax to assist with the accounting for income taxes and review of complex tax accounting matters. In addition, we expect to retain consultants to advise us on making further improvements to our internal controls related to these accounting areas. We believe that these additional resources enable us to broaden the scope and quality of our internal review of underlying information related to financial reporting and to further enhance our financial review procedures, including both the accounting processes for income taxes and significant contracts and agreements.

We cannot assure you that the measures we have taken to date, or any measures we may take in the future, will be sufficient to remediate the material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting or to avoid potential future material weaknesses.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires, among other things, that we assess the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting annually and disclosure controls and procedures quarterly. In particular, beginning with the year ending on December 31, 2013, we must perform system and process evaluation and testing of our internal control over financial reporting to allow management to report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, as required by Section 404(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Our independent registered public accounting firm is not required to attest to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting pursuant to Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act until the later of the year following our first annual report required to be filed with the SEC, or the date we are no longer an emerging growth company. At such time, our independent registered public accounting firm may issue a report that is adverse in the event it is not satisfied with the level at which our controls are documented, designed or operating. Moreover, our testing, or the subsequent testing by our

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independent registered public accounting firm, that must be performed may reveal other material weaknesses or that the material weaknesses described above have not been fully remediated. If we do not remediate the material weaknesses described above, or if other material weaknesses are identified or we are not able to comply with the requirements of Section 404 in a timely manner, our reported financial results could be materially misstated or could subsequently require restatement, we could receive an adverse opinion regarding our internal controls over financial reporting from our independent registered public accounting firm and we could be subject to investigations or sanctions by regulatory authorities, which would require additional financial and management resources, and the market price of our stock could decline.

We may acquire or invest in companies, which may divert our management's attention, result in additional dilution to our stockholders, and we may be unable to integrate acquired businesses and technologies successfully or achieve the expected benefits of such acquisitions or investments.

We may evaluate and consider potential strategic transactions, including acquisitions of, or investments in, businesses, technologies, services, products and other assets in the future. We also may enter into relationships with other businesses to expand our service offerings or our ability to provide services in international locations, which could involve preferred or exclusive licenses, additional channels of distribution, discount pricing or investments in other companies. An acquisition, investment or business relationship may result in unforeseen operating difficulties and expenditures. In particular, we may encounter difficulties assimilating or integrating the businesses, technologies, products, personnel or operations of the acquired companies, particularly if the key personnel of the acquired company choose not to work for us, their software is not easily adapted to work with ours, or we have difficulty retaining the customers of any acquired business due to changes in ownership, management or otherwise. Acquisitions may also disrupt our business, divert our resources and require significant management attention that would otherwise be available for development of our existing business. Moreover, the anticipated benefits of any acquisition, investment or business relationship may not be realized or we may be exposed to unknown risks or liabilities.

Negotiating these transactions can be time-consuming, difficult and expensive, and our ability to close these transactions may often be subject to approvals that are beyond our control. Consequently, these transactions, even if undertaken and announced, may not close. For one or more of those transactions, we may:

issue additional equity securities that would dilute our stockholders;

use cash that we may need in the future to operate our business;

incur debt on terms unfavorable to us or that we are unable to repay;

incur large charges or substantial liabilities;

encounter difficulties retaining key employees of the acquired company or integrating diverse software codes or business cultures;
and

become subject to adverse tax consequences, substantial depreciation or deferred compensation charges.

Risks Relating to Ownership of Our Common Stock and this Offering

The market price of our common stock is likely to be volatile and could subject us to litigation.

The trading price of our common stock has been, and is likely to continue to be, volatile and could be subject to wide fluctuations in response to various factors, some of which are beyond our control. Since shares of our common stock were sold in our initial public offering in June 2012 at a price of \$18.00 per share, our stock price has ranged from \$22.62 to \$41.77 through September 30, 2012. In addition, the trading prices of the securities of technology companies in general have been highly volatile, and the volatility in market price and

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trading volume of securities is often unrelated or disproportionate to the financial performance of the companies issuing the securities. Factors affecting the market price of our common stock include:

variations in our operating results, earnings per share, cash flows from operating activities, deferred revenue, and other financial metrics and non-financial metrics, and how those results compare to analyst expectations;

forward-looking statements related to future revenues and earnings per share;

the net increases in the number of customers, either independently or as compared with published expectations of industry, financial or other analysts that cover our company;

changes in the estimates of our operating results or changes in recommendations by securities analysts that elect to follow our common stock;

announcements of technological innovations, new solutions or enhancements to services, strategic alliances or significant agreements by us or by our competitors;

announcements by us or by our competitors of mergers or other strategic acquisitions, or rumors of such transactions involving us or our competitors;

announcements of customer additions and customer cancellations or delays in customer purchases;

recruitment or departure of key personnel;

disruptions in our service due to computer hardware, software or network problems, security breaches, or other man-made or natural disasters;

the economy as a whole, market conditions in our industry, and the industries of our customers;

trading activity by a limited number of stockholders who together beneficially own a majority of our outstanding common stock;

the size of our market float; and

any other factors discussed herein.

In addition, if the market for technology stocks or the stock market in general experiences uneven investor confidence, the market price of our common stock could decline for reasons unrelated to our business, operating results or financial condition. The market price of our common stock might also decline in reaction to events that affect other companies within, or outside, our industry even if these events do not directly affect us. Some companies that have experienced volatility in the trading price of their stock have been the subject of securities class action litigation. If we are the subject of such litigation, it could result in substantial costs and a diversion of our management's attention and resources.

We have broad discretion in the use of the net proceeds from this offering and may not use them effectively.

Our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds from this offering, including for any of the purposes described in the section titled "Use of Proceeds," and you will not have the opportunity as part of your investment decision to assess whether the net proceeds are being used appropriately. Because of the number and variability of factors that will determine our use of the net proceeds from this offering, their ultimate use may vary substantially from their currently intended use. The failure by our management to apply these funds effectively could harm our business. Pending their use, we may invest the net proceeds from this offering in short-term, investment-grade, interest-bearing securities. These investments may not yield a favorable return to our stockholders.

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We do not intend to pay dividends on our common stock so any returns will be limited to changes in the value of our common stock.

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock. We currently anticipate that we will retain future earnings for the development, operation and expansion of our business and do not anticipate declaring or paying any cash dividends for the foreseeable future. In addition, our ability to pay cash dividends on our common stock may be prohibited or limited by the terms of any future debt financing arrangement. Any return to stockholders will therefore be limited to the increase, if any, of our stock price.

Our directors, officers and principal stockholders beneficially own a significant percentage of our stock and are able to exert significant control over matters subject to stockholder approval.

As of September 30, 2012, our directors, officers and five percent or greater stockholders and their respective affiliates beneficially owned in the aggregate approximately 77% of our outstanding voting stock and, upon completion of this offering, that same group will hold in the aggregate approximately 68% of our outstanding voting stock (assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares), including approximately 35% controlled by persons affiliated with JMI Equity. Therefore, after this offering these stockholders will continue to have the ability to influence us through this ownership position. These stockholders may be able to determine all matters requiring stockholder approval. For example, these stockholders will be able to control elections of directors, amendments of our organizational documents, or approval of any merger, sale of assets, or other major corporate transaction. This may prevent or discourage unsolicited acquisition proposals or offers for our common stock that you may feel are in your best interest as one of our stockholders.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market by our existing stockholders following this offering could cause our stock price to fall.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that these sales might occur could depress the market price of our common stock and could make it more difficult for you to sell your common stock at a time and price that you deem appropriate. We are unable to predict the effect that sales may have on the prevailing market price of our common stock.

As a result of the lock-up agreements described in *Shares Eligible for Future Sale* and *Underwriting* and certain transfer restrictions under our insider trading policy, shares will be available for sale in the public market at various times as follows, subject to the provisions of Rules 144 and 701 under the Securities Act:

27,397,500 shares sold in this offering and in our initial public offering will be immediately available for sale in the public market;

5,008,688 shares will become eligible for sale in the public market beginning on December 26, 2012 (the date on which the lock-up agreements related to our initial public offering expire);

42,688,326 shares subject to transfer restrictions under our insider trading policy will be eligible for sale in the public market beginning on the second trading day following our earnings release for the year ended December 31, 2012, including shares held by our affiliates, assuming the shares are held by persons subject to our insider trading policy, such as directors, officers or employees; provided, if the holder of any shares ceases to be employed by us, such holder's shares will become eligible for sale upon the expiration of the relevant lock-up agreement;

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47,476,072 shares will become eligible for sale in the public market beginning on the 91st day following the date of this prospectus upon expiration of lock-up agreements entered into in connection with this offering; and

2,450,980 shares will become eligible for sale in the public market beginning on February 21, 2013, all of which will be freely tradable under Rule 144.

Certain holders of shares of our common stock are entitled to rights with respect to the registration of their shares under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, subject to the lock-up arrangements

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described in Shares Eligible for Future Sale and Underwriting. Registration of these shares under the Securities Act would result in the shares becoming freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act, except for shares held by our affiliates as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act. Any sales of securities by these stockholders could have a material adverse effect on the trading price of our common stock.

Provisions in our restated certificate of incorporation and restated bylaws and Delaware law might discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of our company or changes in our management and, therefore, depress the market price of our common stock.

Our restated certificate of incorporation and restated bylaws contain provisions that could depress the market price of our common stock by acting to discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company or changes in our management that the stockholders of our company may deem advantageous. These provisions among other things:

establish a classified board of directors so that not all members of our board are elected at one time;

permit the board of directors to establish the number of directors;

provide that directors may only be removed for cause and only with the approval of 66 2/3% of our stockholders;

require super-majority voting to amend some provisions in our restated certificate of incorporation and restated bylaws;

authorize the issuance of blank check preferred stock that our board could use to implement a stockholder rights plan;

eliminate the ability of our stockholders to call special meetings of stockholders;

prohibit stockholder action by written consent, which requires all stockholder actions to be taken at a meeting of our stockholders;

provide that the board of directors is expressly authorized to make, alter or repeal our restated bylaws; and

establish advance notice requirements for nominations for election to our board or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at annual stockholder meetings.

In addition, Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law may discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company. Section 203 imposes certain restrictions on merger, business combinations and other transactions between us and holders of 15% or more of our common stock.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus includes forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, contained in this prospectus, including statements regarding our future results of operations, financial position and cash flows, our business strategy and plans and our objectives for future operations, are forward-looking statements. The words believe, may, will, estimate, continue, anticipate, would, should, intend and expect and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy, short-term and long-term business operations and objectives. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those described in Risk Factors. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risks emerge from time to time. It is not possible for our management to predict all risks, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements we may make. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the future events and trends discussed in this prospectus may not occur and actual results could differ materially and adversely from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements.

Although we believe the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. We are under no duty to update any of these forward-looking statements after the date of this prospectus or to conform these statements to actual results or revised expectations.

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INDUSTRY AND MARKET DATA

Unless otherwise indicated, information contained in this prospectus concerning our industry and the market in which we operate, including our general expectations, market position, market opportunity and market size, is based on information from various sources, including independent industry publications like those generated by Gartner, Inc. In presenting this information, we have also made assumptions based on such data and other similar sources and on our knowledge of, and our experience to date in, the markets for our service and related solutions. These data involve a number of assumptions and limitations, and you are cautioned not to give undue weight to such estimates. Although neither we nor the underwriters have independently verified the accuracy or completeness of any third-party information, we believe the market position, opportunity and market size information included in this prospectus is reliable and the conclusions contained in the third-party information are reasonable. In addition, projections, assumptions and estimates of our future performance and the future performance of the industry in which we operate are necessarily subject to a high degree of uncertainty and risk due to a variety of factors, including those described in Risk Factors and elsewhere in this prospectus. These and other factors could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in the estimates made by the independent parties and by us.

The Gartner report, Forecast: Enterprise Software Markets, Worldwide, 2009-2016, 3Q12 Update, September, 2012, described herein, or the Gartner Report, represents data, research opinion or viewpoints published as part of a syndicated subscription service, by Gartner and are not representations of fact. The Gartner Report speaks as of its original publication date (and not as of the date of this prospectus) and the opinions expressed in the Gartner Report are subject to change without notice.

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We estimate that our net proceeds from the sale of the shares of common stock offered by us will be approximately \$43.3 million, based on the public offering price of \$28.00 per share, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. If the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full, we estimate that the net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$49.9 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of common stock by the selling stockholders.

The principal purposes of this offering are to facilitate an orderly distribution of our shares by selling stockholders, increase our public float, and increase our financial flexibility. While we have no specific plans at this time, we may use some of the proceeds from this offering to make additions to and expand our data center operations, and to build out our office facilities. We intend to use the net proceeds to us from this offering for working capital and other general corporate purposes. Additionally, we may choose to expand our current business through acquisitions of, or investments in, other businesses, products or technologies, using cash or shares of our common stock. However, we have no commitments with respect to any such acquisitions or investments at this time.

Pending the use of proceeds from this offering, we intend to invest the net proceeds in short-term, interest-bearing, investment-grade securities. Our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds from this offering and investors will be relying on the judgment of our management regarding the application of the proceeds.

MARKET PRICE OF COMMON STOCK

Our common stock has been listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol **NOW** since June 29, 2012. Prior to that date, there was no public trading market for our common stock. Our initial public offering was priced at \$18.00 per share on June 28, 2012. The following table sets forth for the periods indicated the high and low sales prices per share of our common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange:

	Low	High
Year ending December 31, 2012		
Second Quarter (beginning June 29, 2012)	\$ 22.83	\$ 24.75
Third Quarter	\$ 22.62	\$ 41.77
Fourth Quarter (through November 14, 2012)	\$ 28.15	\$ 38.14

On November 14, 2012, the last reported sale price of our common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange was \$28.71 per share.

As of September 30, 2012, we had 200 holders of record of our common stock. The actual number of stockholders is greater than this number of record holders, and includes stockholders who are beneficial owners, but whose shares are held in street name by brokers and other nominees. This number of holders of record also does not include stockholders whose shares may be held in trust by other entities.

DIVIDEND POLICY

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We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our capital stock. We currently intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings to support our operations and finance the growth and development of our business. We do not intend to pay cash dividends on our common stock for the foreseeable future. Any future determination related to dividend policy will be made at the discretion of our board of directors.

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The following table sets forth our cash, cash equivalents and short term investments, and our capitalization as of September 30, 2012:

on an actual basis; and

on an as adjusted basis to reflect the sale and issuance of shares of common stock in this offering by us, and the receipt of the net proceeds from our sale of 1,650,000 shares at the public offering price of \$28.00 per share, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

The information below is illustrative only and our cash, cash equivalents and short term investments and our capitalization following the closing of this offering will be adjusted based on the actual public offering price and other terms of this offering determined at pricing. You should read the information in this table together with the section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus.

	As of September 30, 2012	
	Actual	As Adjusted
	(in thousands)	
Cash, cash equivalents and short term investments	\$ 256,461	\$ 299,713
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value: 10,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding, actual and as adjusted	\$	\$
Common stock, \$0.001 par value: 600,000,000 shares authorized, 123,371,566 shares issued and outstanding, actual; 600,000,000 shares authorized and 125,021,566 shares issued and outstanding, as adjusted	123	125
Additional paid-in capital	286,376	329,835
Accumulated other comprehensive income	326	326
Accumulated deficit	(95,557)	(95,766)
Total stockholders' equity	191,268	234,520
Total capitalization	\$ 191,268	\$ 234,520

The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after this offering is based on 123,371,566 shares of common stock outstanding as of September 30, 2012, and excludes:

37,279,442 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options with a weighted-average exercise price of \$4.48 per share and 1,134,851 shares of common stock issuable pursuant to outstanding restricted stock units;

11,635,301 additional shares of common stock reserved for future issuance under our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan; and

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5,000,000 shares of common stock reserved for future issuance under our 2012 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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The following selected consolidated financial data should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. The selected consolidated financial data in this section are not intended to replace our consolidated financial statements and the related notes. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of our future results.

The selected consolidated statements of operations data for fiscal 2009, 2010 and 2011 and for the six months ended December 31, 2011 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2010 and 2011 and as of December 31, 2011 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. The consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2009 is derived from our audited consolidated financial statements which are not included in this prospectus. The consolidated statement of operations data for the six months ended December 31, 2010 and the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012, and the unaudited selected consolidated balance sheet data as of September 30, 2012 are derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The consolidated statements of operations data for fiscal 2007 and 2008 and the consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2007 and 2008 are derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements which are not included in this prospectus. We have prepared the unaudited financial information on the same basis as the audited consolidated financial statements and have included, in our opinion, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, we consider necessary for a fair statement of the financial information set forth in those statements.

	2007	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			2011	Six Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		
		2008	2009	2010		2010	2011	2011	2012	
		(in thousands, except share and per share data)								
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:										
Revenues ⁽¹⁾ :										
Subscription	\$ 1,834	\$ 8,644	\$ 17,841	\$ 40,078	\$ 79,191	\$ 33,191	\$ 64,886	\$ 76,331	\$ 141,640	
Professional services and other	29	137	1,474	3,251	13,450	4,753	8,489	12,563	26,910	
Total revenues	1,863	8,781	19,315	43,329	92,641	37,944	73,375	88,894	168,550	
Cost of revenues ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ :										
Subscription	397	1,838	3,140	6,378	15,311	6,096	15,073	15,538	43,182	
Professional services and other	253	2,717	4,711	9,812	16,264	6,778	12,850	15,095	28,519	
Total cost of revenues	650	4,555	7,851	16,190	31,575	12,874	27,923	30,633	71,701	
Gross profit	1,213	4,226	11,464	27,139	61,066	25,070	45,452	58,261	96,849	
Operating expenses ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ :										
Sales and marketing	2,314	6,142	8,499	19,334	34,123	13,728	32,501	34,375	74,356	
Research and development	2,682	2,098	2,433	7,194	7,004	2,758	7,030	7,003	26,098	
General and administrative	356	1,854	6,363	28,810	9,379	3,417	10,084	10,471	24,441	

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Total operating expenses	5,352	10,094	17,295	55,338	50,506	19,903	49,615	51,849	124,895
Income (loss) from operations	(4,139)	(5,868)	(5,831)	(28,199)	10,560	5,167	(4,163)	6,412	(28,046)
Interest and other income (expense), net	170	10	(27)	(1,226)	606	289	(1,446)	(412)	1,148
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes	(3,969)	(5,858)	(5,858)	(29,425)	11,166	5,456	(5,609)	6,000	(26,898)
Provision for income taxes	2	23	48	280	1,336	653	1,075	852	519
Net income (loss) \$	(3,971) \$	(5,881) \$	(5,906) \$	(29,705) \$	9,830 \$	4,803 \$	(6,684) \$	5,148 \$	(27,417)
Net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders ⁽⁴⁾ :									
Basic	\$ (0.11) \$	(0.16) \$	(0.17) \$	(1.31) \$	0.09 \$	0.04 \$	(0.33) \$	0.05 \$	(0.49)
Diluted	\$ (0.11) \$	(0.16) \$	(0.17) \$	(1.31) \$	0.08 \$	0.04 \$	(0.33) \$	0.04 \$	(0.49)
Weighted-average shares used to compute net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders ⁽⁴⁾ :									
Basic	40,000,000	40,115,383	39,039,066	23,157,576	18,163,977	17,156,445	21,104,219	19,695,440	57,089,411
Diluted	40,000,000	40,115,383	39,039,066	23,157,576	28,095,486	27,622,357	21,104,219	30,612,539	57,089,411

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- (1) Revenues for fiscal 2011, the six months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011 and the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012 reflect the prospective adoption of new revenue accounting guidance commencing on July 1, 2010. As a result of this guidance, we separately allocate value for multiple element contracts between our subscription revenues and professional services revenues based on the best estimate of selling price. Additionally, we recognize professional services revenues as the services are delivered. Please refer to Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion of our revenue recognition policies.
- (2) Stock-based compensation included in the statements of operations data above was as follows:

	2007	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			2011	Six Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
		2008	2009	2010		2010	2011	2011	2012
		(in thousands)							
Cost of revenues:									
Subscription	\$	\$ 3	\$ 6	\$ 48	\$ 548	\$ 225	\$ 674	\$ 524	\$ 2,514
Professional services and other	1	5	11	28	117	37	193	151	964
Sales and marketing	8	22	45	277	1,004	431	2,010	1,373	6,852
Research and development	3	12	50	90	468	207	704	524	4,121
General and administrative	5	14	15	102	817	221	2,056	1,652	4,137

- (3) Operating expenses for fiscal 2009 reflect compensation expense of \$3.8 million related to the stock settlement of an outstanding promissory note in connection with our sale and issuance of Series C preferred stock. Cost of revenues and operating expenses for fiscal 2010 reflect compensation expense of \$0.7 million and \$30.1 million, respectively, related to the repurchase of shares from eligible stockholders in connection with our sale and issuance of Series D preferred stock.
- (4) Please refer to Note 13 to our consolidated financial statements for an explanation of the method used to calculate the historical net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders and the number of shares used in the computation of the per share amounts.

	2007	2008	As of June 30,		2010	2011	As of December 31,		As of September 30,
			2009	2010			2011	2012	
	(in thousands)								
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,619	\$ 4,772	\$ 7,788	\$ 29,402	\$ 59,853	\$ 68,088	\$ 116,976		
Working capital, excluding deferred revenue	5,647	5,401	10,090	33,080	75,801	95,033	294,159		
Total assets	6,341	7,725	15,327	51,369	108,746	156,323	382,204		
Deferred revenue, current and non-current portion	4,207	9,867	16,778	40,731	74,646	104,636	147,946		
Convertible preferred stock	8,187	8,810	15,342	67,227	67,860	68,172			
Total stockholders' equity (deficit)	(6,650)	(13,112)	(21,690)	(71,262)	(58,381)	(57,426)	191,268		

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL
CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations together with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes appearing at the end of this prospectus. Some of the information contained in this discussion and analysis or set forth elsewhere in this prospectus, including information with respect to our plans and strategy for our business, includes forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. You should read the Risk Factors section of this prospectus for a discussion of important factors that could cause actual results and the timing of certain events to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in the following discussion and analysis.

Overview

ServiceNow is a leading provider of cloud-based services to automate enterprise IT operations. Our service includes a suite of applications built on our proprietary platform that automates workflow and integrates related business processes. We focus on transforming enterprise IT by automating and standardizing business processes and consolidating IT across the global enterprise. Organizations deploy our service to create a single system of record for enterprise IT, to lower operational costs and to enhance efficiency. Additionally, our customers use our extensible platform to build custom applications for automating activities unique to their business requirements.

We offer our service under a SaaS business model. Our subscription fee includes the use of our service and our technical support and management of the hosting infrastructure. We provide a scaled pricing model based on the number of users, in which the subscription price per user decreases as the number of users increases. We generally bill our customers annually in advance. We generate sales through our direct sales team and indirectly through channel partners and third-party referrals. We also generate revenues from professional services for implementation and training.

Many customers initially subscribe to our service to solve a specific and immediate problem. Once their problem is solved, many of our customers deploy additional applications as they become more familiar with our service and apply it to new IT processes. In addition, some customers adopt our platform to build applications that automate various processes for business uses outside of IT such as human resources, facilities and quality control management. A majority of our revenues come from large global enterprise customers. Our total customers grew 58% from 852 as of September 30, 2011 to 1,346 as of September 30, 2012.

We were founded in 2004 and entered into our first commercial contract in 2005. To date, we have funded our business primarily with cash flows from operations. Additionally, we raised net proceeds of \$173.3 million in our June 2012 initial public offering after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and before deducting expenses in connection with the offering of \$3.5 million. We continue to invest in the development of our service, infrastructure and sales and marketing to drive long-term growth. In 2011, we significantly changed our executive management team. We hired a new Chief Executive Officer in May 2011, and our founder became Chief Product Officer. We subsequently hired additional key executives across our entire organization including our Chief Financial Officer, Chief Technology Officer, Senior Vice President Worldwide Sales and Services, Senior Vice President Engineering, Vice President Human Resources, Vice President Marketing and Vice President Product Management. We increased our overall employee headcount from 491 as of September 30, 2011 to 963 as of September 30, 2012.

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We have achieved significant revenue growth in recent periods. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010 and 2011, our revenues grew 114% from \$43.3 million to \$92.6 million. We incurred a net loss of \$29.7 million and generated net income of \$9.8 million for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010 and 2011, respectively. For the six

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months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, our revenues grew 93% from \$37.9 million to \$73.4 million. We generated net income of \$4.8 million and incurred a net loss of \$6.7 million for the six months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012, our revenues grew 90% from \$88.9 million to \$168.6 million. We generated net income of \$5.1 million and incurred a net loss of \$27.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012, respectively.

Fiscal Year End

On February 3, 2012, our board of directors approved a change to our fiscal year-end from June 30 to December 31. Included in this prospectus is the transition period for the six months ended December 31, 2011. Accordingly, we present the consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2010 and 2011 and December 31, 2011, and the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss), changes in convertible preferred stock and stockholders' deficit, and cash flows for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2009, 2010 and 2011 and the six months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011. References to fiscal 2009, fiscal 2010 and fiscal 2011 still refer to the fiscal years ended June 30, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.

Key Factors Affecting Our Performance

Total customers. We believe total customers is a key indicator of our market penetration, growth and future revenues. We have aggressively invested in and intend to continue to invest in our direct sales force, as well as to pursue additional partnerships within our indirect sales channel. We generally define a customer as an entity with an active service contract as of the measurement date. In situations where there is a single contract that applies to entities with multiple subsidiaries or divisions, universities, or governmental organizations, each entity that has contracted for a separate production instance of our service is counted as a separate customer. Our total customers were 281, 460 and 771 as of June 30, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively, 602 and 974 as of December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively and 852 and 1,346 as of September 30, 2011 and 2012, respectively.

Investment in growth. We have aggressively invested, and intend to continue to invest, in expanding our operations, increasing our headcount and developing technology to support our growth. We expect our total operating expenses to increase in the foreseeable future, particularly as we continue to expand our sales operations and cloud-based infrastructure. We continue to invest in our sales and marketing organization to drive additional revenues and support the growth of our customer base. Any investments we make in our sales and marketing organization will occur in advance of experiencing any benefits from such investments, so it may be difficult for us to determine if we are efficiently allocating our resources in these areas.

Renewal rate. We calculate our renewal rate by subtracting our attrition rate from 100%. Our attrition rate for a period is equal to the annual contract value from customers that are due for renewal in the period and did not renew, divided by the total annual contract value from all customers due for renewal during the period. Annual contract value is equal to the first twelve months of expected subscription revenues under a contract. We believe our renewal rate is an important metric to measure the long-term value of customer agreements and our ability to retain our customers. Our renewal rate was 94%, 95%, and 97% in fiscal 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively, 99% and 97% in the six months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively, and 97% and 96% in the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012, respectively.

Upsells. In order for us to continue to grow our business, it is important to generate additional revenue from existing customers. We believe there is significant opportunity to increase the number of subscriptions sold to current customers as customers become more familiar with our platform and adopt our applications to address additional business use cases. Our increase in subscriptions is driven by the increased number of users accessing our suite of on-demand applications, as well as our other enabling technologies, Discovery and Runbook Automation, that are separately priced on a per server basis. We believe our ability to upsell is a key factor affecting our ability to further penetrate our existing

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customer base. We monitor upsells by measuring the annual contract value of upsells signed in the period as a percentage of our total annual contract value of all contracts

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signed in the period. Upsells as a percentage of total annual contract value signed was 20%, 25% and 27% in fiscal 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively, 25% and 28% in the six months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively, and 29% in both the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012.

Investment in infrastructure. We have made and will continue to make substantial investments in new equipment to support growth at our data centers and provide enhanced levels of service to our customers. During the fourth quarter of 2012, we expect to complete our transition from a managed service hosting model to a co-location model and invest in enhancements to our cloud architecture in our co-location data centers. Through the end of 2012, we will continue to incur double rent, accelerated depreciation for certain assets and additional co-location infrastructure investments. Beginning in the first quarter of 2013, we expect to no longer incur costs related to the managed service data centers that we are exiting. During 2013, we will continue to invest in enhancements to our cloud architecture, which are designed to provide our customers with enhanced scalability, data reliability and availability, including the purchase of additional networking infrastructure. We are also evaluating the expansion of our data center locations to address additional geographic markets, which will result in additional investments to our infrastructure if pursued. In addition, we will continue to enter into new office facility leases in the future to accommodate our projected headcount growth at various locations around the world. These new leases may require investments in leasehold improvements, as well as furniture and equipment to support our employees. If we add to our headcount at a faster rate than anticipated, we may incur substantial costs in terminating leases to enter into new leases for larger space.

Professional services model. We believe our investment in professional services facilitates the adoption of our subscription service. As a result, our sales efforts have been focused primarily on our subscription service, rather than the profitability of our professional services business. Historically, our pricing for professional services was predominantly on a fixed-fee basis and the cost of the time and materials incurred to complete these services was often greater than the amount charged to the customer. These factors contributed to our negative gross profit percentages from professional services of (220)%, (202)% and (21)% for fiscal 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively, (43)% and (51)% for the six months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively, and (20)% and (6)% for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012, respectively. The improvement in gross profit percentages was due in part to the adoption of new revenue recognition accounting guidance commencing on July 1, 2010. In addition, in December 2011, we began shifting our pricing model to a time-and-materials basis and pricing our services predominantly based on the anticipated cost of those services.

Platform adoption. Our service includes access to our suite of applications, as well as access to our platform to create customer-built extensions to our suite of applications. Customers may also purchase the use of the platform to develop custom applications. Though in the near term we expect our revenue growth to be primarily driven by the pace of adoption and penetration of our suite of applications, we are investing resources to enhance the development capabilities of our platform. We believe the extensibility and simplicity of our platform is resulting in the broad use of our platform by our customers to create extensions of our applications or custom applications, and will enhance our ability to acquire new customers, increase upsells and sustain high renewal rates.

Components of Results of Operations

Revenues

Subscription revenues. Subscription revenues are primarily comprised of fees which give customers access to our suite of on-demand applications, as well as access to our platform to build custom applications. Pricing includes multiple instances, hosting and support services, data backup and disaster recovery services, as well as future upgrades offered during the subscription period. In addition, we offer two separately priced enabling technologies, Discovery and Runbook Automation. We typically invoice our customers for subscription fees in annual increments upon initiation of the initial contract or subsequent renewal. Our average initial contract term is approximately 30 months. Our contracts are generally non-cancelable, though customers can terminate for breach if we materially fail to perform.

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We generate sales directly through our sales team and, to a lesser extent, through our channel partners. Sales to our channel partners are made at a discount and revenues are recorded at the discounted price when all revenue recognition criteria are met. In addition, in some cases, we pay referral fees to third parties typically ranging from 10% to 20% of the first year's annual contract value. These fees are included in sales and marketing expense.

Professional services and other revenues. Professional services revenues consist of fees associated with the implementation and configuration of our subscription service. Other revenues include customer training and attendance and sponsorship fees for our Knowledge conferences. Historically, our pricing for professional services was predominantly on a fixed-fee basis. However, in December 2011, we began shifting our pricing model to a time-and-materials basis. Going forward, we anticipate the majority of our new business will be priced on a time-and-materials basis. Most of our professional services engagements span four to eight months. Historically, we billed for our fixed price professional services in two installments, with the first installment due up front and the second installment due at either a specified future date (usually approximately three months from the contract start date) or upon completion of the services. In December 2011, we changed these billing practices to bill for our fixed price professional services in installments based on milestones related to the completion of specified projects or specified dates. Our time-and-materials professional services are generally billed monthly in arrears based on actual hours and expenses incurred. Typical payment terms provide our customers pay us within 30 days of invoice.

Prior to fiscal 2011, we recorded revenues from our professional services over a period commensurate with our subscription service contracts. However, the cost associated with our professional services engagements was recorded as the services were delivered, resulting in lower gross profit percentages in fiscal 2009 and 2010. On July 1, 2010, we adopted new revenue recognition accounting guidance on a prospective basis that enabled us to separately allocate value for our multiple element arrangements between our subscription revenues and professional services revenues, based on the best estimate of selling price. As a result, professional services revenues are recognized as the services are delivered, which is substantially the same period as the associated costs are incurred. This shift resulted in an increase to professional services and other revenues of \$5.5 million for fiscal 2011. Refer to *Critical Accounting Policies and Significant Judgments and Estimates* below for further discussion of our revenue recognition accounting policy.

Backlog. Backlog represents future amounts to be invoiced under our agreements. As of December 31, 2011 and September 30, 2012, we had backlog of approximately \$210 million and \$325 million, respectively. We expect backlog will change from period to period for several reasons, including the timing and duration of customer subscription and professional services agreements, varying billing cycles of subscription agreements, and the timing of customer renewals.

Overhead Allocation

Overhead associated with benefits, facilities, IT costs and depreciation, excluding depreciation related to our cloud-based infrastructure, is allocated to our cost of revenues and operating expenses based on headcount.

Cost of Revenues

Subscription cost of revenues. Cost of subscription revenues primarily consists of expenses related to hosting our service and providing support to our customers. These expenses are comprised of data center capacity costs; personnel and related costs directly associated with our cloud infrastructure and customer support, including salaries, benefits, bonuses and stock-based compensation; and allocated overhead.

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Professional services and other cost of revenues. Cost of professional services and other revenues consists primarily of personnel and related costs directly associated with our professional services and training departments, including salaries, benefits, bonuses and stock-based compensation; the costs of contracted third-party vendors; and allocated overhead.

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Professional services associated with the implementation and configuration of our subscription service are performed directly by our services team, as well as by contracted third-party vendors. Fees paid up-front to our third-party vendors are deferred and amortized to cost of revenues as the professional services are delivered. Fees owed to our third-party vendors are accrued over the same requisite service period. Cost of revenues associated with our professional services engagements contracted with third-party vendors as a percentage of professional services and other revenues was 52%, 135% and 54% for fiscal 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively, 70% and 64% for the six months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively, and 52% and 27% for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012, respectively.

Sales and Marketing Expenses

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of personnel and related costs directly associated with our sales and marketing staff, including salaries, benefits, bonuses, commissions and stock-based compensation. Other costs included in this expense are third-party referral fees, marketing and promotional events, including our Knowledge conferences, online marketing, product marketing and allocated overhead.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses consist primarily of personnel and related costs directly associated with our research and development staff, including salaries, benefits, bonuses and stock-based compensation, and allocated overhead.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses primarily consist of personnel and related costs for our executive, finance, legal, human resources and administrative personnel, including salaries, benefits, bonuses and stock-based compensation; legal, accounting and other professional services fees; other corporate expenses; and allocated overhead.

Provision for Income Taxes

Provision for income taxes consists of federal, state and foreign income taxes. Due to cumulative losses, we maintain a valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets as of September 30, 2012. We consider all available evidence, both positive and negative, in assessing the extent to which a valuation allowance should be applied against our deferred tax assets.

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To enhance comparability, the following table sets forth our results of operations for the periods presented. The period-to-period comparison of financial results is not necessarily indicative of future results.

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2010	2011	2010	2011	2011	2012
	(in thousands)						
Revenues⁽¹⁾:							
Subscription	\$ 17,841	\$ 40,078	\$ 79,191	\$ 33,191	\$ 64,886	\$ 76,331	\$ 141,640
Professional services and other	1,474	3,251	13,450	4,753	8,489	12,563	26,910
Total revenues	19,315	43,329	92,641	37,944	73,375	88,894	168,550
Cost of revenues⁽²⁾⁽³⁾:							
Subscription	3,140	6,378	15,311	6,096	15,073	15,538	43,182
Professional services and other	4,711	9,812	16,264	6,778	12,850	15,095	28,519
Total cost of revenues	7,851	16,190	31,575	12,874	27,923	30,633	71,701
Gross profit	11,464	27,139	61,066	25,070	45,452	58,261	96,849
Operating expenses⁽²⁾⁽³⁾:							
Sales and marketing	8,499	19,334	34,123	13,728	32,501	34,375	74,356
Research and development	2,433	7,194	7,004	2,758	7,030	7,003	26,098
General and administrative	6,363	28,810	9,379	3,417	10,084	10,471	24,441
Total operating expenses	17,295	55,338	50,506	19,903	49,615	51,849	124,895
Income (loss) from operations	(5,831)	(28,199)	10,560	5,167	(4,163)	6,412	(28,046)
Interest and other income (expense), net	(27)	(1,226)	606	289	(1,446)	(412)	1,148
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes	(5,858)	(29,425)	11,166	5,456	(5,609)	6,000	(26,898)
Provision for income taxes	48	280	1,336	653	1,075	852	519
Net income (loss)	\$ (5,906)	\$ (29,705)	\$ 9,830	\$ 4,803	\$ (6,684)	\$ 5,148	\$ (27,417)

(1) Revenues for fiscal 2011, the six months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011 and the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012 reflect the prospective adoption of new revenue accounting guidance commencing on July 1, 2010. As a result of this guidance, we separately allocate value for multiple element contracts between our subscription revenues and professional services revenues based on the best estimate of selling price. Additionally, we recognize professional services revenues as the services are delivered. Please refer to Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion of our revenue recognition policies.

(2) Stock-based compensation included in the statements of operations data above was as follows:

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
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Cost of revenues:							
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	2009	2010	2011	2010	2011	2011	2012
Revenues by geography							
North America	73%	72%	75%	74%	71%	74%	71%
Europe	26	25	22	23	26	25	25
Asia Pacific and other	1	3	3	3	3	1	4
Total revenues	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table of Contents**Comparison of the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012***Revenues*

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2011	2012	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)		
Revenues:			
Subscription	\$ 76,331	\$ 141,640	86%
Professional services and other	12,563	26,910	114%
Total revenues	\$ 88,894	\$ 168,550	90%
Percentage of revenues:			
Subscription	86%	84%	
Professional services and other	14	16	
Total	100%	100%	

Revenues increased \$79.7 million, primarily due to the increase in subscription revenues of \$65.3 million. Of the total increase in subscription revenues, 45% represented revenues from new customers acquired after September 30, 2011, and 55% represented revenues from existing customers at or prior to September 30, 2011. Our total customers increased 58% from 852 at September 30, 2011 to 1,346 at September 30, 2012. The average total revenues per customer increased from approximately \$152,000 to \$181,000 over this period primarily due to an increase in the number of subscriptions sold to existing customers.

Of the \$65.3 million total increase in subscription revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, 87% represented sales to customers by our direct sales organization and 13% represented revenues from channel partners. Subscription revenues in North America represented 68% of the \$65.3 million total increase in subscription revenues and 32% represented subscription revenues outside North America. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we continued to increase our focus on international markets through the addition of new channel partners, the expansion of our direct sales organization and the opening of additional sales and marketing offices in Sweden and Israel.

The increase in professional services and other revenues of \$14.3 million was primarily due to the growth in our customer base. We had revenues of \$3.3 million associated with acceptances received during the period and an increase of \$0.9 million associated with our annual Knowledge conference held in May 2012. Revenues in North America represented 69% of the \$14.3 million total increase in professional services and other revenues. Revenues outside North America represented the remaining 31%.

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	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2011	2012	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)		
Cost of revenues:			
Subscription	\$ 15,538	\$ 43,182	178%
Professional services and other	15,095	28,519	89%
Total cost of revenues	\$ 30,633	\$ 71,701	134%
Gross profit percentage:			
Subscription	80%	70%	
Professional services and other	(20)	(6)	
Total gross profit percentage	66%	57%	
Gross profit	\$ 58,261	\$ 96,849	66%
Headcount (at period end)			
Subscription	101	202	100%
Professional services and other	76	159	109%
Total headcount	177	361	104%

Cost of subscription revenues increased \$27.6 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in the prior year. The overall increase in cost of subscription revenues was primarily attributed to increased personnel-related costs of \$13.2 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs of \$10.9 million and additional stock-based compensation of \$2.0 million. These personnel-related cost increases were driven by headcount growth. We expect personnel-related costs to continue to increase as we continue to hire employees in our cloud infrastructure and support organizations to meet our growing customer demands. In addition, hosting fees for our network infrastructure increased \$4.8 million as we increased data center capacity to migrate customers from our managed service data centers to our co-location data centers and to support our customer growth. We also opened eight new data centers since September 30, 2011. At September 30, 2012, we delivered our service from nine data centers in North America and eleven data centers internationally compared to six data centers in North America and six data centers internationally as of September 30, 2011. Additionally, outside services increased \$1.7 million mostly due to costs incurred to enhance our data center security as we continue to invest in our data center capabilities. We expect to exit three of our managed services data centers in North America and four of our managed services data centers internationally by December 31, 2012. Depreciation expense also increased \$5.9 million due to purchases of network infrastructure to support our new data centers and growth within our existing data centers, and accelerated depreciation of the assets located in our managed services data centers, which we commenced in the three months ended December 31, 2011 when we made the decision to exit these data centers by December 31, 2012. Depreciation expense related to our managed services data centers for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was \$2.3 million. We expect depreciation expense to continue to increase as we purchase new equipment to support our new customers.

By December 31, 2012, we plan on operating six data centers in North America and seven data centers internationally. We believe these data centers will enable us to provide our subscription service to our existing customers and accommodate anticipated growth in our existing geographies. In 2013, we anticipate a substantial portion of our capital expenditures on data center capacity will be on new equipment within existing data centers to accommodate growth, which generally requires less capital expenditure than provisioning the equivalent capacity in a new data center. We are evaluating the addition of new data centers in 2013 to expand into new geographies. We may also add data centers to meet regulatory requirements or accommodate growth.

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Our subscription gross profit percentage decreased from 80% to 70% during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in the prior year. Beginning in the first quarter of 2013, we expect to stop incurring costs related to the managed service data centers that we are exiting. We also anticipate cost of subscription revenues to increase as we increase capacity and invest in ongoing infrastructure improvements in our existing co-location data centers which will partially offset the savings related to the exit of our managed service data centers. Cost of subscription revenues will also increase if we add new data centers. However, we anticipate the rate at which the cost of subscription revenues grows will be slower than our anticipated subscription revenue growth such that our gross profit percentage should improve during 2013.

Cost of professional services and other revenues increased \$13.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in the prior year. The overall increase was primarily attributed to increased personnel-related costs of \$10.9 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs of \$9.7 million and additional stock-based compensation of \$0.8 million driven by headcount growth. In addition, outside services costs increased \$1.8 million primarily due to additional fees paid to third parties to provide implementation services.

Our professional services and other gross profit percentage improved from (20)% to (6)% during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in the prior year. The improved gross profit percentage was due in part to shifting our pricing model to a time-and-materials basis and our increased focus on scoping projects and resource utilization. Additionally, during the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we reduced the amount of work we sub-contracted to our partners. Professional services and other revenues includes \$1.1 million and \$2.0 million for our annual Knowledge conference for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012, respectively. Revenues from the Knowledge conference contributed 11 percentage points and 9 percentage points to the professional services and other gross profit percentage for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012, respectively. Costs associated with the conference are included in sales and marketing expense. Excluding the effects of the Knowledge conference, we expect our gross profit percentage from professional services and other to improve as we continue to realize the benefits of the shift in our pricing model to primarily time and materials.

Sales and Marketing

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		% Change
	2011	2012	
	(dollars in thousands)		
Sales and marketing	\$ 34,375	\$ 74,356	116%
Percentage of revenues	39%	44%	
Headcount (at period end)	206	330	60%

Sales and marketing expenses increased \$40 million due to the expansion of our sales force and increases in marketing programs to address additional opportunities in new and existing markets. Total headcount in sales and marketing increased 60% from September 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012, contributing to a \$26.6 million increase in personnel-related costs, consisting primarily of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs associated with our marketing team and direct sales force of \$20.2 million and additional stock-based compensation of \$5.5 million. In addition, we incurred an increase of \$4.8 million in marketing and event costs primarily attributable to our annual Knowledge conference, which experienced a 102% increase in attendance year-over-year. Commissions increased \$6.3 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2011, which was directly attributable to increased revenues and changes made to our commission plans. We expect sales and marketing expenses to increase and continue to be our largest component of costs and expenses, as we continue to expand our direct sales teams, increase our marketing activities, grow our international operations, build brand awareness and sponsor additional marketing events. We expect, in the long term, our revenue growth will offset this increase in spending.

Table of Contents*Research and Development*

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		% Change
	2011	2012	
	(dollars in thousands)		
Research and development	\$ 7,003	\$ 26,098	273%
Percentage of revenues	8%	15%	
Headcount (at period end)	57	164	188%

Research and development expenses increased \$19.1 million primarily due to increased personnel-related costs of \$17.5 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs associated with our research and development team of \$13.9 million and additional stock-based compensation of \$3.6 million. Total headcount in research and development increased 188% from September 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012 as we upgraded and extended our service offerings and developed new technologies.

We expect research and development expenses to increase as we improve the existing functionality of our service, develop new applications to fill market needs and continue to enhance our core platform. We expect, in the long term, our revenue growth will offset this increase in spending.

General and Administrative

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		% Change
	2011	2012	
	(dollars in thousands)		
General and administrative	\$ 10,471	\$ 24,441	133%
Percentage of revenues	12%	15%	
Headcount (at period end)	51	108	112%

General and administrative expenses increased \$14.0 million primarily due to increased headcount. Personnel-related expenses increased \$8.3 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs of \$5.8 million and additional stock-based compensation of \$2.5 million, as we added employees to support the growth of our business. Professional and outside service costs increased \$2.4 million, comprised primarily of accounting fees related to our external audit and tax consulting fees associated with our international expansion. Costs from third-party software and service license agreements increased \$1.2 million due to the implementation of additional systems to support the growth of our business. In August 2012, we relocated our office to another facility in San Diego, California. As part of this move, we incurred \$2.9 million in lease abandonment costs, which included a loss on disposal of our leasehold improvements and furniture and fixtures of \$2.7 million and a cease-use loss of \$0.2 million, upon vacating our prior San Diego office.

We expect to incur higher general and administrative expenses as a result of both our growth and transition to a public company, including higher legal, corporate insurance and accounting expenses, and the additional costs of achieving and maintaining compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and related regulations. We expect the continued expansion of our operations will also contribute to higher general and administrative expenses. We may also incur lease abandonment costs in the future if our existing leases cannot accommodate our future headcount growth.

Interest and Other Income, net

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	Nine Months Ended September 30,		% Change
	2011	2012	
	(dollars in thousands)		
Interest and other income, net	\$ (412)	\$ 1,148	NM
Percentage of revenues	%	1%	

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Interest and other income, net, primarily consists of foreign currency transaction gains and losses.

While we have not engaged in the hedging of our foreign currency transactions to date, we are presently evaluating the costs and benefits of initiating such a program and may hedge selected significant transactions denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar in the future.

Provision for Income Taxes

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		% Change
	2011	2012	
	(dollars in thousands)		
Income before income taxes	\$ 6,000	\$ (26,898)	NM
Provision for income taxes	852	519	(39)%
Effective tax rate	14%	(2)%	

The provision for income taxes decreased \$0.3 million, primarily as a result of a loss in our operations and a lower proportion of earnings in taxable jurisdictions in the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in the prior year.

We continue to maintain a full valuation allowance on our federal and state deferred tax assets, and the significant components of the tax expense recorded are current cash taxes in various jurisdictions. The cash tax expenses are impacted by each jurisdiction's individual tax rates, laws on timing of recognition of income and deductions and availability of net operating losses and tax credits. In December 2011, we reorganized our international operations and established our non-U.S. headquarters in the Netherlands, which has an effective tax rate that is lower than the U.S. federal statutory rate. Given the full valuation allowance, sensitivity of current cash taxes to local rules and our foreign restructuring, we expect our effective tax rate could fluctuate significantly on a quarterly basis and could be adversely affected to the extent earnings are lower than anticipated in countries that have lower statutory rates and higher than anticipated in countries that have higher statutory rates. The earnings of our foreign subsidiaries are considered to be permanently reinvested outside of the United States.

Comparison of the six months ended December 31, 2010 and 2011**Revenues**

	Six Months Ended December 31,		% Change
	2010	2011	
	(dollars in thousands)		
Revenues:			
Subscription	\$ 33,191	\$ 64,886	95%
Professional services and other	4,753	8,489	79%
Total revenues	\$ 37,944	\$ 73,375	93%
Percentage of revenues:			
Subscription	87%	88%	

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Professional services and other	13	12
Total	100%	100%

Revenues increased \$35.4 million, primarily due to the increase in subscription revenues of \$31.7 million. Of the total increase in subscription revenues, 55% represented revenues from new customers acquired after December 31, 2010, and 45% represented revenues from existing customers at or prior to December 31, 2010.

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Our total customers increased 62% from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2011. The average subscription revenues per customer increased 19% over this period primarily due to an increase in the number of subscriptions sold to existing customers.

Of the \$31.7 million total increase in subscription revenues for the six months ended December 31, 2011, 81% represented sales to customers by our direct sales organization and 19% represented revenues from channel partners. Subscription revenues in North America represented 67% of the \$31.7 million total increase in subscription revenues and 33% represented subscription revenues outside North America. The increase in revenues from channel partners was due primarily to increased market adoption of our subscription service through sales by our existing channel partners and to a lesser extent the addition of new channel partners. The increase in subscription revenues outside North America was due primarily to increased adoption of our subscription service through sales by our existing channel partners and direct sales organization, and to a lesser extent the addition of new channel partners and the expansion of our direct sales organization. During the six months ended December 31, 2011, we opened additional sales and marketing offices in Denmark and France, which did not account for a significant portion of increased revenues during the period.

The increase in professional services and other revenues of \$3.7 million was primarily due to the growth in our customer base. Revenues in North America represented 73% of the \$3.7 million total increase in professional services and other revenues. Revenues outside North America represented the remaining 27%.

Cost of Revenues and Gross Profit Percentage

	Six Months Ended December 31,		
	2010	2011	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)		
Cost of revenues:			
Subscription	\$ 6,096	\$ 15,073	147%
Professional services and other	6,778	12,850	90%
Total cost of revenues	\$ 12,874	\$ 27,923	117%
Gross profit percentage:			
Subscription	82%	77%	
Professional services and other	(43)	(51)	
Total gross profit percentage	66%	62%	
Gross profit	\$ 25,070	\$ 45,452	81%
Headcount (at period end):			
Subscription	51	119	133%
Professional services and other	50	98	96%
Total headcount	101	217	115%

Cost of subscription revenues increased \$9.0 million during the six months ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the same period in the prior year. The overall increase in cost of subscription revenues was primarily attributed to increased personnel-related costs of \$4.9 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs of \$4.5 million and additional stock-based compensation of \$0.4 million. These personnel-related costs increases were driven by headcount growth. In addition, hosting fees for our network infrastructure increased \$1.6 million as we increased data center capacity to support our growth. At December 31, 2011, we delivered our service from seven data centers in North America and seven data centers internationally compared to three data centers in North America and five data centers internationally at December 31, 2010. Depreciation expense also increased \$1.1 million as we started the transition of our network infrastructure

from a managed services hosting model to a co-location model.

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Our subscription gross profit percentage decreased from 82% to 77% during the six months ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the same period in the prior year primarily due to these increased costs.

Cost of professional services and other revenues increased \$6.1 million during the six months ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the same period in the prior year. The overall increase was primarily attributed to increased personnel-related costs of \$3.7 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs of \$3.5 million and additional stock-based compensation of \$0.2 million driven by headcount growth. In addition, outside services costs increased \$1.9 million primarily due to additional fees paid to third-parties to provide implementation services.

Our professional services and other gross profit percentage decreased from (43)% to (51)% during the six months ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the same period in the prior year primarily due to these increased costs.

Sales and Marketing

	Six Months Ended December 31,		% Change
	2010	2011	
	(dollars in thousands)		
Sales and marketing	\$ 13,728	\$ 32,501	137%
Percentage of revenues	36%	44%	
Headcount (at period end)	90	242	169%

Sales and marketing expenses increased \$18.8 million due to the expansion of our sales force and increases in marketing programs to address additional opportunities in new and existing markets. Total headcount in sales and marketing increased, 169% from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2011, contributing to a \$13.3 million increase in personnel-related costs, consisting primarily of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs associated with our direct sales force of \$11.8 million, and additional stock-based compensation of \$1.6 million. In addition, we incurred an increase of \$3.1 million in commissions, which was directly attributed to increased revenues and changes made to our commissions plans in the six months ended December 31, 2011. Marketing and event costs increased \$1.3 million due to our continued efforts to generate sales leads and build brand awareness.

Research and Development

	Six Months Ended December 31,		% Change
	2010	2011	
	(dollars in thousands)		
Research and development	\$ 2,758	\$ 7,030	155%
Percentage of revenues	7%	10%	
Headcount (at period end)	34	83	144%

Research and development expenses increased \$4.3 million primarily due to increased personnel-related costs of \$4.0 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs associated with our research and development team of \$3.5 million and additional stock-based compensation of \$0.5 million. Total headcount in research and development increased as we upgraded and extended our service offerings and developed new technologies.

General and Administrative

	Six Months Ended December 31,		% Change
	2010	2011	
	(dollars in thousands)		
General and administrative	\$ 3,417	\$ 10,084	195%
Percentage of revenues	9%	14%	
Headcount (at period end)	25	61	144%

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General and administrative expenses increased \$6.7 million primarily due to increased headcount. Personnel-related expenses increased \$4.1 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs of \$2.3 million and additional stock-based compensation of \$1.8 million, as we added employees to support the growth of our business. Professional and outside service costs increased \$1.6 million, comprised primarily of legal and accounting fees associated with our international expansion.

Interest and Other Income (Expense), net

	Six Months Ended December 31,		% Change
	2010	2011	
	(dollars in thousands)		
Interest and other income (expense), net	\$ 289	\$ (1,446)	NM
Percentage of revenues	1%	(2)%	

Interest and other income (expense), net primarily consists of foreign currency transaction gains and losses. The decrease of \$1.7 million is primarily due to unrealized losses on amounts invoiced to customers that are denominated in British Pounds and Euros as the U.S. Dollar strengthened over the six months ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the six months ended December 31, 2010.

Provision for Income Taxes

	Six Months Ended December 31,		% Change
	2010	2011	
	(dollars in thousands)		
Income before income taxes	\$ 5,456	\$ (5,609)	NM
Provision for income taxes	653	1,075	65%
Effective tax rate	12%	(19)%	

The provision for income taxes increased \$0.4 million, primarily as a result of the increase in pre-tax income related to international operations and California taxes for the six months ended December 31, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year. During the six months ended December 31, 2011, we recorded a provision for income taxes principally attributable to foreign taxes, U.S. federal taxes and California taxes.

We maintain a full valuation allowance on our federal and state deferred tax assets, and the significant components of the tax expense recorded are current cash taxes in various jurisdictions. The cash tax expenses are impacted by each jurisdiction's individual tax rates, laws on timing of recognition of income and deductions and availability of net operating losses and tax credits. In December 2011, we reorganized our international operations and established our non-U.S. headquarters in the Netherlands, which has an effective tax rate that is lower than the U.S. federal statutory rate. Given the full valuation allowance, sensitivity of current cash taxes to local rules and our foreign restructuring, our effective tax rate fluctuates significantly on a quarterly basis and could be adversely affected to the extent earnings are lower than anticipated in countries that have lower statutory rates and higher than anticipated in countries that have higher statutory rates.

Comparison of Fiscal 2009, 2010 and 2011**Revenues**

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	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			2009 to 2010 % Change	2010 to 2011 % Change
	2009	2010	2011		
(dollars in thousands)					
Revenues:					
Subscription	\$ 17,841	\$ 40,078	\$ 79,191	125%	98%
Professional services and other	1,474	3,251	13,450	121%	314%
Total revenues	\$ 19,315	\$ 43,329	\$ 92,641	124%	114%
Percentage of revenues:					
Subscription	92%	92%	85%		
Professional services and other	8	8	15		
Total	100%	100%	100%		

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Fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2011. Revenues increased \$49.3 million, primarily due to the increase in subscription revenues of \$39.1 million. Of the total increase in subscription revenues, 46% represented revenues from new customers acquired after June 30, 2010, and 54% represented revenues from existing customers at or prior to June 30, 2010. Our total customers increased 68% from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The average subscription revenues per customer increased 19% over this period primarily due to an increase in the number of subscriptions sold to existing customers.

Of the \$39.1 million total increase in subscription revenues for fiscal 2011, 87% represented sales to customers by our direct sales organization and 13% represented revenues from channel partners. Subscription revenues in North America represented 75% of the \$39.1 million total increase in subscription revenues and 25% represented subscription revenues outside North America.

The increase in professional services and other revenues of \$10.2 million was primarily due to the prospective adoption of new revenue accounting guidance resulting in an increase to professional services and other revenues of \$5.5 million in fiscal 2011. The remaining increase of \$4.7 million was attributable to the growth in our customer base. Revenues in North America represented 83% of the \$10.2 million total increase in professional services and other revenues. Revenues outside North America represented 17% of the \$10.2 million total increase in professional services and other revenues. The increase in subscription revenues outside North America was due primarily to increased adoption of our subscription service through sales from new channel partners and to a lesser extent sales by our existing channel partners and the expansion of our direct sales organization. During fiscal 2011, we opened additional sales and marketing offices in Australia and the Netherlands.

Fiscal 2009 compared to fiscal 2010. Revenues increased \$24.0 million, primarily due to the increase in subscription revenues of \$22.2 million. Of the total increase in subscription revenues 57% represented revenues from new customers acquired after June 30, 2009, and 43% represented revenues from existing customers at or prior to June 30, 2009. Our total customers increased by 64% from June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2010. The average subscription revenues per customer increased 41% over this period primarily due to an increase in the average number of subscriptions sold to new customers.

Of the \$22.2 million total increase in subscription revenues for fiscal 2010, 92% represented sales to customers by our direct sales organization and 8% represented revenues from channel. Subscription revenues in North America represented 72% of the \$22.2 million total increase in subscription revenues and 28% represented subscription revenues outside North America. The increase in subscription revenues outside North America was due primarily to increased adoption of our subscription service through sales by our existing channel partners and to a lesser extent the addition of new channel partners and the expansion of our direct sales organization. During fiscal 2010, we opened an additional sales and marketing office in Germany, which did not account for a significant portion of increased revenues during the period.

The increase in professional services and other revenues of \$1.8 million was primarily attributable to the growth in our customer base. Revenues in North America represented 79% of the \$1.8 million total increase in professional services and other revenues. Revenues outside North America represented the remaining 21%.

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	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			2009 to 2010 % Change	2010 to 2011 % Change
	2009	2010	2011		
	(dollars in thousands)				
Cost of revenues:					
Subscription	\$ 3,140	\$ 6,378	\$ 15,311	103%	140%
Professional services and other	4,711	9,812	16,264	108%	66%
Total cost of revenues	\$ 7,851	\$ 16,190	\$ 31,575	106%	95%
Gross profit percentage:					
Subscription	82%	84%	81%		
Professional services and other	(220)	(202)	(21)		
Total gross profit percentage	59%	63%	66%		
Gross profit	\$ 11,464	\$ 27,139	\$ 61,066	137%	125%
Headcount (at period end):					
Subscription	18	30	83	67%	177%
Professional services and other	20	36	67	80%	86%
Total headcount	38	66	150	74%	127%

Fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2011. Cost of subscription revenues increased \$8.9 million during fiscal 2011 as compared to the same period in the prior year. The overall increase in cost of subscription revenues was primarily attributed to increased personnel-related costs of \$5.0 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs of \$4.5 million and additional stock-based compensation of \$0.5 million. These personnel-related cost increases were driven by headcount. In addition, hosting fees for our network infrastructure increased \$2.1 million as we increased data center capacity to support our growth. At June 30, 2011, we delivered our service from six data centers in North America and five data centers internationally compared to three data centers in the United States and five data centers internationally at June 30, 2010. Depreciation expense also increased \$0.8 million as we started the transition of our network infrastructure from a managed service hosting model to a co-location model.

Our subscription gross profit percentage decreased from 84% to 81% from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2011 primarily due to these increased costs.

Cost of professional services and other revenues increased \$6.5 million during fiscal 2011 as compared to the same period in the prior year. The overall increase in cost of professional services and other revenues was primarily attributed to increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs of \$3.1 million driven by headcount growth. In addition, outside services costs increased \$3.1 million primarily due to additional fees paid to third parties to provide implementation services.

Our professional services and other gross profit percentage improved from (202)% to (21)% from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2011, primarily due to increased revenues as a result of the prospective adoption of new revenue recognition accounting guidance. This guidance enabled us to recognize professional services revenues as the services are delivered.

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Fiscal 2009 compared to fiscal 2010. Cost of subscription revenues increased \$3.2 million during fiscal 2010 as compared to the same period in the prior year. The overall increase in cost of subscription revenues was primarily attributed to an increase in our hosting fees for our network infrastructure of \$1.5 million as we increased data center capacity to support our growth. At June 30, 2010, we delivered our service from three data centers in North America and five data centers internationally, compared to three data centers in North America and two data centers internationally at June 30, 2009. Personnel-related costs increased \$1.1 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs. These personnel-related cost increases were driven by headcount.

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Our subscription gross profit percentage increased from 82% to 84% from June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Cost of professional services and other revenues increased \$5.1 million during fiscal 2010 as compared to the same period in the prior year. The overall increase in cost of professional services and other revenues was primarily attributable to increased outside services costs of \$3.2 million primarily related to additional fees paid to third parties to provide implementation services. In addition, personnel-related costs increased \$1.5 million, consisting primarily of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs of \$1.4 million.

Our professional services and other gross profit percentage improved from (220)% to (202)% from June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Sales and Marketing

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			2009 to 2010 % Change	2010 to 2011 % Change
	2009	2010 (dollars in thousands)	2011		
Sales and marketing	\$ 8,499	\$ 19,334	\$ 34,123	127%	76%
Percentage of revenues	44%	45%	37%		
Headcount (at period end)	40	72	140	80%	94%

Fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2011. Sales and marketing expenses increased \$14.8 million. Employee-related costs increased \$13.3 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs in connection with our direct sales force of \$11.5 million, increased commissions of \$1.1 million, and an increase in stock-based compensation of \$0.7 million, which was primarily driven by an increase in sales and marketing headcount. In addition, we incurred an increase of \$2.7 million in marketing and event costs primarily attributable to our annual Knowledge conference, which experienced a 107% increase in attendance year-over-year. Offsetting these increases was a decrease of \$2.0 million in compensation expense related to the fiscal 2010 repurchase of shares from eligible stockholders in connection with our sale and issuance of Series D preferred stock. Please see Note 9 to our consolidated financial statements for further explanation of this transaction.

Fiscal 2009 compared to fiscal 2010. Sales and marketing expenses increased \$10.8 million. Employee-related costs increased \$7.6 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs in connection with our direct sales force of \$4.7 million, increased commissions of \$2.7 million, and an increase in stock-based compensation of \$0.2 million, which was primarily driven by an increase in sales and marketing headcount. In addition, fiscal 2010 included \$2.0 million in compensation expense related to the repurchase of shares from eligible stockholders in connection with our sale and issuance of Series D preferred stock. Marketing and event costs, primarily related to our Knowledge conference, increased \$0.8 million.

Research and Development

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			2009 to 2010 % Change	2010 to 2011 % Change
	2009	2010 (dollars in thousands)	2011		
Research and development	\$ 2,433	\$ 7,194	\$ 7,004	196%	(3)%

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Percentage of revenues	13%	17%	8%		
Headcount (at period end)	15	28	44	87%	57%

Fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2011. Research and development expenses decreased \$0.2 million. Personnel-related costs increased \$2.8 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs of \$2.4 million and increased stock-based compensation of \$0.4 million, which was primarily driven by an increase in research and development headcount. In addition, outside services costs increased \$0.4 million. Offsetting these increases was a decrease of \$3.6 million in compensation expense related to the fiscal 2010 repurchase of shares from eligible stockholders in connection with our sale and issuance of Series D preferred stock.

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Fiscal 2009 compared to fiscal 2010. Research and development expenses increased \$4.8 million primarily due to \$3.6 million in compensation expense related to the repurchase of shares from eligible stockholders in connection with our sale and issuance of Series D preferred stock in fiscal 2010. In addition, personnel-related costs increased \$1.1 million, primarily consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs of \$1.0 million, which was driven by an increase in research and development headcount.

General and Administrative

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			2009 to 2010 % Change	2010 to 2011 % Change
	2009	2010	2011		
	(dollars in thousands)				
General and administrative	\$ 6,363	\$ 28,810	\$ 9,379	353%	(67)%
Percentage of revenues	33%	66%	10%		
Headcount (at period end)	8	12	41	50%	242%

Fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2011. General and administrative expenses decreased \$19.4 million. Personnel-related expenses increased \$3.3 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs of \$2.6 million and increased stock-based compensation of \$0.7 million primarily driven by an increase in general and administrative headcount. Professional and outside service costs, comprised primarily of legal and accounting and auditing fees, increased \$1.1 million. Offsetting these increases was a decrease of \$24.5 million in compensation expense related to the fiscal 2010 repurchase of shares from eligible stockholders in connection with our sale and issuance of Series D preferred stock.

Fiscal 2009 compared to fiscal 2010. General and administrative expenses increased \$22.4 million primarily due to \$24.5 million in compensation expense related to the repurchase of shares from eligible stockholders in connection with our sale and issuance of Series D preferred stock in fiscal 2010. The effects of the sale and issuance of Series D preferred stock were partially offset by a decrease of \$3.8 million in compensation expense related to the fiscal 2009 stock settlement of an outstanding promissory note in connection with the sale and issuance of Series C preferred stock. Please see Note 9 to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion of these transactions. In addition, general and administrative expenses increased \$1.7 million primarily due to an increase in general and administrative headcount. Personnel-related expenses increased by \$0.8 million, consisting of increased employee compensation, benefits and travel costs of \$0.7 million and increased stock-based compensation of \$0.1 million. Professional and outside service costs, comprised mostly of legal and accounting and auditing fees, accounted for \$0.6 million of the increase.

Interest and Other Income (Expense), net

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			2009 to 2010 % Change	2010 to 2011 % Change
	2009	2010	2011		
	(dollars in thousands)				
Interest and other income (expense), net	\$ (27)	\$ (1,226)	\$ 606	NM	NM
Percentage of revenues	%	(3)%	1%		

Fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2011. The increase in interest and other income (expense), net of \$1.8 million is due to losses on foreign currency transactions of \$0.6 million during fiscal 2011 as compared to realized and unrealized gains of \$0.5 million during fiscal 2010. Additionally, during fiscal 2010, we marked to market our preferred stock warrants and revalued them upon settlement as part of the sale and issuance of Series D preferred stock, resulting in additional expense of \$0.7 million.

Fiscal 2009 compared to fiscal 2010. The decrease in interest and other income (expense), net of \$1.2 million is due to additional realized and unrealized losses on foreign currency transactions of \$0.5 million coupled with the revaluation of our preferred stock warrants upon settlement resulting in a decrease of \$0.7 million.

Table of Contents*Provision for Income Taxes*

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			2009 to 2010 % Change	2010 to 2011 % Change
	2009	2010	2011		
	(dollars in thousands)				
Income before income taxes	\$ (5,858)	\$ (29,425)	\$ 11,166	NM	NM
Provision for income taxes	48	280	1,336	483%	377%
Effective tax rate	(1)%	(1)%	12%		

Fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2011. The provision for income taxes increased \$1.1 million primarily as a result of the increase in pre-tax income related to international operations and California taxes.

Fiscal 2009 compared to fiscal 2010. The provision for income taxes increased \$0.2 million primarily as a result of international operations.

We maintain a full valuation allowance on our U.S. federal and state deferred tax assets, and the significant components of the tax expense recorded are current cash taxes in various jurisdictions. The cash tax expenses are impacted by each jurisdiction's individual tax rates, laws on timing of recognition of income and deductions and availability of net operating losses and tax credits. Given the full valuation allowance and sensitivity of current cash taxes to local rules, our effective tax rate fluctuates significantly on an annual basis and could be adversely affected to the extent earnings are lower than anticipated in countries that have lower statutory rates and higher than anticipated in countries that have higher statutory rates.

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The following tables set forth our unaudited quarterly consolidated statements of operations data and our unaudited consolidated statements of operations data as a percentage of total revenues for each of the nine quarters in the period ended September 30, 2012. We have prepared the quarterly data on a consistent basis with the audited consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus. In the opinion of management, the financial information reflects all necessary adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement of this data. This information should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. The results of historical periods are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for a full year or any future periods.

	For the Three Months Ended								
	Sep 30, 2010	Dec 31, 2010	March 31, 2011	June 30, 2011	Sep 30, 2011	Dec 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	June 30, 2012	Sep 30, 2012
(in thousands)									
Revenues:									
Subscription	\$ 14,816	\$ 18,375	\$ 21,224	\$ 24,776	\$ 30,331	\$ 34,555	\$ 39,541	\$ 46,820	\$ 55,279
Professional services and other	1,773	2,980	3,988	4,709	3,866	4,623	7,890	9,954	9,066
Total revenues	16,589	21,355	25,212	29,485	34,197	39,178	47,431	56,774	64,345
Cost of revenues⁽¹⁾:									
Subscription	2,711	3,385	4,451	4,764	6,323	8,750	11,012	14,239	17,931
Professional services and other	2,653	4,125	4,763	4,723	5,609	7,241	10,224	8,652	9,643
Total cost of revenues	5,364	7,510	9,214	9,487	11,932	15,991	21,236	22,891	27,574
Gross profit	11,225	13,845	15,998	19,998	22,265	23,187	26,195	33,883	36,771
Operating expenses⁽¹⁾:									
Sales and marketing	6,433	7,295	8,309	12,086	13,980	18,521	19,307	26,909	28,140
Research and development	1,237	1,521	1,885	2,361	2,757	4,273	6,043	9,272	10,783
General and administrative	1,453	1,964	2,680	3,282	4,509	5,575	6,427	6,819	11,195
Total operating expenses	9,123	10,780	12,874	17,729	21,246	28,369	31,777	43,000	50,118
Income (loss) from operations	2,102	3,065	3,124	2,269	1,019	(5,182)	(5,582)	(9,117)	(13,347)
Interest and other income (expense), net	320	(31)	252	65	(729)	(717)	492	41	615
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes	2,422	3,034	3,376	2,334	290	(5,899)	(5,090)	(9,076)	(12,732)
Provision for income taxes	290	363	385	298	169	906	550	(352)	321
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,132	\$ 2,671	\$ 2,991	\$ 2,036	\$ 121	\$ (6,805)	\$ (5,640)	\$ (8,724)	\$ (13,053)

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(1) Stock-based compensation included in the statements of operations data above was as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended								
	Sep 30, 2010	Dec 31, 2010	March 31, 2011	June 30, 2011	Sep 30, 2011	Dec 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	June 30, 2012	Sep 30, 2012
(in thousands)									
Cost of revenues:									
Subscription	\$ 97	\$ 128	\$ 156	\$ 167	\$ 201	\$ 473	\$ 532	\$ 706	\$ 1,276
Professional services and other	15	22	38	42	71	122	192	277	495
Sales and marketing	192	239	288	285	800	1,210	1,471	2,482	2,899
Research and development	95	112	143	118	263	441	661	1,541	1,919
General and administrative	134	87	130	466	1,056	1,000	1,062	1,451	1,624

	For the Three Months Ended								
	Sep 30, 2010	Dec 31, 2010	March 31, 2011	June 30, 2011	Sep 30, 2011	Dec 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	June 30, 2012	Sep 30, 2012
(as a percentage of revenues)									
Revenues:									
Subscription	89%	86%	84%	84%	89%	88%	83%	82%	86%
Professional services and other	11	14	16	16	11	12	17	18	14
Total revenues	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Cost of revenues:									
Subscription	16	16	18	16	18	22	23	25	28
Professional services and other	16	19	19	16	17	19	22	15	15
Total cost of revenues	32	35	37	32	35	41	45	40	43
Gross profit	68	65	63	68	65	59	55	60	57
Operating expenses:									
Sales and marketing	39	34	33	41	41	47	41	47	44
Research and development	7	7	7	8	8	11	13	16	17
General and administrative	9	9	11	11	13	14	13	12	17
Total operating expenses	55	50	51	60	62	72	67	75	78
Income (loss) from operations	13	15	12	8	3	(13)	(12)	(15)	(21)
Interest and other income (expense), net	2		1		(2)	(2)	1		1
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes	15	15	13	8	1	(15)	(11)	(15)	(20)
Provision for income taxes	2	2	1	1		(2)	1	(1)	
Net income (loss)	13%	13%	12%	7%	1%	(17)%	(12)%	(14)%	(20)%

Seasonality, Cyclicity and Quarterly Trends

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We have historically experienced seasonality in terms of when we enter into customer agreements for our service. We sign a significantly higher percentage of agreements with new customers, as well as renewal agreements with existing customers, in the quarters ended June 30 and December 31. The increase in customer agreements for the quarters ended June 30 is primarily as a result of the historical terms of our commission plans to incentivize our direct sales force to meet their quotas by the end of the fiscal year. The increase in customer

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agreements for the quarter ended December 31 can be attributed to large enterprise account buying patterns typical in the software industry. Furthermore, we usually sign a significant portion of these agreements during the last month, and often the last two weeks, of each quarter. This seasonality is reflected to a much lesser extent, and sometimes is not immediately apparent, in our revenues, due to the fact that we recognize subscription revenues over the term of the license agreement, which is generally 12 to 36 months. As a result of the change in our fiscal year end from June 30 to December 31 and changes to our commission plans to provide for earlier incentives, we may not see the same increase in new customer agreements for future quarters ended June 30. Although these seasonal factors are common in the technology industry, historical patterns should not be considered a reliable indicator of our future sales activity or performance.

Our revenues have increased over the periods presented due to increased sales to new customers, as well as upsells to existing customers. Our operating expenses have increased sequentially in every quarter primarily due to increases in headcount and other related expenses to support our growth. We anticipate these expenses will continue to increase in future periods as we continue to focus on investing in the long-term growth of our business.

Beginning in the quarter ended September 30, 2011, we accelerated investments in our headcount and infrastructure to drive our future growth. As a result, we generated net losses for each of the quarters in the period from the three months ended December 31, 2011 through the three months ended September 30, 2012 despite significant revenue growth in the period.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2010	2011	2010	2011	2011	2012
	(in thousands)						
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 160	\$ (7,532)	\$ 37,468	\$ 10,711	\$ 13,220	\$ 36,441	\$ 32,095
Net cash used in investing activities	(851)	(1,455)	(8,383)	(1,857)	(7,959)	(9,043)	(172,245)
Net cash provided by financing activities	3,701	30,672	1,227	222	2,154	2,787	189,593
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents, net of impact of exchange rates on cash	3,016	21,614	30,451	9,055	8,235	30,579	48,888

To date, we have funded our business primarily with cash flows from operating activities and the net proceeds from our initial public offering. At September 30, 2012, we had \$117.0 million in cash and cash equivalents, of which \$6.7 million represented cash located overseas. We also had \$139.5 million in short-term investments consisting of commercial paper, corporate debt securities and U.S. government agency securities.

Our historical cash flows from operating activities have been significantly impacted by customer billings and payment terms, as well as operating expenses related to sales and marketing, research and development, and costs related to our cloud infrastructure and professional services.

Based on our current level of operations and anticipated growth, we believe our current cash, cash equivalents and short term investments, and cash flows from operating activities will be sufficient to fund our operating needs for at least the next 12 months, barring unforeseen circumstances.

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Our primary short-term needs for cash, which are subject to change, include expenditures related to the growth of our cloud infrastructure, including the addition and expansion of data centers, and the acquisition of

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fixed assets and investments in office facilities to accommodate our growth. We made capital expenditures of \$29.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and anticipate making capital expenditures of approximately \$10.2 million during the remainder of fiscal 2012, primarily related to investments in leasehold improvements and furniture related to the expansion of our office facilities, the expansion of our IT infrastructure and equipment for use in our data centers.

Our short-term needs for cash also include expenditures related to:

the growth of our sales and marketing and professional services efforts;

support of our sales and marketing efforts related to our current and future services and applications, including expansion of our direct sales force and support resources both in the United States and abroad;

the continued advancement of research and development; and

the expansion needs of our facilities, including costs of leasing additional facilities.

To the extent existing cash and cash equivalents and cash from operations are not sufficient to fund our future activities, we may need to raise additional funds. Although we are not currently a party to any agreement or letter of intent with respect to potential investments in, or acquisitions of, complementary businesses, services or technologies, we may enter into these types of arrangements in the future, which could also require us to seek additional equity financing or use our cash resources. We have no present understandings, commitments or agreements to enter into any such acquisitions.

Depending on certain growth opportunities, we may choose to accelerate investments in sales and marketing, cloud infrastructure, professional services, and research and development, which may require the use of proceeds from our initial public offering.

Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities in the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was \$32.1 million, reflecting our net loss of \$27.4 million, adjusted by non-cash charges including \$18.6 million for stock-based compensation, \$9.3 million for the amortization of deferred commissions, \$8.8 million for depreciation and amortization and \$2.9 million for lease abandonment costs, and changes in our working capital. The fluctuations in our working capital were primarily attributed to an increase of \$43.1 million in deferred revenue, \$4.6 million increase in accrued liabilities, \$2.4 million in other long-term liabilities and a decrease of \$4.2 million in prepaid expenses and other current assets, partially offset by an \$11.1 million increase in accounts receivable, \$20.5 million increase in deferred commissions and \$3.0 million decrease in deferred rent. The increases in deferred revenue, deferred commissions and accounts receivable were primarily due to increased sales in the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The increase in accrued liabilities is due to the growth of our business and increased headcount of 60% during the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The decrease in prepaid expenses and other current assets was primarily due to the settlement of the founder's outstanding receivable for withholding taxes associated with the sale of Series C and Series D preferred stock. The decrease in deferred rent is offset by the increase in other long-term liabilities related to the relocation of our San Diego office to another facility in San Diego in August 2012.

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Net cash provided by operating activities in the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was \$36.4 million, reflecting our net income of \$5.1 million, adjusted by non-cash charges including \$4.2 million for stock-based compensation, \$3.9 million for the amortization of deferred commissions, and \$1.8 million for depreciation, and changes in our working capital. The fluctuations in our working capital were primarily attributed to an increase of \$28.6 million in deferred revenue, \$4.2 million increase in accrued liabilities, \$3.2 million increase in deferred rent and \$1.9 million increase in accounts payable partially offset by an increase of \$7.8 million in accounts receivable, \$6.4 million increase in deferred commissions and \$2.1 million increase in prepaid expenses and other current assets. The increase in deferred revenue, accounts receivable and deferred commissions was

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primarily due to increased sales. The increase in deferred rent, accrued liabilities, accounts payable and prepaid expenses was primarily due to the growth of our business, increased headcount and the resulting move of our San Diego office to a new building during the period. Our total headcount increased 96% during the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

Net cash provided by operating activities in the six months ended December 31, 2011 reflected our net loss of \$6.7 million, adjusted by non-cash charges including \$5.6 million for stock-based compensation, \$3.5 million for amortization of deferred commissions and \$2.0 million for depreciation, and changes in our working capital. The fluctuations in our working capital were primarily attributed to a \$30.0 million increase in deferred revenue and a \$6.9 million increase in accrued liabilities, partially offset by a \$20.4 million increase in accounts receivable and an \$8.3 million increase in deferred commissions. The increase in deferred revenue, accounts receivable and deferred commissions was primarily due to increased sales. Our sales and marketing headcount increased 73% during the six months ended December 31, 2011. The increase in accrued liabilities was due to the growth in our business and increased headcount.

Net cash provided by operating activities in the six months ended December 31, 2010 reflected our net income of \$4.8 million and changes in our working capital. The fluctuations in our working capital were primarily attributed to a \$12.6 million increase in deferred revenue, partially offset by a \$7.6 million increase in accounts receivable. The increase in deferred revenue and accounts receivable was primarily due to increased sales.

Net cash provided by operating activities in fiscal 2011 reflected our net income of \$9.8 million, adjusted by non-cash charges including \$4.0 million for the amortization of deferred commissions and \$3.0 million for stock-based compensation, and changes in our working capital. The fluctuations in our working capital were primarily attributed to a \$33.9 million increase in deferred revenue, a \$5.4 million increase in accrued liabilities and a \$3.2 million increase in deferred rent, partially offset by a \$14.8 million increase in accounts receivable and a \$5.6 million increase in deferred commissions. The increase in deferred revenue, accounts receivable and deferred commissions was primarily due to increased sales in fiscal 2011. The increase in accrued liabilities and deferred rent was primarily due to the growth of our business and the resulting move of our San Diego office to a new building during the period.

Net cash used in operating activities in fiscal 2010 reflected our net loss of \$29.7 million, which included non-cash compensation expense of \$30.8 million related to the premium paid to eligible stockholders for the repurchase of common stock in connection with the sale of Series D preferred stock, and the changes in our working capital. The fluctuations in our working capital were primarily attributed to a \$24.0 million increase in deferred revenue and an \$8.9 million increase in accrued liabilities, partially offset by a \$5.3 million increase in deferred commissions, a \$5.2 million increase in accounts receivable and a \$4.9 million increase in prepaid expenses and other current assets. The increase in accrued liabilities included \$4.5 million in withholding taxes associated with the repurchase of our founder's shares as part of the sale and issuance Series D preferred stock, with a corresponding offset of \$4.5 million for a receivable in prepaid expenses and other current assets owed to us by our founder. The remaining increase to accrued liabilities was due to the increase in headcount.

Net cash provided by operating activities in fiscal 2009 reflected our net loss of \$5.9 million, which included non-cash compensation expense of \$3.8 million related to the premium paid to our founder for the repurchase of common stock in connection with the sale of Series C preferred stock, and the changes in our working capital. The fluctuations in our working capital were primarily attributed to a \$7.0 million increase in deferred revenue and a \$2.4 million increase in accrued liabilities, partially offset by a \$2.0 million increase in accounts receivable and a \$1.7 million increase in deferred commissions. The increase in accrued liabilities included \$0.7 million in withholding taxes associated with the repurchase of our founder's shares as part of the sale and issuance Series C preferred stock, with a corresponding offset of \$0.7 million for a receivable in prepaid expenses and other current assets owed to us by our founder.

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Investing Activities

In the nine months ended September 30, 2012, cash used in investing activities was primarily attributed to the purchase of \$146.9 million in short-term investments. In addition, we paid cash for capital expenditures of \$32.2 million primarily related to the purchase of servers, networking equipment and storage infrastructure to support the expansion of our data centers as well as investments in leasehold improvements and furniture and equipment to support our headcount growth. We expect these investments to continue to increase in 2013.

In the nine months ended September 30, 2011, the six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, and fiscal 2011, 2010 and 2009, our investing activities primarily consisted of capital expenditures related to the purchase of servers, networking equipment and storage infrastructure to support the expansion of our data centers and tenant improvements associated with the growth of our office facilities.

Financing Activities

Our financing activities have primarily consisted of equity issuances, including excess tax benefits from stock award activities.

In the nine months ended September 30, 2012, cash provided by financing activities primarily consisted of initial public offering proceeds of \$169.8 million, net of paid underwriter discounts and commissions and issuance costs, \$17.9 million in gross proceeds from the issuance of 1,750,980 shares of common stock at a price of \$10.20 per share through a private placement with a new stockholder and \$3.4 million in proceeds from the issuance of common stock through the exercise of employee stock options. These increases in cash were slightly offset by purchases of common stock and restricted stock from stockholders of \$2.0 million.

In the nine months ended September 30, 2011, cash provided by financing activities primarily consisted of \$2.8 million in proceeds from the issuance of common stock through the exercise of employee stock options.

In the six months ended December 31, 2011, cash provided by financing activities primarily consisted of \$2.1 million in proceeds from the issuance of common stock through the exercise of employee stock options.

In the six months ended December 31, 2010, we had no significant financing activities.

In fiscal 2011, cash provided by financing activities primarily consisted of \$1.1 million in proceeds from the issuance of common stock through the exercise of employee stock options.

In fiscal 2010, we received net proceeds of \$51.2 million from the sale and issuance of Series D preferred stock, which was used to repurchase and subsequently cancel shares of common stock from eligible stockholders and warrants to purchase Series B preferred stock from a warrant holder.

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In fiscal 2009, we received net proceeds of \$5.9 million from the issuance of Series C preferred stock, which was used to repurchase and subsequently cancel shares of common stock from our founder.

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Contractual obligations represent future cash commitments and liabilities under agreements with third parties, and exclude orders for goods and services entered into in the normal course of business that are not enforceable or legally binding. The following table represents our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2011, aggregated by type:

Contractual Obligations	Total	Payments Due by Period			More Than 5 Years
		Less Than 1 Year	1 3 Years	3 5 Years	
(in thousands)					
Operating leases:					
Data centers ⁽¹⁾	\$ 20,338	\$ 8,284	\$ 11,857	\$ 197	\$
Facilities space ⁽²⁾	14,439	2,795	4,656	3,385	3,603
Total operating leases	\$ 34,777	\$ 11,079	\$ 16,513	\$ 3,582	\$ 3,603

(1) Operating leases for data centers represent our principal commitment for co-location facilities for data center capacity.

(2) Operating leases for facilities space represents our principal commitments, which consists of obligations under leases for office space.

The following table represents our known contractual obligations as of September 30, 2012, aggregated by type:

Contractual Obligations	Total	Payments Due by Period			More Than 5 Years
		Less Than 1 Year	1 3 Years	3 5 Years	
(in thousands)					
Operating leases:					
Data centers ⁽¹⁾	\$ 17,016	\$ 2,982	\$ 13,488	\$ 546	\$
Facilities space ⁽²⁾	39,746	916	10,557	9,881	18,392
Total operating leases	\$ 56,762	\$ 3,898	\$ 24,045	\$ 10,427	\$ 18,392

(1) Operating leases for data centers represent our principal commitment for co-location facilities for data center capacity.

(2) Operating leases for facilities space represents our principal commitments, which consists of obligations under leases for office space. Lease commitments of \$10.2 million related to the lease for our former San Diego office are also included in the table above. Upon vacating the building during the third quarter of 2012, we recorded a cease-use loss of \$0.2 million.

On November 8, 2012, we entered into a lease agreement for 148,704 square feet of office space located in San Jose. The lease is for a period of approximately 11 years and is anticipated to begin on or around March 1, 2013. Rent will be paid on a monthly basis and will increase incrementally over the term of the lease for total minimum lease payments of approximately \$48.8 million.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

During fiscal 2009, 2010, 2011, the six months ended December 31, 2011 and the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we did not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. As such, we are not exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in those types of relationships.

Critical Accounting Policies and Significant Judgments and Estimates

Our management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is based on our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally

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accepted in the United States. The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, as well as the reported

revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. These items are monitored and analyzed by us for changes in facts and circumstances, and material changes in these estimates could occur in the future. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other factors that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Changes in estimates are reflected in reported results for the period in which they become known. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

While our significant accounting policies are more fully described in Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements, we believe that the following accounting policies are critical to the process of making significant judgments and estimates in the preparation of our audited consolidated financial statements.

Revenue Recognition

We commence revenue recognition when all of the following conditions are met:

There is persuasive evidence of an arrangement;

The service has been provided to the customer;

The collection of related fees is reasonably assured; and

The amount of fees to be paid by the customer is fixed or determinable.

Signed agreements are used as evidence of an arrangement. If a signed contract by the customer does not exist, we have historically used either a purchase order or a signed order form as evidence of an arrangement. In cases where both a signed contract and either a purchase order or signed order form exist, we consider the signed contract to be the final persuasive evidence of an arrangement.

Subscription revenues are recognized ratably over the contract term beginning on the commencement date of each contract, which is the date we make our service available to our customers. Once our service is available to customers, amounts that have been invoiced are recorded in accounts receivable and in deferred revenue. Our professional services are priced either on a fixed-fee basis or on a time-and-materials basis. Professional services and other revenues are recognized as the services are delivered using a proportional performance model. Such services are delivered over a short period of time. In instances where final acceptance of the services are required before revenues are recognized, revenues and the associated costs are deferred until all acceptance criteria have been met.

We assess collectibility based on a number of factors such as past collection history and creditworthiness of the customer. If we determine collectibility is not reasonably assured, we defer revenue recognition until collectibility becomes reasonably assured. We assess whether the fee

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is fixed or determinable based on the payment terms associated with the transaction and whether the sales price is subject to refund or adjustment. Our arrangements do not include general rights of return.

We have multiple element arrangements comprised of subscription fees and professional services. In October 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, ratified authoritative accounting guidance regarding revenue recognition for arrangements with multiple deliverables effective for fiscal periods beginning on or after June 15, 2010. The guidance affects the determination of separate units of accounting in arrangements with multiple deliverables and the allocation of transaction consideration to each of the identified units of accounting. Previously, a delivered item was considered a separate unit of accounting when (i) it had value to the customer on a stand-alone basis, (ii) there was objective and reliable evidence of the fair value of the undelivered items, and (iii) there was no general right of return relative to the delivered services or the performance of the

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undelivered services was probable and substantially controlled by the vendor. The new guidance eliminates the requirement for objective and reliable evidence of fair value to exist for the undelivered items in order for a delivered item to be treated as a separate unit of accounting. The guidance also requires arrangement consideration to be allocated at the inception of the arrangement to all deliverables using the relative-selling-price method and eliminates the use of the residual method of allocation. Under the relative-selling-price method, the selling price for each deliverable is determined using vendor-specific objective evidence, or VSOE, of selling price or third-party evidence, or TPE, of selling price if VSOE does not exist. If neither VSOE nor TPE of selling price exists for a deliverable, the guidance requires an entity to determine the best estimate of selling price, or BEP.

Prior to the adoption of this authoritative accounting guidance, we did not have objective and reliable evidence of fair value for the items in our multiple element arrangements. As a result, we accounted for subscription and professional services revenues as one unit of account and recognized total contracted revenues ratably over the contracted term of the subscription agreement.

We adopted the new guidance on a prospective basis for fiscal 2011. As a result, this guidance was applied to all revenue arrangements entered into or materially modified since July 1, 2010. Upon adoption of this authoritative accounting guidance, we have accounted for subscription and professional services revenues as separate units of accounting. To qualify as a separate unit of accounting, the delivered item must have value to the customer on a standalone basis. Our subscription service has standalone value as it is routinely sold separately by us. In determining whether professional services have standalone value, we consider the following factors for each professional services agreement: availability of the services from other vendors, the nature of the professional services, the timing of when the professional services contract was signed in comparison to the subscription service start date and the contractual dependence of the subscription service on the customer's satisfaction with the professional services work. Our professional services, including implementation and configuration services, are not so unique and complex that other vendors cannot provide them. In some instances, our customers independently contract with third-party vendors to do the implementation and we regularly outsource implementation services to contracted third-party vendors. As a result, we concluded professional services, including implementation and configuration services, have standalone value. Our on-demand application is fully functional without any additional development, modification or customization. We provide customers access to our subscription service at the beginning of the contract term.

We determine the selling price of each deliverable in the arrangement using the relative-selling price method based on the selling price hierarchy. The selling price for each unit of account is based on the BEP since VSOE and TPE are not available for our subscription service or professional services and other. The BEP for each deliverable is determined primarily by considering the historical selling price of these deliverables in similar transactions as well as other factors, including, but not limited to, market competition, review of stand-alone sales and pricing practices. The total arrangement fee for these multiple element arrangements is then allocated to the separate units of account based on the relative selling price. The method used to determine the BEP for our subscription service is consistent with the method used to determine prices for our services that are sold regularly on a standalone basis. In determining the appropriate pricing structure, we consider the extent of competitive pricing of similar products, marketing analyses and other feedback from analysts. We price our subscription service based on the number of users with a defined process role, according to a tiered structure. The BEP for our subscription service is based upon the historical selling price of these deliverables. Prior to December 2011, our professional services were priced on a fixed-fee basis as a percentage of the subscription fee. We also prepared a standard build-up cost analysis to estimate the fixed fee for our professional services based on the estimated level of effort to complete the professional services. If professional services were priced below the expected range due to discounting, fees allocated to professional services were limited to the amount not contingent upon the delivery of our subscription service. In December 2011, we began shifting our pricing model for professional services to a time-and-materials basis.

In limited circumstances, we grant certain customers the right to deploy our subscription service on the customer's own servers without significantly penalty. We have analyzed all of the elements in these particular

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multiple element arrangements and determined we do not have sufficient VSOE of fair value to allocate revenue to our subscription service and professional services. We defer all revenue under the arrangement until the commencement of the subscription service and any associated professional services. Once the subscription service and the associated professional services have commenced, the entire fee from the arrangement is recognized ratably over the remaining period of the arrangement.

Deferred Commissions

We defer expenses associated with commission payments to our direct sales force and referral fees paid to independent third-parties. The commissions are deferred and amortized to sales expense over the non-cancelable terms of the related contracts with our customers. The commission payments are a direct and incremental cost of the revenue arrangements. The deferred commission amounts are recoverable through the future revenue streams under the non-cancelable customer contracts. We believe this is preferable to expensing sales commissions as incurred because the commission charges are so closely related to revenues they should be recorded as an asset and charged to expense over the same period the revenues are recognized. Additionally, we believe this policy election enhances the comparability of our consolidated financial statements to those of other companies in our industry.

Stock-Based Compensation

We measure compensation expense for all stock-based payments made to employees and directors based on the fair value of the award as of the date of grant. The expense is recognized, net of estimated forfeitures, over the requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period of the respective award. We estimate forfeitures based upon our historical experience. At each period end, we review the estimated forfeiture rate and make changes as factors affecting the forfeiture rate calculations and assumptions change.

We use the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to determine the fair value of our stock-based awards. The following assumptions were used for each respective period to calculate our stock-based compensation for each stock option grant:

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2010	2011	2010	2011	2011	2012
Stock Options:							
Expected volatility	69% - 75%	65%	50% - 69%	57% - 67%	56% - 69%	50% - 69%	54% - 57%
Expected term (in years)	5.62	6.02	6.05	6.04	5.75	5.83	6.05
Risk-free interest rate	1.48% - 3.77%	2.57% - 3.04%	1.43% - 2.96%	1.43% - 2.96%	0% - 1.92%	0% - 3.03%	0.87% - 1.18%
Dividend yield		%	%	%	%	%	%

The following assumptions were used to calculate our stock-based compensation for each stock purchase right granted under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP), which became effective on June 28, 2012:

	Nine Months Ended, September 30, 2012
ESPP:	
Expected volatility	42%

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Expected term (in years)	.58
Risk-free interest rate	0.16%
Dividend yield	%

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Determining the fair value under this model requires the use of inputs that are subjective and generally require significant analysis and judgment to develop. These inputs include the fair value of our common stock, expected volatility, expected term, risk-free interest rate, and expected dividend yield, which are estimated as follows:

Fair value of our common stock: Because our stock was not publicly traded prior to our initial public offering, we estimated the fair value of our common stock, as discussed in *Common Stock Valuations* below. Following our initial public offering in June 2012, our common stock was valued by reference to its publicly traded price.

Expected volatility: We use the historic volatility of publicly traded peer companies as an estimate for our expected volatility. In considering peer companies, we assess characteristics such as industry, stage of development, size, and financial leverage. For each period, the peer group of publicly traded companies used to determine expected volatility was the same as the peer group used to determine the fair value of our common stock. We intend to continue to consistently apply this process using the same or similar public companies until a sufficient amount of historical information regarding the volatility of our own common stock share price becomes available.

Expected term: We estimate the expected term using the simplified method due to the lack of historical exercise activity for our company. The simplified method calculates the expected term as the mid-point between the vesting date and the contractual expiration date of the award.

Risk-free interest rate: The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for the expected term of the stock-based award.

Dividend yield: Our expected dividend yield is zero, as we have not and do not currently intend to declare dividends in the foreseeable future.

If any assumptions used in the Black-Scholes model change significantly, stock-based compensation for future awards may differ materially compared with the awards granted previously.

Common Stock Valuations

Prior to our initial public offering, the fair value of the common stock underlying our stock options was determined by our board of directors, which intended all options granted to be exercisable at a price per share not less than the per share fair value of our common stock underlying those options on the date of grant. The valuations of our common stock were determined in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the *American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Practice Aid, Valuation of Privately-Held-Company Equity Securities Issued as Compensation*. The assumptions we used in the valuation model were based on future expectations combined with management judgment. In the absence of a public trading market, our board of directors with input from management exercised significant judgment and considered numerous objective and subjective factors to determine the fair value of our common stock as of the date of each option grant, including the following factors:

contemporaneous independent valuations performed at periodic intervals;

the prices, rights, preferences and privileges of our convertible preferred stock relative to the common stock;

recent sales of our common stock;

our operating and financial performance and forecast;

current business conditions;

the hiring of key personnel;

our stage of development;

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the likelihood of achieving a liquidity event for the shares of common stock underlying these stock options, such as an initial public offering or sale of our company, given prevailing market conditions;

any adjustment necessary to recognize a lack of marketability for our common stock;

the market performance of comparable publicly traded technology companies;

mergers and acquisition activity in our industry; and

the U.S. and global capital market conditions.

The following table summarizes, by grant date, information regarding shares of common stock subject to stock options and RSUs granted from July 1, 2010:

Grant Date	Number of Shares Underlying Options	Exercise Price Per Share	Common Stock Fair Value Per Share on Date of Grant	Number of Shares Underlying RSUs
July 2010	4,646,000	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	