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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 26, 2012
Progress Software Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number: 0-19417

Massachusetts (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 14 Oak Park Bedford, Massachusetts 01730 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code) (781) 280-4000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	04-2746201 (I.R.S. employer identification no.)
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Section 2 – Financial Information

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On September 26, 2012, Progress Software Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal third quarter ended August 31, 2012. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

This information shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is not deemed incorporated by reference into any other filing of the company, whether made before or after the date of this report, regardless of any general incorporation language in the filing.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures – We disclosed non-GAAP financial measures in the press release. These non-GAAP measures include income from continuing operations and earnings per share from continuing operations. We provide non-GAAP financial measures to enhance the overall understanding of our current financial performance and prospects for the future as well as to enable investors to evaluate our performance in the same way that management does. We use these non-GAAP measures, and we believe that they assist our investors, to make period-to-period comparisons of our operational performance because they provide a view of our operating results without items that are not, in our view, indicative of our core operating results. Management uses these same non-GAAP financial measures to evaluate performance, allocate resources, and determine compensation. These non-GAAP financial measures are also utilized by analysts to calculate consensus estimates. However, non-GAAP information should not be construed as an alternative to GAAP information as the items excluded from the non-GAAP measures often have a material impact on our financial results. Management uses, and investors should consider, non-GAAP measures in conjunction with our GAAP results.

In the noted fiscal periods, we adjusted for the following items from our GAAP financial results to arrive at our non-GAAP financial measures:

Amortization of acquired intangibles – In all periods presented, we excluded amortization of acquired intangibles because such expenses are unrelated to our core operating performance and the intangible assets acquired vary significantly based on the timing and magnitude of our acquisition transactions and the maturities of the businesses acquired.

Stock-based compensation – In all periods presented, we excluded stock-based compensation to be consistent with the way management and the financial community evaluates our performance and the methods used by analysts to calculate consensus estimates.

Transition expenses – In the three and nine months ended August 31, 2011, we excluded incremental costs to transform our cost structure to a more efficient cost model. These expenses were primarily incurred in our product development and general and administrative areas and are not part of our core operating results.

Restructuring expenses – In all periods presented, we excluded restructuring expenses incurred because such expenses distort trends and are not part of our core operating results.

Acquisition-related expenses – In the nine months ended August 31, 2012, we excluded acquisition-related expenses from our acquisition of Corticon Technologies, Inc. because such expenses distort trends and are not part of our core operating results.

Litigation settlement – In the nine months ended August 31, 2012, we excluded the cost accrued to settle an existing patent infringement action brought by JuxtaComm because such expense distorts trends and is not part of our core operating results.

Proxy contest-related costs – In the three and nine months ended August 31, 2012, we excluded the costs incurred for legal and other advice associated with our 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. We excluded these costs because they are not part of our core operating results and are non-recurring.

Income tax adjustment – In all periods presented, we adjusted our income tax provision by excluding the tax impact of the non-GAAP adjustments discussed above.

"Core" Financial Metrics and Results of Operations by Segment – As part of our strategic plan announced on April 25, 2012, we stated that our "Core" products would now include the Progress® OpenEdge® platform, DataDirect® Connect products and the Decision Analytics portfolio (comprising Progress Apama®, Progress Corticon® BRMS and the Progress Control Tower®). Core revenue results for all periods presented and the Core revenue guidance provided for the fiscal quarter ending November 30, 2012, include these products lines. We also announced that we would divest the remaining product lines, which we considered non-Core (Actional, Artix, DataXtend, FuseSource, ObjectStore, Orbacus, Orbix, Savvion, Shadow and Sonic). These non-Core product lines, when aggregated with our Core product lines, represent our consolidated revenues. The Core operating income results for all periods presented and the guidance for the fiscal quarter ending November 30, 2012, excludes the operating income of our non-Core product lines, and also excludes the non-GAAP financial items listed above. We believe presentation of our Core results is an important metric in understanding our business on a go-forward basis, as we currently plan to divest our non-Core product lines.

During the third quarter of fiscal 2012, as part of the strategic plan, we changed the structure of our internal organization and the way we manage our business. As a result, beginning in the third quarter of 2012 our reportable segments consist of our Core and non-Core product lines. We assign dedicated costs and expenses directly to each segment and utilize an allocation methodology to assign all other costs and expenses, primarily general and administrative, to each segment. We do not manage our assets or capital expenditures by segment or assign other income and income taxes to segments. The historical results of operations by segment presented in the earnings release have been restated to reflect the change to our reportable segments. The segment results have been prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Our reporting of the non-Core segment results will exclude the results of the product lines that qualify for discontinued operations. Beginning in the third quarter of fiscal 2012, our FuseSource product line qualified for discontinued operations treatment, and is therefore, excluded from our continuing operations and segment results. The reporting of discontinued operations will differ from our segment reporting, primarily because allocated costs are not included in discontinued operations, but are included in our segment results. As a result of these differences, the results of the non-Core segment will not be the amounts that may ultimately be placed in discontinued operations.

Constant Currency – Revenue from our international operations has historically represented more than half of our total revenue. As a result, our revenue results have been impacted, and we expect will continue to be impacted, by fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. For example, if the local currencies of our foreign subsidiaries weaken, our consolidated results stated in U.S. dollars are negatively impacted.

As exchange rates are an important factor in understanding period to period comparisons, we believe the presentation of revenue growth rates on a constant currency basis helps improve the ability to understand our revenue results and evaluate our performance in comparison to prior periods. The constant currency information presented is calculated by translating current period results using prior period weighted average foreign currency exchange rates. These results should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, results reported in accordance with GAAP.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release prepared by Progress Software Corporation dated September 26, 2012

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 26, 2012

Progress Software Corporation

By: /s/ Melissa H. Cruz
Melissa H. Cruz
Senior Vice President, Finance and
Administration and Chief Financial Officer