## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	s of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup>	(Middle)	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP /MA</u> [ <u>PRGS</u> ]		ionship of Reporting Person( all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)
14 OAK PARK	(First)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/11/2003		CEO and Direct	, ,
(Street) BEDFORD	МА	01730	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi Line) X	dual or Joint/Group Filing (Cl Form filed by One Reportir	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			Form filed by More than Or	ne Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ate Execution Date,			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)
Common Stock	12/11/2003		М		112,500	Α	\$7.19	573,999	D	

#### 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. Transa Code ( 8)		Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)		
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$7.1884	12/11/2003		М			112,500	07/01/1994 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/31/2003	Common Stock	112,500	\$7.1884	112,500 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The options vest in equal monthly increments over a 72 month period, commencing July 1, 1994.

2. As of December 12, 2003, options to purchase 112,500 shares were vested.

**Remarks:** 

#### Joseph W. Alsop

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

12/15/2003

Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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