Nuance Communications, Inc. Form 8-K November 16, 2005

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) November 16, 2005 NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

### DELAWARE

# 000-27038

94-3156479

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1 Wayside Road

Burlington, Massachusetts 01803

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(978) 977-2000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

On November 16, 2005, Nuance Communications, Inc., formerly ScanSoft, Inc. announced its preliminary financial results for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2005 and provided guidance of revenue for fiscal 2006. The press release and the reconciliation contained therein, which have been attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein, disclose certain financial measures that may be considered non-GAAP financial measures because they exclude, as applicable, non-cash taxes, the amortization of intangible assets, non-cash stock-based compensation and restructuring charges. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company s performance, financial position or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. These non-GAAP financial measures are provided to enhance the user s overall understanding of Nuance s current financial performance and Nuance s prospects for the future. Management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures present a useful measure of Nuance s operating performance because they exclude identified non-cash and restructuring charges. Management uses these measures for evaluating historical performance and for forecasting and planning for future periods. These measures, however, should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The non-GAAP measures included in Nuance s press release have been reconciled to the nearest GAAP measure. However, due to the ongoing implementation of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 123R and the uncertainties related to the magnitude of Nuance s equity-based compensation expense during fiscal 2006, Nuance is not able to estimate at this time the impact of the equity-based compensation expense on its earnings per share for fiscal year 2006. As such, a comparable GAAP measure and reconciliation of GAAP to the forward-looking non-GAAP earnings per share is not available at this time without an unreasonable effort. Non-GAAP earnings per diluted share should not be considered as a substitute for earnings per share determined in accordance with GAAP.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated November 16, 2005 by Nuance Communications, Inc.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

# Nuance Communications, Inc.

By: /s/ James R. Arnold, Jr.

James R. Arnold, Jr. Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 16, 2005

# EXHIBIT INDEX

# Exhibit No. Description

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