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Progress Software Announces Availability of Free Full Version of Actional Diagnostics Quality and Validation Tool - Downloadable Now

BEDFORD, Mass., Apr 09, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS), a global provider of application infrastructure software used to develop, deploy, integrate and manage business applications, today announced that Progress® Actional® Diagnostics is now available as a free download at: http://www.actional.com/products/actional-diagnostics.

Announced earlier in the year, Actional Diagnostics is the latest version of the award-winning Mindreef SOAPscope Developer product. It is a standalone, quality and validation desktop product that helps application developers build, test, and deliver high quality XML based services, including SOAP, REST, and POX. Actional Diagnostics can detect issues early in the software development lifecycle, such as policy compliance, and software developers can use the product to quickly understand whether a service fits their needs before any code is written. Once services are identified for use, developers can inspect, invoke, test, and create simulations for prototyping and problem solving.

Capitalizing on patented Actional Flow Mapping™ technology, Actional Diagnostics includes a new feature called Application X-Ray. With Application X-Ray, developers get an easy-to-understand "map view" that provides an application-centric view of the product. To learn more about the full product features of Actional Diagnostics, see 'Progress Software Announces Actional Diagnostics'.

Additionally, Actional 8.0 Enterprise is now available for purchase. Actional 8.0 Enterprise delivers 'Business Transaction Assurance' by providing end-to-end visibility, validation, and policy enforcement for distributed applications, from development through application support. With Actional, businesses can ensure the success of every single important business transaction.

Actional 8.0 Enterprise complements application management tools, which are unable to pinpoint or prevent many types of business transaction problems, including business exceptions (e.g., invalid data entry that goes undetected), situational issues (e.g., problems that affect only one customer, partner or channel), or stalled processes. Moreover, the Actional 8.0 Enterprise product proactively ensures transaction reliability, beginning during the application development phase, to create higher quality services that are less likely to fail in QA, performance testing, or in production.

To learn more about the full Actional 8.0 Enterprise product details, see "Progress Software Announces Actional 8.0 Enterprise."

Dan Foody, vice president of Actional products at Progress Software, said: "The general availability of Actional Diagnostics and the full Actional 8.0 product family enables developers and architects to guarantee the quality of their services better than ever before. We're excited to launch the new developer community site and be able to interact with users online. We feel developers will gain incremental value from the site by sharing best practices among each other, while also having the ability to download the latest upgrades and inside information from Progress Software."

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.

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