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Progress Software OpenEdge Simplifies SaaS Development and Reduces Time-to-Market with Increased UI Flexibility

Progress sees usability as one of the keys to success for cloud deployment

BEDFORD, Mass., Jan 25, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS), a leading software infrastructure provider that enables enterprises to be operationally responsive, announced today that advanced User Interface (UI) flexibility is a key focus of the enhancements within the latest version of Progress® OpenEdge®. The OpenEdge SaaS platform simplifies the development and deployment of business applications to numerous users and devices, an increasingly important factor for Cloud Computing.

Productivity enhancements center on the platform's integrated development environment, [Progress® OpenEdge® Architect](). The latest version reduces the time required to develop applications that can simultaneously deploy through multiple UIs, vital as demand increases for those applications that need to be reached via both traditional web browsers, and through mobile devices.

"To me, the best part is that you can use these new features without having to rewrite your applications - you're up and running immediately," said Carl Verbiest, product manager for Claerhout Computer Engineering. "Migration to the latest version is quick and easy, as it always is with OpenEdge."

"Today's business end-users expect to be able to access their mission critical applications and data anytime, anywhere," said Colleen Smith, Managing Director, Software as a Service. "UI design and user personalization are critical to cloud-based application deployment, and with OpenEdge we have simplified it. Ultimately, this increases developer productivity, while supporting the customer's usability requirements."

Increased flexibility, improved performance and support of many user interface technologies are critical to the development of commercial SaaS-based applications that require more sophisticated UIs. Progress offers over 100 pre-packaged controls for advanced features such as calendars, grids, and more. The latest version expands the richness and reach for developing SaaS applications, with an understanding of who the user is and how they need to interact with the system.

"The latest release of OpenEdge has significantly improved the performance of our Ajax applications. It allowed us to drastically reduce CPU usage and data traffic and enables native communication with our Ajax client," said Peter van Dam, Managing Director, Future Proof Software.

More details on the OpenEdge SaaS platform are available at: http://www.progress.com/openedge/products/openedge

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Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS) is a global software company that enables enterprises 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 infrastructure 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 http://www.progress.com or +1-781-280-4000.

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