

PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP /MA
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
REIDY RICHARD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP /MA [PRGS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
14 OAK PARK
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/10/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President, DataDirect Tech.

BEDFORD, MA 01730

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 11/10/2004 | | M | | 10,000 | A | \$ 5.4167 |
| Common Stock | 11/10/2004 | | S | | 10,000 | D | \$ 21.84 |
| Common Stock | 11/10/2004 | | S | | 2,101 | D | \$ 21.88 |
| | | | | | 539 | | |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Nonqualified Stock Options | \$ 5.4167 | 11/10/2004 | | M | 10,000 | 07/24/1997 ⁽¹⁾ 07/24/2007 | Common Stock | 1 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| REIDY RICHARD 14 OAK PARK BEDFORD, MA 01730 | | | President, DataDirect Tech. | |

Signatures

Richard D. Reidy
11/12/2004
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option vested in equal monthly increments over a 60 month period, commencing August 1, 1997.
- (2) As of July 1, 2002, options to purchase all shares were vested.

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