UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 4 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP () Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b). 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Alsop, Joseph Wright 14 Oak Park Bedford, MA 01730 USA 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Progress Software Corporation PRGS 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary) ###-##-#### 4. Statement for Month/Year December 1997 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below) President, Treasurer and Director
 Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security	2.  3.  4.Securities A   Transaction   or Disposed               Date  Code V  Amount		5.Amount of   Securities   Beneficially   Owned at   End of Month	6.Dir  7.Nature of Indirect  ect   Beneficial Ownership  (D)or    Indir    ect(I)
Common Stock	12/31/ G  V 900	D	649,727	D
	97			

## Table II -- Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Derivative	2.Con-	3.	4.	5.Number	of D	e  6	.Date	Exer	7.Title	and A	mount	8.Price	9.Number	10.	11.Nature of
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Explanation of Responses: SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON Joseph W. Alsop DATE January 9. 1998