As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 4, 2003 Registration No. 333-

> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

> > FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

FORGENT NETWORKS, INC. (formerly VTEL Corporation) (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 74-2415696 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

108 Wild Basin Road Austin, Texas 78746 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

FORGENT NETWORKS, INC. 1996 STOCK OPTION PLAN (Full title of the plan)

Jay Peterson Chief Financial Officer FORGENT NETWORKS, INC. 108 Wild Basin Road Austin, Texas 78746 (Name and address of agent for service)

(512) 437-2483 (Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to Be registered (1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share (2)(3)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (2)(3)	Amount of registration fee (3)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	1,100,000	\$2.34	\$2,576,250.70	\$209

<FN>

(1) Consists of 1,100,000 shares of common stock (and associated preferred stock purchase rights) reserved for issuance to employees and consultants of Forgent Networks, Inc. (the "Corporation") pursuant to the Forgent Networks, Inc. 1996 Stock Option Plan (f/k/a the VTEL Corporation 1996 Stock Option Plan) (the "Plan"). In addition, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate number of additional shares of the Corporation's Common Stock (the "Common Stock") issuable pursuant to the exercise of options and/or awards granted or to be granted under the Plans to prevent dilution that may result from any future stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions affecting the Common Stock.
(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee.

(3) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h). Accordingly, the price per share of Common Stock offered hereunder pursuant to the Plans is based upon (i) 583,515 shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance under the Plans, at a price

583,515 shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance under the Plans, at a price of \$2.99, which is the average of the highest and lowest price per share of Common Stock on the NASDAQ National Market System on October 31, 2003, and (ii) 516,485 shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance under the Plan and subject to options already granted thereunder at an exercise price of \$1.61 per share. </FN>

Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, this Registration Statement relates to the registration of additional shares of Common Stock of the Company under the Plan. The Company has earlier filed a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-28499) relating to the Plan, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

# PART I

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(A) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. Plan Information\*

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information\*

## PART II

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

The Corporation hereby incorporates by reference in this registration statement the separate Registration Statements on Form S-8 relating to the Forgent Networks, Inc. 1996 Stock Option Plan, Registration Number 333-28499.

The Corporation also hereby incorporates by reference in this registration statement the following documents previously filed by the registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"):

(1) the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2003;

(2) the description of the Common Stock of the Corporation set forth in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the Commission on March 31, 1992, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description; and

(3) the description of the Corporation's Rights contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the Commission on July 11, 1996, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Corporation with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), subsequent to the date of this registration statement shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and to be a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents until such time as there shall have been filed a post-effective amendment that indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or that deregisters all securities remaining unsold at the time of such amendment.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

None.

\*Information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Note to Part I of Form S-8.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Fourth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation provides for indemnification as follows:

### "NINTH: The Corporation shall indemnify any person:

(a) who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation) by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe his action was unlawful, or

(b) who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matters as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Article 9, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

Any indemnification under subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Article 9 (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Article 9. Such determination shall be made (i) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (ii) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (iii) by the stockholders.

Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by an officer or director in defending any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding shall be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this Article 9. Such expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by other employees and agents may be so paid upon such terms and conditions, if any, as the Board of Directors deems appropriate.

The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this Article 9 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office.

The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article 9.

For purposes of this Article 9, references to "the Corporation" shall include, in addition to the resulting corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers, and employees or agents, so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of such constituent corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under this Article 9 with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he would have with constituent.

For purposes of this Article 9, references to "other enterprises" shall include employee benefit plans; references to "fines" shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan; and references to "serving at the request of the Corporation" shall include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation which imposes duties on, or involves services by, such director, officer, employee or agent with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants or beneficiaries; and a person who acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan shall be deemed to have acted in a manner "not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation" as referred to in this Article 9.

The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this Article 9 shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person."

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

None.

Item 8. Exhibits.

(a) Exhibits.

The following documents are filed as a part of this registration statement.

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

- 4.1 Fourth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as filed July 7, 1993 with the Secretary of State of Delaware (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's quarterly report filed on Form 10-Q for the three months ended June 30, 1993).
- 4.2 Bylaws of the Company as adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company effective as of June 11, 1989 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, File No. 33-45876, as amended).
- 4.3 Amendment to Bylaws of the Company as adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company effective as of April 28, 1992 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 19.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 1992).
- 4.4 Amendment to the Bylaws of the Company as adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company effective as of July 10, 1996 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 10, 1996).
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- 4.6 Rights Agreement dated as of July 10, 1996 between VTEL Corporation and First National Bank of Boston, which includes the form of Certificate of Designations for Designating Series A Preferred Stock, \$.01 par value, the form of Rights Certificate, and the Summary of Rights to Purchase Series A Preferred Stock, \$.01 par value, the form of Rights Certificate, and the Summary of Rights to Purchase Series A Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 10, 1996).
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- 5.1\* Opinion of Jenkens & Gilchrist, a Professional Corporation
- 23.1\* Consent of Jenkens & Gilchrist, a Professional Corporation (included in opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1 hereto)
- 23.2\* Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included in the signature page of this Registration Statement)

\* Filed herewith.

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# Item 9. Undertakings.

A. The undersigned Corporation hereby undertakes:

(1) to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement; (2) that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; and

(3) to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

B. The undersigned Corporation hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Corporation's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

C. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Corporation pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Corporation has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Corporation of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Corporation in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Corporation will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Corporation certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Austin, Texas, on November 4, 2003.

FORGENT NETWORKS, INC.

By: /s/ Richard N. Snyder Richard N. Snyder President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, that each individual whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Richard Snyder or Jay C. Peterson and either of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, each with full power of substitution and resubstitution for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments to this Registration Statement, and to file the same with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the SEC, granting unto each of said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person hereby ratifying and confirming that each of said attorney-in-fact and agent or his substitute may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates included:

Signature	Capacity 	Date
/s/ Richard N. Snyder  Richard N. Snyder	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	November 3, 2003
/s/ Jay Peterson Jay Peterson	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	November 3, 2003
/s/ Richard J. Agnich	Director	November 3, 2003
Richard J. Agnich /s/ Kathleen A. Cote	Director	November 3, 2003
Kathleen A. Cote /s/ Lou Mazzucchelli	Director	November 3, 2003
Lou Mazzucchelli /s/ Raymond Miles	Director	November 3, 2003
 Raymond Miles /s/ James H. Wells	Director	November 3, 2003
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AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FORGENT NETWORKS, INC. 1996 STOCK OPTION PLAN

The Board of Directors of Forgent Networks, Inc. (formerly VTEL Corporation) (the "Company") has approved the amendment specified below to the Forgent Networks, Inc. 1996 Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). Such amendment was approved by the stockholders of the Company at a Special Meeting held on January 14, 2002.

Section 3 of the Plan was amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"3. Stock Subject to the Plan. Subject to the provisions of Section 11 of the Plan, the aggregate number of Shares which may be optioned and sold under the Plan is three million and eight hundred thousand (3,800,000), plus Reacquired Shares. The Shares may be authorized, but unissued, or reacquired.

If Shares are received by the Company in connection with the exercise of an Option hereunder by the delivery of Shares (if authorized), or if an Option should expire or become unexercisable for any reason without having been exercised in full, such Shares received, or remaining unpurchased, shall be available for future grant under the Plan." [JENKENS & GILCHRIST LETTERHEAD]

November 4, 2003

Forgent Networks, Inc. 108 Wild Basin Road Austin, Texas 78746

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Forgent Networks, Inc., a Delaware corporation (formerly VTEL Corporation) (the "Corporation"), in connection with the preparation of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about November 4, 2003, under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to 1,100,000 shares of the \$.01 par value common stock (the "Common Stock") of the Corporation that may be offered through the Forgent Networks, Inc. 1996 Stock Option Plan (f/k/a VTEL Corporation 1996 Stock Option Plan) (the "Plan").

You have requested the opinion of this firm with respect to certain legal aspects of the proposed offering. In connection therewith, we have examined and relied upon the original, or copies identified to our satisfaction, of (1) the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Corporation, as amended; (2) minutes and records of the corporate proceedings of the Corporation with respect to the establishment of the Plan, the reservation of 1,100,000 shares of Common Stock to be issued under the Plan and to which the Registration Statement relates, the issuance of shares of Common Stock pursuant to the Plan and related matters; (3) the Registration Statement and exhibits thereto, including the Plan; and (4) such other documents and instruments as we have deemed necessary for the expression of the opinions herein contained. In making the foregoing examinations, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures and the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, and the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies. As to various questions of fact material to this opinion, and as to the content and form of the Certificate of Incorporation, the Bylaws, minutes, records, resolutions and other documents or writings of the Corporation, we have relied, to the extent we deem reasonably appropriate, upon representations or certificates of officers or directors of the Corporation and upon documents, records and instruments furnished to us by the Corporation, without independent check or verification of their accuracy.

Based upon our examination and consideration of, and reliance on, the documents and other matters described above, we are of the opinion that the Corporation presently has available at least 1,100,000 shares of authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock and/or treasury shares of Common Stock. From these shares of Common Stock, the shares of Common Stock proposed to be sold through the Plan may be issued. Assuming that: (i) shares to be sold in the

future through the Plan are all in accordance with the terms of the Plan, (ii) the shares of Common Stock to be issued in the future are duly issued in accordance with the terms of the Plan, (iii) the Corporation maintains an adequate number of authorized but unissued shares and/or treasury shares of Common Stock available for issuance to those persons who purchase shares through the Plan, and (iv) the consideration for shares of Common Stock issued pursuant to the Plan is actually received by the Corporation as provided in the Plan and exceeds the par value of such shares, then the shares of Common Stock issued in accordance with the terms of the Plan or sold through and in accordance with the terms of the Plan validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to references to our firm included in or made a part of the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the Rules and Regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder. Very truly yours,

JENKENS & GILCHRIST, a Professional Corporation

By: /s/ L. Steven Leshin L. Steven Leshin

## CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements pertaining to various employee benefit plans of Forgent Networks, Inc. (Form S-8 Nos. 333-77733, 333,44533, 333-48885, 333-28499, 333-51822, 333-64212, 333-65472, 333-65464, 333-95754 and 333-65478) of our report dated September 9, 2003, with respect to the amended consolidated financial statements and schedule of Forgent Networks, Inc. included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended July 31, 2003.

Austin, Texas October 29, 2003

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP