

Progress Software Launches DataDirect OpenAccess SDK 7.0

Enhanced Performance, Scalability and Security Help Developers Tackle Big Data Challenges

BEDFORD, MA -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 06/13/11 -- <u>Progress Software Corporation</u> (NASDAQ: PRGS), a leading independent enterprise software provider that enables companies to be operationally responsive, today announced updates to its <u>Progress DataDirect OpenAccess SDK</u>, which provides developers with the most reliable, scalable and portable connectivity option for building tightly-integrated and flexible enterprise applications. The enhanced capabilities of the new connectivity solution include three key features: (a) access to new client libraries for ADO and ADO.NET; (b) the ability to unlock any data for high scalability, reliability and performance; and (c) compliance with security requirements of any application.

The <u>Progress DataDirect OpenAccess SDK</u> is the industry's leading custom driver development kit that enables custom drivers for any data source to be developed within weeks. Whether the data source is a proprietary file format or API, OpenAccess SDK can be used to make it SQL-accessible from ODBC, JDBC, OLE DB, or ADO.NET compliant applications.

The Progress DataDirect OpenAccess SDK 7.0 significantly expands the footprint for both ADO and ADO.NET clients, offering both 32-bit and 64-bit clients. Exploiting these ADO and ADO.NET clients enables improved 'plug and play' with Microsoft SQL Server Integration Services stack, increased usability with APIs, Microsoft Libraries and Data Access Application Blocks as well as compliance with both the 2.0 and 3.5 .NET standard. In addition, the Progress DataDirect OpenAccess SDK 7.0 enables developers to integrate their full Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) environments with mutual authentication configurability.

John Goodson, senior vice president, Products, Progress Software, said: "The Progress DataDirect OpenAccess SDK 7.0 delivers high performance, while offering the critical functionality needed to tackle the increasingly demanding core set of application environments and requirements driven by today's big data needs. Developers can achieve unparalleled performance and scalability by unlocking any data to the utility and flexibility of SQL driven applications, while exploiting the high scalability, reliability and performance functionality on which Progress DataDirect OpenAccess SDK is built."

The Progress DataDirect OpenAccess SDK 7.0 is now generally available. For more information, please visit: http://www.datadirect.com/products/custom-driver-sdk/.

About Progress Software Corporation

Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS) is an enterprise software company that enables businesses to be operationally responsive to changing conditions and customer interactions as they occur -- to capitalize on new opportunities, drive greater efficiencies and reduce risk. The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of best-in-class enterprise software spanning event-driven visibility and real-time response, open integration, data access and integration, and application development and deployment -- all supporting on-premises and SaaS/Cloud deployments. Progress maximizes the benefits of operational responsiveness while minimizing IT complexity and total cost of ownership. Progress can be reached at www.progress.com or +1-781-280-4000.

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