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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 4)*

ALTEON INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

02144G107

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2002

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[] Rule 13d-1(b)

[X] Rule 13d-1(c)

[] Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON S.A.C. Capital Advisors, LLC				
2	CHECK THE APPROI	PRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) (b)		
3	SEC USE ONLY				
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION				
	Delaware				
	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0			
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIAL		SHARED VOTING POWER			
OWNED BY EACH		1,905,584 (including 572,738 shares issuable exercise of warrants) (see Item 4)	upor	1	
REPORTING PERSON	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER			
WITH		0			
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
		1,905,584 (including 572,738 shares issuable exercise of warrants) (see Item 4)	upor	1	
9	AGGREGATE AMOUN	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
	1,905,584 (included)	nding 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of tem 4)			
10	CHECK BOX IF THE	AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN	SHAF	RES	
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11	PERCENT OF CLASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)			
	5.9% (see Item	1)			
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*				
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1	NAME OF REP		G PERSON ATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON				
	S.A.C. Capi	tal Ma	anagement, LLC				
2	CHECK THE A	.PPROPI	RIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*		, ,	[] [X]	
3	SEC USE ONI	.———. .Y					
4	CITIZENSHIP	OR P	LACE OF ORGANIZATION				
	Delaware						
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER				
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIAL	- .T.Y	6	SHARED VOTING POWER				
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	_		1,905,584 (including 572,738 shar exercise of warrants) (see Item 4		upor	1	
		7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER				
	_		0				
		8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER				
			1,905,584 (including 572,738 shar exercise of warrants) (see Item 4		upor	1	
9	AGGREGATE A	MOUNT	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORT	ING PERSON			
	1,905,584 (warrants) (ding 572,738 shares issuable upon cem 4)	exercise of			
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES						
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11			REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)				
	5.9% (see I	tem 4					
12	TYPE OF REP	ORTIN	G PERSON*				
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1		ENTIFICA	G PERSON ATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON SSOCIATES, LLC		
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				(b) [X	
3	SEC USE ON	ILY			
4	CITIZENSHI	P OR P	LACE OF ORGANIZATION		
	Anguilla,	Britis	n West Indies		
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER		
			0		
NUMBER OF SHARES		6	SHARED VOTING POWER		
BENEFICIAL OWNED BY	Γλ		1,905,584 (including 572,738 share exercise of warrants) (see Item 4)		
EACH REPORTING		7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
PERSON WITH			0		
		8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
			1,905,584 (including 572,738 share exercise of warrants) (see Item 4)		
9	AGGREGATE	AMOUNT	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORT	ING PERSON	
	1,905,584 warrants)		ding 572,738 shares issuable upon etem 4)	exercise of	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES				
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11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)				
	5.9% (see	Item 4			
12	TYPE OF RE	PORTIN	G PERSON*		

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1	NAME OF REPORTING I.R.S. IDENTIFICE	NG PERSON CATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON				
	Steven A. Cohen					
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*					
				(b) [X]		
3	SEC USE ONLY					
4	CITIZENSHIP OR I	PLACE OF ORGANIZATION				
	United States					
	5	SOLE VOTING POWER				
NUMBER OF		0				
SHARES BENEFICIAL		SHARED VOTING POWER				
OWNED BY		1,905,584 (including 572,738 shar exercise of warrants) (see Item 4		upon		
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER				
		0				
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER				
		1,905,584 (including 572,738 shar exercise of warrants) (see Item 4		upon		
9	AGGREGATE AMOUN	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORT	ING PERSON			
	1,905,584 (incl warrants) (see	uding 572,738 shares issuable upon (tem 4)	exercise of			
10	CHECK BOX IF THE	E AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLU	DES CERTAIN	SHARES		
	[]					
11		REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)				
	5.9% (see Item	1)				

12 I	YPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
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	*SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT
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Item 1(a)	Name of Issuer:
	Alteon Inc.
Item 1(b)	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
	170 Williams Drive Ramsey, New Jersey 07446
Items 2(a)	Name of Person Filing:
	This statement is filed by: (i) S.A.C. Capital Advisors, LLC, ("SAC Capital Advisors") with respect to Shares beneficially owned by S.A.C. Capital Associates, LLC ("SAC Capital Associates"); (ii) S.A.C. Capital Management, LLC, ("SAC Capital Management") with respect to Shares beneficially owned by SAC Capital Associates; (iii) SAC Capital Associates with respect to Shares beneficially owned by it; and (iv) Steven A. Cohen with respect to Shares beneficially owned by SAC Capital Advisors, SAC Capital Management and SAC Capital Associates.
Item 2(b)	Address of Principal Business Office:
	The address of the principal business office of (i) SAC Capital Advisors and Mr. Cohen is 72 Cummings Point Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06902, (ii) SAC Capital Management is 540 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022, and (iii) SAC Capital Associates is P.O. Box 58, Victoria House, The Valley, Anguilla, British West Indies.
Item 2(c)	Citizenship:
	SAC Capital Advisors and SAC Capital Management are Delaware limited liability companies. SAC Capital Associates is an Anguillan limited liability company. Mr. Cohen is a United States citizen.
Item 2(d)	Title of Class of Securities:
	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

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Item 3 Not Applicable

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The percentages used herein are calculated based upon the Shares issued and outstanding as of November 4, 2002 as reported on the Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Company for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2002.

As of the close of business on December 31, 2002:

- 1. S.A.C. Capital Advisors, LLC
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: -1,905,584- (including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (b) Percent of class: 5.9%
- (c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: -1,905,584-(including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition:
 -1,905,584- (including 572,738 shares issuable upon
 exercise of warrants)
- 2. S.A.C. Capital Management, LLC
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: -1,905,584- (including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (b) Percent of class: 5.9%
- (c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: -1,905,584-(including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition:
 -1,905,584- (including 572,738 shares issuable upon
 exercise of warrants)
- 3. S.A.C. Capital Associates, LLC
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: -1,905,584- (including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (b) Percent of class: 5.9%
- (c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: -1,905,584-(including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition:
 -1,905,584- (including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)

- 4. Steven A. Cohen
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: -1,905,584- (including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (b) Percent of class: 5.9%
- (c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-

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- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: -1,905,584-(including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition:
 -1,905,584- (including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)

SAC Capital Advisors, SAC Capital Management, and Mr. Cohen own directly no shares of Common Stock or Warrants. Pursuant to investment agreements, each of SAC Capital Advisors and SAC Capital Management share all investment and voting power with respect to the securities held by SAC Capital Advisors and SAC Capital Management. By reason of the provisions of Rule 13D-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each of SAC Advisors, SAC Management and Mr. Cohen may be deemed to own beneficially 1,905,584 (including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants) (constituting approximately 5.9% of the shares outstanding). Each of SAC Capital Advisors, SAC Capital Management and Mr. Cohen disclaim beneficial ownership of any of the securities covered by this statement.

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following. []

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another

Person:

Not Applicable

Reported on By the Parent Holding Company:

Not Applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members

of the Group:

Not Applicable

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Not Applicable

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By signing below the signatory certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, ${\tt I}$ certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 11, 2003

S.A.C. CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum

Name: Peter Nussbaum Title: Authorized Person

S.A.C. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum

Name: Peter Nussbaum Title: Authorized Person

S.A.C. CAPITAL ASSOCIATES, LLC

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum

Name: Peter Nussbaum Title: Authorized Person

STEVEN A. COHEN

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum

Name: Peter Nussbaum Title: Authorized Person

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