

NEEDHAM MANAGEMENT PARTNERS L P  
Form SC 13G  
March 12, 2003

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. )\*

Key Technology, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, \$.01 par value  
(Title of Class of Securities)

493143101  
(CUSIP Number)

December 27, 2001  
(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)  
 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 in 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  
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Needham Management Partners, L.P.  
13-3683491

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) [ ]

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(b) [x]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
		295,000 shares
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
		None
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		295,000 shares
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		None

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

295,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01, of the Issuer ("Shares") (includes: 100,000 Shares beneficially owned by Needham Emerging Growth Partners, L.P., 155,000 Shares beneficially owned by Needham Contrarian Fund, L.P. and 40,000 Shares beneficially owned by Needham Emerging Growth Partners (Caymans), L.P. which Needham Management Partners, L.P. may be deemed to beneficially own by virtue of its position as general partner of each of the above private limited partnerships).

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

[ ]

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

6.2%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

George A. Needham

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) [ ]

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(b) [x]

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
		None
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
		295,000 shares
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		None
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		295,000 shares

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

295,000 Shares (includes: (i) 100,000 Shares beneficially owned by Needham Emerging Growth Partners, L.P., 155,000 Shares beneficially owned by Needham Contrarian Fund, L.P. and 40,000 Shares beneficially owned by Needham Emerging Growth Partners (Caymans), L.P. which Mr. Needham may be deemed to beneficially own by virtue of his position as Managing General Partner of Needham Management Partners, L.P.).

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

[ ]

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

6.2%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Item 1(a) NAME OF ISSUER:

Key Technology, Inc.

Item 1(b) ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

150 Avery Street  
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Item 2(a) NAME OF PERSON FILING:

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(i) Needham Management Partners, L.P. in its capacity as general partner of each of Needham Emerging Growth Partners, L.P., Needham Contrarian Fund, L.P. and Needham Emerging Growth Partners (Caymans), L.P.; and

(ii) George A. Needham, in his capacity as Managing General Partner of Needham Management Partners, L.P., the sole general partner of each of Needham Emerging Growth Partners, L.P., Needham Contrarian Fund, L.P. and Needham Emerging Growth Partners (Caymans), L.P.

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office, or if none, residence:

(i) 445 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

(ii) 445 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Item 2(c) CITIZENSHIP:

See Item 4 of the cover pages attached hereto

Item 2(d) TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

Common Stock, \$.01 par value

Item 2(e) CUSIP NUMBER:

493143101

Item 3 Not applicable

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Item 4 OWNERSHIP:

(a) Amount beneficially owned and (b) Percent of Class: See Items 5 through 11 of the cover pages attached hereto.

The aggregate amount held by all Reporting Persons is 6.2% (295,000 shares).

This Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that the Reporting Person, either for purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") or for other purposes, is the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this statement.

(c) See Items 5 through 8 of the cover pages attached hereto

Item 5 OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS:

Not applicable

Item 6 OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:

Not applicable

Item 7 IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH

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ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY:

Not applicable

Item 8 IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:

Not applicable

Item 9 NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP:

Not applicable

Item 10 CERTIFICATION:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and 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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SIGNATURES  
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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

March 12, 2003

NEEDHAM MANAGEMENT PARTNERS, L.P.

By: /S/George A. Needham  
Name: George A. Needham  
Title: Managing General Partner

GEORGE A. NEEDHAM

By: /S/George A. Needham

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Exhibit A

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AGREEMENT

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The undersigned, Needham Management Partners, L.P. and George A. Needham, agree that the statement to which this exhibit is appended is filed on behalf of each of them.

March 12, 2003

NEEDHAM MANAGEMENT PARTNERS, L.P.

By: /S/George A. Needham  
Name: George A. Needham  
Title: Managing General Partner

GEORGE A. NEEDHAM

By: /S/George A. Needham