

PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP /MA

Form 8-K

October 23, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 18, 2002**

**Progress Software Corporation**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Massachusetts**

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(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**0-19417**

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(Commission  
File Number)

**04-2746201**

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(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**14 Oak Park, Bedford, MA 01730**

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(781) 280-4000**

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 5. Other Events.**

On October 21, 2002, Progress Software Corporation and eXcelon Corporation jointly announced that they had entered into a definitive agreement whereby Progress agreed to acquire eXcelon in an all-cash transaction for a purchase price of \$3.19 per share of eXcelon common stock (which takes into account eXcelon's recent one-for-eight reverse stock split), or approximately \$24 million in the aggregate. The proposed acquisition is subject to the approval of the stockholders of eXcelon and other customary closing conditions. A copy of the joint press release issued by Progress and eXcelon on October 21, 2002, containing the announcement of the proposed acquisition is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1	Joint Press Release, dated October 21, 2002, entitled "Progress Software Corporation Signs Definitive Agreement to Acquire eXcelon Corporation."
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**SIGNATURE**

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.

**PROGRESS SOFTWARE  
CORPORATION**  
(Registrant)

Date: October 23, 2002

/s/ Norman R. Robertson

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Norman R. Robertson  
Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration  
and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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