UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13G Amendment No. 2 (Name of Issuer) PROGRESS SOFTWARE (Title of Class of Securities) Common Stock (CUSIP Number) 743312100 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON Private Capital Management I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. 59-3654603 MEMBER OF A GROUP? (b) X PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH: SOLE VOTING POWER 0 SHARED VOTING POWER 2681341 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 2681341 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 2681341 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY **OWNED** 7.6% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON NAME OF REPORTING PERSON Bruce S. Sherman I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. ###-##-### MEMBER OF A GROUP? (b) X **CITIZENSHIP** U.S. Citizen NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH: SOLE VOTING POWER 10000 SHARED VOTING POWER 2744491 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 10000 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 2744491 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 2754491 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (yes) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY **OWNED** 7.8% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON IN NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Gregg J. Powers

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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.

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MEMBER OF A GROUP?
(b) X
CITIZENSHIP
U.S. Citizen
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:
SOLE VOTING POWER
                        0
SHARED VOTING POWER
                        2681341
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
                                2681341
AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
       2681341
AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(yes)
PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY
OWNED
        7.6%
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
ITEMS 1 - 10 OF GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS
Ttem 1.
(a)Name of Issuer:
                        PROGRESS SOFTWARE
(b)Address of Issuer:
                        14 Oak Park, Bedford, MA 01730
Item 2.
(a) Name of Person Filing: See Exhibit 1
(b)Address of Person Filing: 3003 Tamiami Trail N., Naples, FL 34103
(c)Citizenship: See Exhibit 1
(d)Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock
(e)CUSIP Number:
                        743312100
Ttem 3.
The reporting person is filing as an Investment Adviser registered
under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
Item 4. Ownership
(a) Amount Beneficially Owned: See Exhibit 1
(b)Percent of Class: See Exhibit 1
(c)Number of Shares as to which such person has:
(i)sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
     See Exhibit 1
(ii)shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
    See Exhibit 1
(iii)sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
    See Exhibit 1
(iv)shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
    See Exhibit 1
Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of Class:
Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another
Person: N/A
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Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my

knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were

not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any

Company: N/A

N/A

Item 10. Certification:

See Exhibit 1

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

transaction having such purposes or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: See Exhibit 2 Signature: See Exhibit 2 Name/Title: See Exhibit 2

Exhibit 1

Item 2.

- (a) Name of Person Filing
 - 1) Private Capital Management, Inc.
 - 2) *Bruce S. Sherman
 - 3) *Gregg J. Powers
- (c)Citizenship
 - 1) Florida
 - 2) U.S.
 - 3) U.S.

Item 4.

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned
 - 1) 2681341
 - 2) 2754491
 - 3) 2681341
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- (b) Percent of Class
 - 1) 7.6%
 - 2) 7.8%
 - 3) 7.6%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote
 - 1) 0
 - 2) 10000
 - 3) 0
 - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote
 - 1) 2681341
 - 2) 2744491
 - 3) 2681341
 - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
 - 1)
 - 2) 10000
 - 3) 0
 - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
 - 1) 2681341
 - 2) 2744491
 - 3) 2681341
- * Bruce S. Sherman is Chairman of Private Capital Management (PCM) and Gregg J. Powers is President of PCM. In these capacities, Messrs. Sherman and Powers exercise shared dispositive and shared voting power with respect to shares held by PCM's clients and managed by PCM. Messrs. Sherman and Powers disclaim beneficial ownership for the shares held by EVF and by PCM's clients and disclaim the existence of a group.

Exhibit 2

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 14, 2001

Bruce S. Sherman as Chairman, PCM as Managing Director, SPS as, individual, as applicable

Gregg J. Powers as President, PCM as General Partner, SPS as, individual, as applicable