

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 \*  
 MARK MICHAEL

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)

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

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

C/O PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORPORATION, 14 OAK PARK DRIVE

(Street)

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

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

BEDFORD, MA 01730

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/15/2008		A	(A) or (D) A	2,870 <sup>(1)</sup> \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	80,740 <sup>(2)</sup>	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 19.51	10/15/2008		A	10,847	10/15/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> 10/14/2015	Common Stock	10,847

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MARK MICHAEL C/O PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORPORATION 14 OAK PARK DRIVE BEDFORD, MA 01730	X			

## Signatures

Stephen H. Faberman,  
Attorney-In-Fact

10/17/2008

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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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) Represents deferred stock units acquired by reporting person pursuant to the Company's 2008 Stock Option and Incentive Plan that are payable on a 1 for 1 basis exclusively in common stock when reporting person ceases to provide services to the Company as a director. The deferred stock units are fully vested and non-forfeitable on day of grant.
  - (2) Includes a total of 4,740 deferred stock units acquired by reporting person pursuant to the Company's 2008 Stock Option and Incentive Plan that are payable on a 1 for 1 basis exclusively in stock when reporting person ceases to provide services to the Company as a director.
  - (3) The option is exercisable in full on the date of grant.

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