

PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP /MA  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
ALSOP JOSEPH WRIGHT

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)  
09/26/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO and Director

BEDFORD, MA 01730

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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	Price	
Common Stock	09/26/2005		M		30,000	A \$ 5.1667	367,634 D
Common Stock	09/26/2005		S		30,000	D \$ 32.3607	337,634 D
Common Stock	09/28/2005		M		2,678	A \$ 5.1667	340,312 D
Common Stock	09/28/2005		S		2,678	D \$ 32.2123	337,634 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)
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 5.1667	09/26/2005		M	30,000	04/02/1996 <sup>(1)</sup> 04/01/2006	Common Stock 3
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 5.1667	09/28/2005		M	2,678	04/02/1996 <sup>(1)</sup> 04/01/2006	Common Stock 2

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALSOP JOSEPH WRIGHT 14 OAK PARK BEDFORD, MA 01730	X		CEO and Director	

## Signatures

Joseph W. Alsop 09/28/2005

\*\*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) The option vests in equal monthly increments over a 60 month period commencing March 1, 1996.
- (2) On September 26, 2005, the option was fully vested.

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