

PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP /MA
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 IRELAND DAVID G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP /MA [PRGS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 14 OAK PARK
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/06/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & President, OpenEdge Div

BEDFORD, MA 01730

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 05/06/2005 | | M | | 13,495 | A | \$ 12.0625 |
| Common Stock | 05/06/2005 | | S | | 7,800 | D | \$ 26.38 |
| Common Stock | 05/06/2005 | | S | | 5,695 | D | \$ 26.48 |
| Common Stock | 05/09/2005 | | M | | 29,005 | A | \$ 12.0625 |
| Common Stock | 05/09/2005 | | S | | 4,305 | D | \$ 26.48 |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 05/09/2005 | S | 10,000 | D | \$ 26.69 | 32,416 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/09/2005 | S | 10,000 | D | \$ 26.74 | 22,416 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/09/2005 | S | 4,700 | D | \$ 26.88 | 17,716 | D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|---------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of |
| Nonqualified Stock Options | \$ 12.0625 | 05/06/2005 | | M | 13,495 | 10/06/2000 ⁽²⁾ 10/06/2010 | Common Stock | 1 | |
| Nonqualified Stock Options | \$ 12.0625 | 05/09/2005 | | M | 29,005 | 10/06/2000 ⁽²⁾ 10/06/2010 | Common Stock | 2 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| IRELAND DAVID G 14 OAK PARK BEDFORD, MA 01730 | | | SVP & President, OpenEdge Div | |

Signatures

David G. Ireland 05/10/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes a purchase made pursuant to the Employee Stock Purchase Plan of 1,070 shares on April 1, 2005.
- (2) Eight-sixtieths of the option vests on the date of grant, thereafter the option vests in equal monthly increments over a 52 month period commencing November 1, 2000.
- (3) As of May 10, 2005, options to purchase all shares were vested.

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