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Progress Announces New ADO.NET Entity Framework 4.0 Providers

Extends Support for Microsoft Entity Framework 4.0 in Progress DataDirect Connect for ADO.NET Providers to Oracle, Sybase ASE, and DB2 Databases

BEDFORD, MA -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 11/08/10 -- Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS), a leading software provider that enables enterprises to be operationally responsive, announced today the release of DataDirect Connect for ADO.NET 3.5, extending support for Microsoft Entity Framework 4.0 to its Oracle, Sybase ASE and DB2 providers. With this release, Progress extends the high performance and easy-to-deploy benefits of its 100 percent managed code architecture ADO.NET providers to Entity Framework 4.0-compatible applications.

Key Features and Functionality

- Support for versions 4.0 and 1.0 of the ADO.NET Entity Framework to Oracle, Sybase and DB2 on iSeries
- Seamless support for WC/F, RIA and Silverlight EF deployments
- Superior EDM model generation and runtime performance to all Entity Framework applications
- Optimized connection pooling for increased performance and resource efficiency
- Support for Visual Studio 2010, the .NET 4.0 runtime, and version 5.0 of the Enterprise Library, including pluggable support for the Data Access Application Block (DAAB) Logging Application Block (LAB).

"Progress Software continues to be a leader in both the breadth and depth of coverage of databases, database features, and application development technologies," said Rob Steward, vice president of engineering, Progress Software. "With the release of ADO.NET 3.5, Progress remains the only software company that not only delivers 100 percent managed code ADO.NET providers to Oracle, Sybase, and DB2, but now allows developers and architects who need to connect Entity Framework to have a superior option for better overall performance and increased usability."

About Progress Software Corporation:
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