

RED HAT INC  
Form 8-K  
March 24, 2010

**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): March 24, 2010**

**Red Hat, Inc.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**Delaware**

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)**

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**001-33162**  
(Commission File Number)

**06-1364380**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1801 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**27606**  
(Zip Code)

**(919) 754-3700**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On March 24, 2010, Red Hat, Inc. (the Company ) announced that its Board of Directors (the Board ) had authorized the repurchase of up to an aggregate of \$300 million of the Company's common stock, par value \$.0001 per share ( Common Stock ), from time to time in open market or privately negotiated transactions, as applicable. The program will expire on the earlier of (i) March 31, 2012, or (ii) a determination by the Board, Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer to discontinue the program. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement of the repurchase program is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated March 24, 2010

**SIGNATURE**

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

Date: March 24, 2010

RED HAT, INC.

By: /s/ Charles E. Peters, Jr.  
Name: Charles E. Peters, Jr.  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated March 24, 2010