

PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP /MA

Form 4

October 17, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
IRELAND DAVID G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PROGRESS SOFTWARE
CORPORATION, 14 OAK PARK
DRIVE

(Street)

BEDFORD, MA 01730

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/15/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	4,025	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)**

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 19.51	10/15/2008		A	30,000	10/15/2008 ⁽¹⁾ 10/14/2015	Common Stock 30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
IRELAND DAVID G C/O PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORPORATION 14 OAK PARK DRIVE BEDFORD, MA 01730	Executive Vice President

Signatures

Stephen H. Faberman,
Attorney-In-Fact 10/17/2008

__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) Eight -sixtieths of the option vests on the date of grant, thereafter the option vests in equal monthly increments over a 52 month period commencing November 1, 2008.
- (2) As of October 15, 2008, options to purchase 4,000 shares were vested.

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