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Progress Software Announces the Industry's First Type 5 JDBC Drivers

Allows Data-Driven Java Applications to Experience Best Possible Performance and Leverage Up-to-Date Features Without Code Change

BEDFORD, MA, Apr 27, 2010 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS), a leading independent enterprise software provider that enables companies to be operationally responsive, today announced the launch of Progress(R) DataDirect(R) Connect for JDBC(TM), the industry's first Type 5 JDBC drivers. Progress Software developed this new class of drivers after recognizing the limitations in Type 4 JDBC driver architecture, which renders them impractical for use in modern Java applications. Type 5 Connect for JDBC drivers offer the same client-side, single-tier, 100% Java Type 4 architecture, while offering faster performance, better use of memory footprint, and simplified deployment, among other benefits.

Type 5 JDBC drivers will help enterprises overcome Type 4 JDBC driver limitations by enabling Java applications to take advantage of the past decade of innovation in database features, data access models, and virtualization technologies without requiring code changes. Type 4 JDBC driver architecture has been the industry driver standard across the industry since 1998. However, despite significant changes in the industry, driver architectures have not evolved and consequently have not kept up. As a result, modern data-driven Java applications often suffer from serious limitations, including slow or inconsistent performance, inaccessible functionality, poor resource efficiency, or application deployment restrictions.

"We are in an industry that is changing constantly, and it was clear to Progress Software that after more than a decade as the industry standard, Type 4 JDBC drivers have outlasted their ability to effectively support today's Java applications," said John Goodson, vice president and general manager of Enterprise Data Solutions, Progress Software. "Enterprises are in need of drivers that can support mission-critical applications by delivering increased speed and flexibility, which is why we have developed what we believe will be the new de facto standard for the industry."

Type 5 JDBC drivers enable organizations to enhance their modern data-driven Java applications by expanding their feature set, performance, and scalability without making major application changes. Specifically, the benefits delivered by these drivers include:

- Faster performance for applications, even as more users are added
- Instant application enhancement, enabling any existing application to immediately start leveraging advanced features and functionality such as failover, bulk load and statement pooling without requiring application code changes
- Smaller application runtime footprint, delivering significant reductions in runtime CPU and memory footprint while boosting the degree of server consolidation possible in a virtualized environment
- Simplified deployment with fewer files to keep track of, regardless of driver functionality required that can be deployed into any Java-enabled environment
- Reduced QA process time, enabling applications to be developed without the need for data source specific code

The Progress DataDirect Connect for JDBC drivers are now available for Oracle, SQL Server, DB2, Sybase, MySQL and Informix. For more information, please go to <http://www.datadirect.com/products/jdbc/index.ssp>.

Progress Software Corporation

Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS) is a global software company that enables enterprises to be operationally responsive to changing conditions and customer interactions as they occur -- to capitalize on new opportunities, drive greater efficiencies and reduce risk. The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of best-in-class infrastructure software spanning event-driven visibility and real-time response, open integration, data access and integration, and application development and deployment -- all supporting on-premises and SaaS/Cloud deployments. Progress maximizes the benefits

of operational responsiveness while minimizing IT complexity and total cost of ownership. Progress can be reached at www.progress.com or +1-781-280-4000.

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