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Progress Software Announces OpenEdge 10.1C

First business application development platform to support IPv6; aids rollout of pharmacy application at 300 US military facilities

BEDFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 15, 2008--Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS), a global supplier of application infrastructure software used to develop, deploy, integrate and manage business applications, today announced the immediate availability of the Progress® OpenEdge® 10.1C business application development platform. With this release, OpenEdge becomes the first business application development platform to support IPv6(1) a next generation Internet protocol designed to bring superior reliability, flexibility and security to the Internet. Other large vendors have so far failed to reach this key government-regulated milestone, and in some cases have been forced to recall products that were originally billed as IPv6-compliant.

Additional enhancements include improved error handling capabilities, a next generation OpenEdge Sonic™ Enterprise ESB adapter, Unicode support for both the Oracle DataServer and MS SQL DataServer, plus support for Eclipse 3.2.2. OpenEdge is the first integrated platform optimized for the development and deployment of service-oriented business applications. It isolates developers from the complexities of today's computing environments, allowing them to concentrate on what really matters - creating the business logic of their application. Recently, IDC named Progress Software as the largest pure-play embedded database management system (DBMS) vendor in the IDC, "Worldwide Embedded DBMS 2007-2011 Forecast and 2006 Vendor Shares," Doc#209653, December 2007 report.

The independent software vendors that comprise Progress Software's network of ISVs (called Progress Application Partners) can continue to develop their software the way they have always done in order to gain IPv6 support. At the same time, applications using the IPv4 standard now have the option to upgrade at any time.

Erwin "Ray" Bender, Program Manager with GE Healthcare commented: "The limitless network addressing capability in IPv6 was essential to us in rolling out our Centricity pharmacy product for the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). Within the DoD, we have 500 pharmacies located at 300 military facilities, each with label printing and robot prescription filling capabilities. With IPv4, routing and sub-netting were becoming untenable. Progress Software has been an invaluable partner working with us to meet the U.S government mandate to implement IPv6 and also achieve our corporate goal of moving towards a global pharmacy system."

IPv6 arose as the new network layer to replace the 20-year old IPv4 standard because the Internet is essentially "running out" of unique IP addresses. IPv6 provides a much larger address space that allows greater flexibility in assigning IP addresses. The standard is of particular interest to independent software developers now because the United States government set forth a mandate requiring all federal agencies to upgrade their network backbones to IPv6 by June 2008. As a result, if developers want their applications deployed by government or by government contractors, they must ensure their applications work properly in IPv6 environments.

In addition to IPv6 addressing capabilities, OpenEdge 10.1C also includes the following enhancements:

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--  Improved error handling capabilities

--  A next generation OpenEdge Sonic(TM) Enterprise ESB adapter

--  Unicode support added to the Oracle DataServer and MS SQL
    DataServer

--  Additional 24x7 continuous database availability and problem
    resolution enhancements

--  Support for Eclipse 3.2.2, enabling developers to seamlessly
    extend the OpenEdge development environment to the Windows
    Vista platform
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--  Enhanced object oriented programming capabilities to
    facilitate object reuse and improve developer productivity

--  Improvements to OpenEdge Architect including new views and
    graphics tools, enhanced macro functionality, and new ABL
    editor wizards, dialogs, and UI features

--  Database resiliency validations that minimize planned downtime
    for maintenance and upgrades and reduce unplanned downtime by
    identifying and correcting problems

--  Installation enhancements that further automate the
    installation by using an electronic license addendum file to
    automatically enter serial numbers and product control codes

--  64-bit JVM support for stored procedures and database triggers
    on all 64-bit platforms, including AIX64, Solaris64, Linux64,
    HP PA-RISC 64, and HP Itanium
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More details on the OpenEdge 10.1C platform are available at: http://www.progress.com/openedge/products/openedge/

About Progress Software Corporation

Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS) provides application infrastructure software for the development, deployment, integration and management of business applications. Our goal is to maximize the benefits of information technology while minimizing its complexity and total cost of ownership. Progress can be reached at www.progress.com or +1-781-280-4000.

(1) IPv6 is the next generation Internet protocol, which is the set of techniques used to transmit data over the Internet. IPv6 replaces the current version, IPv4, and brings superior reliability, flexibility and security to the Internet. The primary improvement in IPv6 over the IPv4 is that IP addresses are lengthened from 32 bits to 128 bits. This extension anticipates considerable future growth of the Internet and provides relief for what was perceived as an impending shortage of network addresses.

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