

PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP /MA  
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January 24, 2012

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

SCHEDULE 13D  
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO  
§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. )1

Progress Software Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

743312100

(CUSIP Number)

JEFFREY C. SMITH  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

January 20, 2012

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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1 The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP NO. 743312100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND LTD

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a)   
GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

CAYMAN ISLANDS

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		1,784,358
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		1,784,358
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,784,358

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11)   
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

2.8%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

CO

CUSIP NO. 743312100

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STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY S LLC

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		604,951
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		604,951
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

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604,951

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		3,235,000
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		3,235,000
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.1%

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PN

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STARBOARD VALUE GP LLC

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STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO LP

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF 7  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON WITH