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#### SYMANTEC REPORTS THIRD QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2015 RESULTS

- Achieved 30 percent non-GAAP operating margin target
- Accelerating growth of Veritas business driven by strength in enterprise backup and appliances
- Approved a new \$1 billion share repurchase program

**MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. – February 5, 2015 –** Symantec Corp. (NASDAQ: SYMC) today reported the results of its third quarter of fiscal year 2015, ended January 2, 2015.

Michael A. Brown, president and CEO, said, "Cyberattacks continue to dominate the headlines with more than 70 percent of these still occurring at the endpoint. By harnessing Symantec's vast threat telemetry to deliver actionable insight, we continue to prevent attacks at hundreds of millions of enterprise and consumer endpoints."

"As the market leader in endpoint security, our enterprise endpoint protection revenue grew 5 percent year-over-year in constant currency. Over the next few quarters, we will deliver more powerful advanced threat protection capabilities that will better detect and remediate attacks."

"Our information management business, <u>recently rebranded as Veritas</u>, is experiencing accelerating growth, driven by double-digit revenue growth for both our NetBackup appliances and NetBackup software."

Thomas Seifert, executive vice president and CFO, said, "Driving operational efficiencies across the company has allowed us to achieve our 30 percent operating margin target. We saw implied billings growth for three consecutive quarters on a constant currency basis, in addition to a 21 percent increase in large deals, underlining that the momentum in our businesses is strong."

### Results for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015 (Dollars in millions, except EPS)

			Reported Y/Y	FX Adjusted
	3Q15	3Q14	Change	Y/Y Change
GAAP				
Revenue	\$1,638	\$1,705	(4%)	0%
Operating Margin	20.0%	23.8%	(380) bps	(270) bps
Net Income	\$222	\$283	(22%)	N/A
Deferred Revenue	\$3,494	\$3,654	(4%)	1%
EPS (Diluted)	\$0.32	\$0.40	(20%)	N/A
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Non-GAAP				
Operating Margin	30.4%	29.9%	50 bps	140 bps
Net Income	\$367	\$367	0%	N/A
EPS (Diluted)	\$0.53	\$0.52	2%	N/A

### Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2015 Guidance (Dollars in millions, except EPS and FX rate)

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	40	Q15	F`	Y15
	At Expected	At Previous	At Expected	At Previous
	FX Rate	FX Rate	FX Rate	FX Rate
GAAP				
Revenue	\$1,525 - \$1,585	\$1,620 - \$1,680	\$6,515 - \$6,575	\$6,700 - \$6,760
Operating Margin	14.9% - 15.9%	17.9% - 18.9%	18.8% - 19.0%	20.1% - 20.3%
EPS (Diluted)	\$0.22 - \$0.25	\$0.29 - \$0.32	\$1.23 - \$1.26	\$1.36 - \$1.39
Non-GAAP				
Operating Margin	26.5% - 27.5%	28.9% - 29.9%	27.5% - 27.7%	28.6% - 28.8%
EPS (Diluted)	\$0.42 - \$0.45	\$0.48 - \$0.51	\$1.87 - \$1.90	\$2.00 - \$2.03
Tax Rate	25.5%	25.5%	24.8%	24.8%
Share Count	693 million	693 million	696 million	696 million
FX Rate (€\$)	\$1.16	\$1.38	\$1.28	\$1.38

Symantec's Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.15 per common share to be paid on March 18, 2015 to all shareholders of record as of the close of business on February 26, 2015. The ex-dividend date will be February 24, 2015.

In a separate press release today, the company also announced that its Board of Directors has approved a new \$1 billion share repurchase program.

### **Conference Call**

Symantec has scheduled a conference call for 5 p.m. ET/2 p.m. PT today to discuss results from the third quarter of fiscal year 2015, ended January 2, 2015 and to review guidance. Interested parties may access the conference call on the Internet at <a href="http://www.symantec.com/invest">http://www.symantec.com/invest</a>. To listen to the live call, please go to the website at least 15 minutes early to register, download and install any necessary audio software. A replay and our prepared remarks will be available on the investor relations home page shortly after the call is completed.

### **About Symantec**

Symantec Corporation (NASDAQ: SYMC) is an information protection expert that helps people, businesses and governments seeking the freedom to unlock the opportunities technology brings -- anytime, anywhere. Founded in April 1982, Symantec, a Fortune 500 company, operating one of the largest global data-intelligence networks, has provided leading security, backup and availability solutions for where vital information is stored, accessed and shared. The company's more than 20,000 employees reside in more than 50 countries. Ninety-nine percent of Fortune 500 companies are Symantec customers. In fiscal 2014, it recorded revenues of \$6.7 billion. To learn more go to www.symantec.com or connect with Symantec at: <a href="http://www.symantec.com/social/">http://www.symantec.com/social/</a>

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USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Our results of operations have undergone significant change due to the impact of stock-based compensation, charges related to the amortization of intangible assets, and certain other income and expense items that management considers unrelated to the Company's core operations, including restructuring, separation and transition costs. To help our readers understand our past financial performance and our future results, we supplement the financial results that we provide in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, with non-GAAP financial measures. The method we use to produce non-GAAP results is not computed according to GAAP and may differ from the methods used by other companies. Non-GAAP financial measures are supplemental, should not be considered a substitute for financial information presented in accordance with GAAP and should be read only in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. Our management team uses these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing the Company's operating results, as well as when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods. Investors are encouraged to review the reconciliation of our non-GAAP financial measures to the comparable GAAP results, which is attached to our quarterly earnings release and which can be found,

along with other financial information, on the investor relations page of our website at http://www.symantec.com/invest.

# SYMANTEC CORPORATION Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Dollars in millions, unaudited)

	Ja	nuary 2, 2015	arch 28, 2014 <sup>(1)</sup>
ASSETS			
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents Short-term investments Trade accounts receivable, net Inventories, net Deferred income taxes Deferred commissions	\$	2,764 976 982 12 143 120	\$ 3,707 377 1,007 14 142 115
Other current assets  Total current assets		258 5,255	290 5,652
Property and equipment, net Intangible assets, net Goodwill Long-term deferred commissions Other long-term assets Total assets	\$	1,186 669 5,854 25 113 13,102	\$ 1,116 768 5,858 21 124 13,539
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued compensation and benefits Deferred revenue Current portion of long-term debt Other current liabilities Total current liabilities	\$	212 382 2,961 350 328 4,233	\$ 282 365 3,322 - 337 4,306
Long-term debt Long-term deferred revenue Long-term deferred tax liabilities Long-term income taxes payable Other long-term obligations Total liabilities		1,745 533 465 133 83 7,192	2,095 581 425 252 83 7,742
Total stockholders' equity  Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	5,910 13,102	\$ 5,797 13,539

<sup>(1)</sup> Derived from audited consolidated financial statements.

## SYMANTEC CORPORATION Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (In millions, except per share data, unaudited)

	Three Mor	iths En	ıded	Year-Over-Year Growth Rate		
	January 2, December 27,				Constant	
	 2015	:	2013	Actual	Currency (1)	
Net revenue:						
Content, subscription, and maintenance	\$ 1,412	\$	1,508	-6%	-3%	
License	226		197	15%	20%	
Total net revenue	1,638		1,705	-4%	0%	
Cost of revenue:						
Content, subscription, and maintenance	239		244			
License	28		26			
Amortization of intangible assets  Total cost of revenue	12 279		13 283	-1%	1%	
Gross profit	1,359		1,422	-1% -4%	-1%	
prom	1,000		1,122	170	170	
Operating expenses:						
Sales and marketing	563		610			
Research and development	267		252			
General and administrative Amortization of intangible assets	94 27		98 28			
Restructuring, separation, and transition	27 81		26 29			
Total operating expenses	1,032		1,017	1%	4%	
Operating income	327		405	-19%	-12%	
Interest income	3		3			
Interest expense	(20)		(20)			
Other income (loss), net	2		(1)			
Income before income taxes	312		387	-19%	N/A	
Provision for income taxes	90		104			
Net income	\$ 222	\$	283	-22%	N/A	
Net income per share basic	\$ 0.32	\$	0.41			
Net income per share diluted	\$ 0.32	\$	0.40			
Weighted-average shares outstanding basic	689		696			
Weighted-average shares outstanding diluted	697		702			
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.15	\$	0.15			

<sup>(1)</sup> Management refers to growth rates adjusting for currency so that the business results can be viewed without the impact of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. We compare the percentage change in the results from one period to another period in order to provide a framework for assessing how our underlying businesses performed excluding the effect of foreign currency rate fluctuations. To present this information, current and comparative prior period results for entities reporting in currencies other than United States dollars are converted into United States dollars at the actual exchange rates in effect during the respective prior periods.

## SYMANTEC CORPORATION Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (In millions, except per share data, unaudited)

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	Nine Mon			Growth Rate (1)		
	nuary 2,	December 27,			Constant	
	 2015	2	2013	Actual	Currency (2)	
Net revenue:						
Content, subscription, and maintenance	\$ 4,431	\$	4,527	-2%	-1%	
License	559		524	7%	8%	
Total net revenue	4,990		5,051	-1%	0%	
Cost of revenue:						
Content, subscription, and maintenance	748		759			
License	80		67			
Amortization of intangible assets	38		41	00/	40/	
Total cost of revenue	866 4,124		867 4,184	0% -1%	1% 0%	
Gross profit	4,124		4,104	-170	0%	
Operating expenses:						
Sales and marketing	1,772		1,854			
Research and development	851		762			
General and administrative Amortization of intangible assets	290 83		331 128			
Restructuring, separation, and transition	131		232			
Total operating expenses	3,127		3,307	-5%	-5%	
Operating income	997		877	14%	16%	
Interest income	9		9			
Interest expense	(60)		(65)			
Other income, net	` 4 <sup>'</sup>		37			
Income before income taxes	950		858	11%	N/A	
Provision for income taxes	248		177			
Net income	\$ 702	\$	681	3%	N/A	
Net income per share basic	\$ 1.02	\$	0.98			
Net income per share diluted	\$ 1.01	\$	0.96			
Weighted-average shares outstanding basic	690		697			
Weighted-average shares outstanding diluted	697		706			
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.45	\$	0.45			

<sup>(1)</sup> We have a 52/53-week fiscal accounting year. The nine months ended January 2, 2015 consisted of 40 weeks, whereas the nine months ended December 27, 2013 consisted of 39 weeks.

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## SYMANTEC CORPORATION Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Dollars in millions, unaudited)

	N	Nine Mont			
		January 2, 2015		mber 27, 2013	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:					
Net income	\$	702	\$	681	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation		213		207	
Amortization of intangible assets		121		170	
Amortization of debt issuance costs and discounts		3		6	
Stock-based compensation expense		140		111	
Deferred income taxes		28		9	
Excess income tax benefit from the exercise of stock options		(6)		(13)	
Net gain from sale of short-term investments		-		(32)	
Other		8		8	
Net change in assets and liabilities, excluding effects of acquisitions:		O		O	
Trade accounts receivable, net		(7)		145	
Inventories, net		(7)			
Deferred commissions		(4.0)		11	
		(16)		27	
Accounts payable		(65)		(54)	
Accrued compensation and benefits		28		(83)	
Deferred revenue		(232)		(470)	
Income taxes payable		(94)		30	
Other assets		22		30	
Other liabilities		(22)		49	
Net cash provided by operating activities		824		832	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:					
Purchases of property and equipment		(300)		(183)	
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired, and purchases of intangibles		(39)		(17)	
Purchases of short-term investments		(1,429)		(174)	
Proceeds from maturities of short-term investments		495		99	
Proceeds from sales of short-term investments		270		67	
Net cash used in investing activities		(1,003)		(208)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(1,003)		(200)	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Repayments of debt and other obligations		(19)		(1,189)	
Proceeds from convertible note hedge		-		189	
Net proceeds from sales of common stock under employee stock benefit plans		78		183	
Excess income tax benefit from the exercise of stock options		6		13	
Tax payments related to restricted stock units		(37)		(32)	
Dividends paid, net		(311)		(314)	
Repurchases of common stock		(375)		(375)	
Proceeds from other financing, net		36		-	
Net cash used in financing activities		(622)		(1,525)	
Effect of evolunge rate fluctuations on each and each equivalents		(4.40)		20	
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents		(142)		29	
Change in cash and cash equivalents		(943)		(872)	
Beginning cash and cash equivalents		3,707		4,685	
Ending cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,764	\$	3,813	

### Reconciliation of Selected GAAP Measures to Non-GAAP Measures (1) (2)

(In millions, except per share data, unaudited)

														ver-Year
	Three Months Er				hs Ended December 27, 2013				Non-GAAP	Growth Rate				
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Net revenue	\$	1,638	\$	-	\$	1,638	\$	1,705	\$	-	\$	1,705	-4%	0%
Gross profit	\$	1,359	\$	18	\$	1,377	\$	1,422	\$	18	\$	1,440	-4%	-1%
Stock-based compensation				6						5				
Amortization of intangible assets				12						13				
Gross margin %		83.0%		1.1%		84.1%		83.4%		1.1%		84.5%	-40 bps	-30 bps
Operating expenses:	\$	1,032	\$	153	\$	879	\$	1,017	\$	86	\$	931	-6%	-3%
Stock-based compensation	,	,	•	45	•		,	, -	,	29	•			
Amortization of intangible assets				27						28				
Restructuring, separation, and transition				81						29				
Operating expenses as a % of revenue		63.0%		-9.3%		53.7%		59.6%		-5.0%		54.6%	-90 bps	-170 bps
Operating income	\$	327	\$	171	\$	498	\$	405	\$	104	\$	509	-2%	4%
Operating margin %		20.0%		10.4%		30.4%		23.8%		6.1%		29.9%	50 bps	140 bps
Net income:	\$	222	\$	145	\$	367	\$	283	\$	84	\$	367	0%	N/A
Gross profit adjustment	Ψ	222	Ψ	143	Ψ	307	Ψ	203	Ψ	18	Ψ	307	078	IN/A
Operating expense adjustment				153						86				
Income tax effect on above items				(26)						(20)				
Diluted net income per share	\$	0.32	\$	0.21	\$	0.53	\$	0.40	\$	0.12	\$	0.52	2%	N/A
Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding		697		-		697		702		-		702	-1%	N/A

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<sup>(2)</sup> Non-GAAP measures for fiscal 2015 have been revised to reflect a change in methodology that reduces the number of adjustments to GAAP measures. For a detailed explanation of this change in methodology, please see "Change in non-GAAP methodology" in Appendix A.

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### **Revenue and Deferred Revenue Detail**

(Dollars in millions, unaudited)

		Three Mon	ths Ended	
	Janua	ary 2, 2015	December 27, 2013	
GAAP Revenue			·	
Content, subscription, and maintenance	\$	1,412	\$ 1,508	
License		226	197	
Total Revenue	\$	1,638	\$ 1,705	
GAAP Revenue - Y/Y Growth Rate				
Content, subscription, and maintenance		-6%	-1%	
License		15%	-27%	
Total Y/Y Growth Rate		-4%	-5%	
GAAP Revenue - Y/Y Growth Rate in Constant Currency (1)	1		ı	
Content, subscription, and maintenance		-3%	0%	
License		20%	-27%	
Total Y/Y Growth Rate in Constant Currency (1)		0%	-4%	
GAAP Revenue by Segment <sup>(2)</sup>				
Consumer Security	\$	461	\$ 517	
Enterprise Security		509	528	
Information Management		668	660	
GAAP Revenue by Segment - Y/Y Growth Rate (2)				
Consumer Security		-11%	-2%	
Enterprise Security		-4%	-5%	
Information Management		1%	-6%	
GAAP Revenue by Segment - Y/Y Growth Rate in Constant Currency (1) (2)				
Consumer Security		-7%	-2%	
Enterprise Security		0%	-4%	
Information Management		5%	-7%	
GAAP Revenue by Geography				
International	\$	830	\$ 904	
U.S.		808	801	
Americas (U.S., Latin America, Canada)		907	914	
EMEA		464	494	
Asia Pacific & Japan		267	297	
GAAP Revenue by Geography - Y/Y Growth Rate		T	T	
International		-8%	-4%	
U.S.		1%	-6%	
Americas (U.S., Latin America, Canada)		-1%	-4%	
EMEA		-6%	-1%	
Asia Pacific & Japan		-10%	-12%	
GAAP Revenue by Geography - Y/Y Growth Rate in Constant Currency (1)		•	1	
International		-1%	-3%	
U.S.		1%	-6%	
Americas (U.S., Latin America, Canada)		-1%	-4%	
EMEA		2%	-5%	
Asia Pacific & Japan		-3%	-4%	
GAAP Deferred Revenue	\$	3,494	\$ 3,654	
GAAP Deferred Revenue - Y/Y Growth Rate		-4%	-6%	
GAAP Deferred Revenue - Y/Y Growth Rate in Constant Currency (1)		1%	-5%	

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<sup>(2)</sup> This presentation includes revised amounts from a change in segment reporting. Please see Appendix A for more details.

### Operating Margin by Segment Detail (1) (2) (3)

(Dollars in millions, unaudited)

		Three Months Ended January 2, December 27			
		January 2, 2015			
Operating Income by Segment	·		•		
Consumer Security	\$	245	\$	224	
Enterprise Security		85		107	
Information Management		168		178	
Total Operating Income by Segment		498		509	
Reconciling Items:					
Stock-based compensation		51		34	
Amortization of intangible assets		39		41	
Restructuring, separation, and transition		81		29	
Total Consolidated Operating Income	\$	327	\$	405	

Operating Margin by Segment		
Consumer Security	53%	43%
Enterprise Security	17%	20%
Information Management	25%	27%

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Guidance and Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Operating Margin and Earnings Per Share (1) (2) (Dollars in millions, except per share data, unaudited)

ristal Teal 2013		Year Ended April 3, 2015				
		Year-Over-Year Growth F				
Revenue Guidance	Range	Actual	Constant Currency (5)			
Revenue range	\$6,515 - \$6,575	(2.8)% - (1.9)%	(0.8)% - 0.2%			
		Year Ended April 3, 20	15			

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	Year-Over-Year Increase (3)			
Range	Actual	Constant Currency (5)		
18.8% - 19.0%	110 bps - 130 bps	198 bps - 221 bps		
3.0%				
5.7%				
27.5% - 27.7%	10 bps - 30 bps	85 bps - 109 bps		
	18.8% - 19.0% 3.0% 5.7%	Range Actual  18.8% - 19.0% 110 bps - 130 bps  3.0% 5.7%		

	Year Ended April 3, 2015		
		Year-Over-Year Growth Rate (3)	
Earnings Per Share Guidance and Reconciliation	Range	Actual	
GAAP diluted earnings per share range	\$1.23 - \$1.26	(3.9)% - (1.6)%	
Add back:			
Stock-based compensation, net of taxes	\$0.21		
Other non-GAAP adjustments, net of taxes	\$0.43		
Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share range	\$1.87 - \$1.90	(4.1)% - (2.6)%	

Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2015				
	Three Months Ended April 3, 2015			
		Year-Over-Year Growth Rate (4)		
Revenue Guidance	Range	Actual	Constant Currency (5)	
Revenue range	\$1,525 - \$1,585	(7.6)% - (3.9)%	(2.2)% - 1.7%	

	Three Months Ended April 3, 2015			
		Year-Over-Year Increase (Decrease)		
Operating Margin Guidance and Reconciliation	Range	Actual	Constant Currency (5)	
GAAP operating margin	14.9% - 15.9%	(390) bps - (290) bps	(110) bps - (8) bps	
Add back:				
Stock-based compensation	3.6%			
Other non-GAAP adjustments	8.0%			
Non-GAAP operating margin	26.5% - 27.5%	(70) bps - 30 bps	153 bps - 249 bps	

	Three Months Ended April 3, 2015		
		Year-Over-Year Growth Rate	
Earnings Per Share Guidance and Reconciliation	Range	Actual	
GAAP diluted earnings per share range Add back:	\$0.22 - \$0.25	(29.0)% - (19.4)%	
Stock-based compensation, net of taxes Other non-GAAP adjustments, net of taxes	\$0.06 \$0.14		
Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share range	\$0.42 - \$0.45	(12.5)% - (6.2)%	

- (1) This presentation includes non-GAAP measures. Non-GAAP financial measures are supplemental and should not be considered a substitute for financial information presented in accordance with GAAP. For a detailed explanation of these non-GAAP measures, please see Appendix A.
- (2) Non-GAAP measures for fiscal 2015 have been revised to reflect a change in methodology that reduces the number of adjustments to GAAP measures. For a detailed explanation of this change in methodology, please see "Change in non-GAAP methodology" in Appendix A.
- (3) We have a 52/53-week fiscal accounting year. The fiscal year ended April 3, 2015 consists of 53 weeks, whereas the fiscal year ended March 28, 2014 consisted of 52 weeks.
- (4) Growth rates are calculated using fiscal year 2014 non-GAAP revenue.

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(5) Management refers to growth rates adjusting for currency fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates so that the business results can be viewed without the impact of these fluctuations. We compare the percent change of the results from one period to another period in order to provide a consistent framework for assessing how our underlying businesses performed. To exclude the effects of foreign currency rate fluctuations, current and comparative prior period results for entities reporting in currencies other than United States dollars are converted into United States dollars at the actual exchange rates in effect during the respective prior periods.

### SYMANTEC CORPORATION Explanation of Non-GAAP Measures and Other Items Appendix A

<u>Segment Reporting</u>: In fiscal 2015, we are focused on managing our businesses as a portfolio and optimizing certain businesses for margin or growth. As a result, we formed a new consumer group and we consolidated our enterprise security businesses into a segment. We modified our segment reporting structure to match our operating structure in the second quarter of fiscal 2015. The historical periods presented have been adjusted to reflect the new reporting structure, which is now:

- Consumer Security
- Enterprise Security
- Information Management

Consumer Security consists of our consumer security businesses that were previously reported in User Productivity & Protection. Enterprise Security consists of our enterprise security businesses that were previously reported in User Productivity & Protection and Information Security. There were no changes to the Information Management segment.

Objective of non-GAAP measures: We believe our presentation of non-GAAP financial measures, when taken together with corresponding GAAP financial measures, provides meaningful supplemental information regarding the Company's operating performance for the reasons discussed below. Our management team uses these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing the Company's operating results, as well as when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods. We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures also facilitate comparisons of the Company's performance to prior periods and to our peers and that investors benefit from an understanding of the non-GAAP financial measures. Non-GAAP financial measures are supplemental and should not be considered a substitute for financial information presented in accordance with GAAP.

<u>Change in non-GAAP methodology</u>: From time to time, the Company performs a comprehensive review of its non-GAAP financial measures. Effective in the first quarter of fiscal 2015, non-GAAP financial measures are adjusted for the following items: stock-based compensation expense; charges related to the amortization of intangible assets; certain other income and expense items that management considers unrelated to the Company's core operations; and the associated income tax effects of the adjustments. By limiting the number and nature of adjustments, our management team believes this supplemental information will provide more meaningful insight into the performance of the Company's core business and enhance investors' ability to compare the Company's performance to its peers. The adoption of the change in methodology has been applied retrospectively to prior periods to facilitate comparability across periods.

Stock-based compensation: Consists of expenses for employee stock options, restricted stock units, restricted stock awards, performance based awards and our employee stock purchase plan determined in accordance with the authoritative guidance on stock-based compensation. When evaluating the performance of our individual business units and developing short- and long-term plans, we do not consider stock-based compensation charges. Our management team is held accountable for cash-based compensation, but we believe that management is limited in its ability to project the impact of stock-based compensation and accordingly is not held accountable for its impact on our operating results. Although stock-based compensation is necessary to attract and retain quality employees, our consideration of stock-based compensation places its primary emphasis on overall shareholder dilution rather than the accounting charges associated with such grants. In addition, for comparability purposes, we believe it is useful to provide a non-GAAP financial measure that excludes stock-based compensation in order to better understand the long-term performance of our core business and to facilitate the comparison of our results to the results of our peer companies. Furthermore, unlike cash-based compensation, the value of stock-based compensation is determined using complex formulas that incorporate factors, such as market volatility, that are beyond our control.

	Three Months Ended			
	January 2, 2015		December 27, 2013	
Cost of revenue	\$	6	\$	5
Sales and marketing		20		15
Research and development		17		9
General and administrative		8		5
Total stock-based compensation	\$	51	\$	34

Amortization of intangible assets: When conducting internal development of intangible assets, accounting rules require that we expense the costs as incurred. In the case of acquired businesses, however, we are required to allocate a portion of the purchase price to the accounting value assigned to intangible assets acquired and amortize this amount over the estimated useful lives of the acquired intangible assets. The acquired company, in most cases, has itself previously expensed the costs incurred to develop the acquired intangible assets, and the purchase price allocated to these assets is not necessarily reflective of the cost we would incur in developing the intangible asset. We eliminate these amortization charges from our non-GAAP operating results to provide better comparability of pre- and post-acquisition operating results and comparability to results of businesses utilizing internally developed intangible assets.

Restructuring, separation, and transition: We have engaged in various restructuring, separation, and transition activities over the past several years that have resulted in costs associated with severance, facilities, transition, and other related costs. Separation and other related costs consist of consulting and disentanglement costs incurred to split the Company into two, independent publicly traded companies, as well as costs to prune selected product lines that do not fit either the Company's growth or margin objectives. Transition and other related costs consist of consulting charges associated with the implementation of new Enterprise Resource Planning systems. Each restructuring, separation, and transition activity has been a discrete event based on a unique set of business objectives or circumstances, and each has differed from the others in terms of its operational implementation, business impact and scope. We do not engage in restructuring, separation, or transition activities in the ordinary course of business. While our operations previously benefited from the employees and facilities covered by our various restructuring and separation charges, these employees and facilities have benefited different parts of our business in different ways, and the amount of these charges has varied significantly from period to period. We believe that it is important to understand these charges and we believe that investors benefit from excluding these charges from our operating results to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of current operating performance and comparisons to past operating performance.