

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility
Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* French, Richard 47071 Bayside Parkway Fremont CA 94538	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VA Software Corporation [Inux]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Sr. VP and GM, OSDN
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction Required to be Reported (Month/Day/Year) 09/23/2003	
	4. If amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More Than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/23/2003		M		15,000	A	\$.99	15,000	D	
Common Stock	09/23/2003		S		15,000	D	\$5.36	0	D	
Common Stock	09/23/2003		M		4,000	A	\$.99	4,000	D	
Common Stock	09/23/2003		S		4,000	D	\$5.36	0	D	
Common Stock	09/23/2003		M		6,000	A	\$.99	6,000	D	
Common Stock	09/23/2003		S		6,000	D	\$5.37	0	D	
Common Stock	09/24/2003		M		16,670	A	\$3.00	16,670	D	
Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		16,670	D	\$5.00	0	D	
Common Stock	09/24/2003		M		50,000	A	\$3.00	50,000	D	
Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		50,000	D	\$5.18	0	D	
Common Stock	09/24/2003		M		33,330	A	\$3.00	33,330	D	
Common Stock	09/24/2003		S		33,330	D	\$5.00	0	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Fremont CA 94538

Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VA Software Corporation [Inux]

Period Of Report
09/23/2003

**Table II -Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. No. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (mm/dd/yy)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. No. of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, & 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$.99	09/23/2003		M			15,000	11/11/2001 (1)	10/11/2011	Common Stock	15,000	0	1,669	D	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$3.00	09/24/2003		M			16,670	07/14/2001 (2)	06/14/2011	Common Stock	16,670	0	29,862	D	
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$.99	09/23/2003		M			4,000	11/11/2001 (1)	10/11/2011	Common Stock	4,000	0	214,331	D	
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$.99	09/23/2003		M			6,000	11/11/2001 (1)	10/11/2011	Common Stock	6,000	0	208,331	D	
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$3.00	09/24/2003		M			50,000	07/14/2001 (2)	06/14/2011	Common Stock	50,000	0	103,468	D	
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$3.00	09/24/2003		M			33,330	07/14/2001 (2)	06/14/2011	Common Stock	33,330	0	70,138	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) - This Option vests monthly as to one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the subject shares beginning on 11/11/01 and as to one forty eighth (1/48th) of the remaining shares each succeeding month thereafter.
(2) - This Option vests monthly as to one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the subject shares beginning on 7/14/01 and as to one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the remaining shares each succeeding month thereafter.

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By:/s/ Jay Seirmarco, by Power of Attorney
**Signature of Reporting Person

9/24/2003
Date

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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