

COMPUTER ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL INC  
Form 8-K  
March 17, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

March 11, 2004

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Date of Report: (Date of earliest event reported)

Computer Associates International, Inc.

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Delaware  | 1-9247                      | 13-2857434                           |
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| (State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| One Computer Associates Plaza, Islandia, New York | 11749      |
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| (Address of Principal Executive Offices)          | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (631) 342-6000

Not Applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

**Item 5. Other Events**

On March 11, 2004 Moody's Investor Service issued a statement in which it announced that it had downgraded Computer Associates' senior unsecured long term rating to Ba1 from Baa3 and its short term rating to Not Prime from Prime-3 and stated that the rating outlook is stable.

**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.**

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Exhibit

**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.

Computer Associates International, Inc.

Dated: March 17, 2004

By: /s/ Douglas E. Robinson

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Douglas E. Robinson  
Chief Financial Officer