

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934*

Deluxe Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

248019101

(CUSIP Number)

February 29, 2000

(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)

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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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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS.

1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY).

ESL Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
22-2875193

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2 (a) [X]
(b) []

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF

2,805,971

SHARES -----
BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY 0
EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING PERSON 2,805,971
WITH 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
4,292,400

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS) []

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
5.95%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS.
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY).

ESL Limited, a Bermuda corporation

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
(a) [X]
(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Bermuda

5 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF 5
SHARES 631,487
BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY 0
EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING PERSON 631,487
WITH 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
4,292,400

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

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ESL Institutional Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
06-1456821

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) [X]

(b) [_]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF

5

57,060

SHARES

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

6

OWNED BY

0

EACH

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

7

57,060

PERSON

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

8

0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,292,400

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(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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5.95%

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS.
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY).

ESL Investors, L.L.C.
13-4095958

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
(a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF		
SHARES		797,882
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY		
OWNED BY		0
EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		
PERSON		797,882
WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,292,400

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

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.95%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Deluxe Corporation

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

3680 Victoria Street North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55126-2966

Item 2(a) Names of Persons Filing:

ESL Partners, L.P.
ESL Limited
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.

Item 2(b) Addresses of Principal Business Offices:

ESL Partners, L.P., ESL Institutional Partners, L.P., and ESL
Investors, L.L.C.:
One Lafayette Place
Greenwich, CT 06830

ESL Limited
Hemisphere House
9 Church Street
Hamilton, Bermuda

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

ESL Partners, L.P. -- Delaware
ESL Limited -- Bermuda
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P. -- Delaware
ESL Investors, L.L.C. -- Delaware

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

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Item 3 Status of Persons Filing:

- (a) [] Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o);
- (b) [] Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (c) [] Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (d) [] Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8);
- (e) [] An investment adviser in accordance with (S)240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) [] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with (S)240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) [] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with (S)240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) [] A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) [] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) [] Group, in accordance with (S)240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4 Ownership:

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 4,292,400 shares of Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share.

This statement is filed on behalf of a group consisting of ESL Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("ESL"), ESL Limited, a Bermuda corporation ("Limited"), ESL Institutional Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Institutional"), and ESL Investors, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Investors") sometimes referred to collectively as the "ESL Reporting Group." The general partner of ESL is RBS Partners, L.P. (the "General Partner"). The general partner of the General Partner of ESL is ESL Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation. ESL Investment Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("ESLIM"), is the investment manager of Limited. RBS Investment Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("RBSIM") is the general partner of Institutional. RBS Partners, L.P. is the manager of Investors. In the aforementioned capacities, ESL, Limited, Institutional, and Investors each may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of Deluxe Corporation common stock beneficially owned by the other members of the group.

As of March 10, 2000: (i) ESL was the record owner of 2,805,971 shares of common stock of Deluxe Corporation; (ii) Limited was the record owner of 631,487 shares of common stock of Deluxe Corporation; (iii) Institutional was the record owner of 57,060 shares of common stock of Deluxe Corporation; and (iv) Investors was the record owner of 797,882 shares of common stock of Deluxe Corporation.

(b) Percent of Class: 5.95%.

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(c) Number of shares as to which each person has:

- (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
See Item 5 of each cover page.
- (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0.
- (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
See Item 7 of each cover page.
- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0.

Item 5 Ownership of 5% or Less of a Class:

Not applicable.

Item 6 Ownership of More than 5% on Behalf of Another Person:

Not applicable.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired

the Security Being Reported on By The Parent Holding Company:

Not applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

See Item 4(a).

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 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, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: March 10, 2000

ESL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: RBS Partners, L.P., its general partner
By: ESL Investments, Inc., its general partner

By: /S/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT

Edward S. Lampert
Chairman

ESL LIMITED

By: ESL Investment Management, LLC,
its investment manager

By: /S/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT

Edward S. Lampert
Managing Member

ESL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: RBS Investment Management, LLC,
its general partner

By: /S/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT

Edward S. Lampert
Managing Member

ESL INVESTORS, L.L.C.

By: RBS Partners, L.P., its manager
By: ESL Investments, Inc., its
general partner

By: /S/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT

Edward S. Lampert
Chairman

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of March 10, 2000, entered into by

and among ESL Partners, L.P., ESL Limited, ESL Institutional Partners,
L.P., and ESL Investors, L.L.C.

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the persons named below agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them a Statement on Schedule 13G (including amendments thereto) with regard to the common stock of Deluxe Corporation, and further agree that this Joint Filing Agreement be included as an Exhibit to such joint filings. In evidence thereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized, hereby execute this Agreement as of the 10/th/ day of March, 2000.

ESL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: RBS Partners, L.P., its general partner
By: ESL Investments, Inc., its general partner

By: /S/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT

Edward S. Lampert
Chairman

ESL LIMITED

By: ESL Investment Management, LLC,
its investment manager

By: /S/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT

Edward S. Lampert
Managing Member

ESL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: RBS Investment Management, LLC,
its general partner

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Edward S. Lampert
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