

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ALSO P JOSEPH WRIGHT**

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)  
**10/18/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**CEO and Director**

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	10/18/2005		M		16,300	A \$ 4.7084	353,934 D
Common Stock	10/18/2005		S		16,300	D \$ 30.1266	337,634 D
Common Stock	10/19/2005		M		43,700	A \$ 4.7084	381,334 D
Common Stock	10/19/2005		S		43,700	D \$ 30.1233	337,634 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	\$ 4.7084	10/18/2005		M	16,300	03/01/1997 <sup>(1)</sup> 03/03/2007	Common Stock
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 4.7084	10/19/2005		M	43,700	03/01/1997 <sup>(1)</sup> 03/03/2007	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALSOP JOSEPH WRIGHT 14 OAK PARK BEDFORD, MA 01730	X		CEO and Director	

## Signatures

Joseph W. Alsop  
10/20/2005

\_\_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) The option vested in equal monthly increments commencing March 1, 1997 and was fully exercisable on February 1, 2002.

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