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Progress Announces Winners of Application Development Challenge

Progress-XTC Challenge Aims to Accelerate the Next Great Business Applications

BEDFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Progress Software Corporation](#) (NASDAQ: PRGS), a global software company that simplifies and enables the development and deployment of business applications, today announced the winners of the Progress-XTC Challenge. In coordination with the Extreme Tech Challenge (XTC) start-up competition, Progress selected the top three out of hundreds of applicants that it believes will create the next great business applications, powered by Progress® products. All applicants will receive Progress development licenses and mentoring from Progress experts to continue building out their applications. The winners will receive cash to help take their Progress-powered products to market.

The first place winner is Places by Ansamb. Places is the ultimate private messaging and file-sharing application, combining the features of Dropbox and Skype, and adding security to assure the strongest level of privacy for content and communications. With an application layer built on node.js, Places could benefit from [Modulus™](#), the leading deployment and management platform for node.js.

The second place winner is AKIOMA config!, a cloud service that enables companies to build web-based configuration forms for self-service sales of complex products without any coding. AKIOMA currently leverages several Progress products in their offerings, including the [Corticon®](#) business rules engine and the [OpenEdge®](#) and [Rollbase®](#) application development platforms. With the config! app, AKIOMA aims to become the leading cloud-based solution for sales of configurable products worldwide.

The third place winner is engager, a SaaS platform that enables enterprises to connect with their audience through interactive video. Engager is an easy-to-use online platform that communicates marketing messages in a way that is personal and engaging. Engager could use a number of Progress solutions as it expands and scales its offering.

All participants in the Progress-XTC Challenge will receive free Progress development licenses, and free product training and mentoring. The first place winner will be awarded \$25,000 in market development funds to bring the app to market. The two runners up receive \$5,000 in marketing development funds.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.progress.com/xtc-challenge>.

Quotes:

Dr. Mark Allen, VP/CTO at Progress said, "Out of a large field of amazing startups, we felt that Ansamb's Places can best take advantage of Progress technologies. Its strong team developed an excellent product with mass-market appeal, built on a solid technology foundation. Places enables private communication for business, education and consumers, and has the opportunity to fundamentally change the way we interact on the internet."

Vigile Hoareau, Co-Founder and CEO of Ansamb said, "We are honored to be recognized by Progress. The Modulus platform will help solve a key technical problem in scaling Places by effectively managing our cloud platform."

Kym McNicholas, CEO at Extreme Tech Challenge said, "The Extreme Tech Challenge helps wicked-smart entrepreneurs execute on big ideas. Our partnership with Progress, and the Progress-XTC Challenge, provides valuable tools and cash for XTC contestants to build and market the next generation of software-based solutions."

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