

PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP /MA  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 BENTON DAVID H JR

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)  
 09/22/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP and Corporate Controller

BEDFORD, MA 01730  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	09/22/2005		M		10,000	A	\$ 12.8125	23,864	D	
Common Stock	09/22/2005		S		10,000	D	\$ 32.0011	13,864	D	
Common Stock	09/23/2005		M		10,000	A	\$ 12.8125	23,864	D	
Common Stock	09/23/2005		S		10,000	D	\$ 32.5002	13,864	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 12.8125	09/22/2005		M	10,000	05/01/2001 <sup>(1)</sup> 04/02/2011	Common Stock
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 12.8125	09/23/2005		M	10,000	05/01/2001 <sup>(1)</sup> 04/02/2011	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENTON DAVID H JR 14 OAK PARK BEDFORD, MA 01730			VP and Corporate Controller	

## Signatures

David H. Benton, Jr. 09/26/2005

\*\*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) Two-sixtieths of the option vests on the date of grant, thereafter the option vests in equal monthly increments over a 58 month period commencing May 1, 2001.
- (2) As of 9/22/05, 12,917 shares are vested and exercisable
- (3) As of 9/26/05, 2,917 shares are vested and exercisable

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