FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| l | OMB APPROVAL            |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1. Name and OCONN  | Address of R  | PR   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP /MA [ PRGS ] |         |      |   |   |       |   |                          | elationship c<br>eck all applic<br>Directo | able)  | g Perso                                | on(s) to Issu<br>10% Ow<br>Other (s   | ner  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|---|---------|------|---|---|-------|---|--------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 14 OAK PARK  |   |  |   |         |      | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/09/2003 |   |       |   |                          |  |  |  | below)  |  | ic Sof   | below)   | ·  |
| (Street) BEDFORD MA 01730 (City) (State) (Zip)                                   |   |  |   |         |      | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |   |       |   |                          |  |  | Line                                   | ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e)  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 (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da                       |   |  |   |         |      | r) Ex   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |       | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |                          | 4. Securitie<br>Disposed C                 |  |  | Beneficia<br>Owned F  | s<br>ally<br>following   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)  |  | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership                         |
|  |   |  |   |         |      |   |   |       | Code                                    | v                        | Amount                                     | (A) or<br>(D)  | Price                                  | Reported<br>Transact<br>(Instr. 3 a   | ion(s)   |  |  | Instr. 4)  |
| Common S   | /2003   | 2003                                       |   |         | М    |   | 2,000 A   |       | \$5.666                                 | 7 4,                     | 4,777                                      |  | D                                      |   |  |  |  |  |
| Common S   | /2003   |  |   |         | S    | s 2,000   |   | D     | \$23.6                                  | 1 2,                     | 2,777                                      |  | D                                      |   |  |  |  |  |
|  |   | Т  | able II -   |         |      |   |   |       |   |                          | osed of,<br>convertib                      |  |  | Owned   |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                              | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da                                    | n Date, |      | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.                                 |   | n of  |   | xercis<br>n Dat<br>ay/Ye |  | e and 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   | 9. Numbe<br>derivative<br>Securitie:<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transacti<br>(Instr. 4) | e Over Section Ove | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |   |  |   |         | Code | v   | (A)   | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisa                        | ble                      | Expiration<br>Date                         | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |  |
| Nonqualified<br>Stock  | \$5.6667  | 10/09/2003                                 |   | Ì       | M    |   |   | 2,000 | 07/01/199                               | )7 <sup>(1)</sup>        | 06/16/2007                                 | Common   | 2,000                                  | \$5.6667  | 0  |  | D  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The options vest in equal monthly increments over a 60 month period, commencing July 1, 1997.

## Remarks:

Gregory J. O'Connor

10/13/2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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