



*Skyward & Progress® OpenEdge®; a winning combination for school management systems.*

Just as in education, a solid foundation for your school management system is essential. That's why Skyward uses Progress OpenEdge as its relational database in our software application.

Used in over 90% of Fortune 500 companies, OpenEdge is an industry-leader in embedded databases. In a recent IDC study, OpenEdge was rated the #1 pure-play embedded database on the market.

**Why Progress?** With OpenEdge, Progress focuses on partnership solutions with independent software vendors (ISVs) like Skyward. This provides end users with a more powerful, scalable, and secure environment without any disconnect between the software application development and database engine.

**What are the experts saying?** An Aberdeen Groups & InfoStructure Association noted OpenEdge database from Progress as an industry-leader identifying its administrative cost as 74% less than Oracle and 37% less than Microsoft.

"Skyward's interoperability and advancements in technology has allowed our district to save thousands of dollars by streamlining our business processes."

Kyle Berger, IT Director  
Alvarado ISD, Texas

Feature	Benefits
Platform Independent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlike competitors, Progress OpenEdge operates on various Windows, Linux, and Unix servers.</li> </ul>
Scalable Relational Database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Real world processing of over a billion transactions a day.</li> <li>• 30,000+ users for a single database.</li> <li>• One of the most proven relational databases on the market.</li> </ul>
Embedded within Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires less maintenance and monitoring than Microsoft SQL server or Oracle; requires less dependence on external drivers.</li> <li>• Built-in support for auditing, audit policy definition, database utility usage, and audit archives/restore. No need to install separate applications.</li> <li>• Lower administrative cost.</li> </ul>
Strong Data Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skyward can offer better data security because the database is integrated directly into the application.</li> <li>• Provides secure options for validated users to access the database via ODBC, JDBC, SQL, SML, and other industry standard approaches.</li> </ul>
Supports Industry Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Along with development tools from Progress that allow for faster queries, OpenEdge 10 supports ODBC, JDBC, SQL, .Net, JAVA, XML, and JTA.</li> </ul>
Proven Reliability/Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No certifications needed to administer the database.</li> <li>• Support covered through Skyward annual license.</li> <li>• A true “lights out” database administration allowing technical staff to focus on other projects.</li> </ul>



Each year, Progress and its application partners add 600,000 new users.

Applications built on Progress OpenEdge are used by over 5 million businesses worldwide.

Progress OpenEdge-based applications are used in over 60,000 organizations and have been deployed at more than 120,000 sites.

Skyward provides the industry's most powerful student, finance, and human resources administrative software exclusively for K-12 schools. With Skyward, one database runs the entire district. Teachers, administrators, cafeteria workers, principals... they all work from the same system. With over 29 years experience exclusively in the K-12 administrative software industry, it's no wonder that Skyward is the choice of over 1,300 districts across the globe.

Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS) provides application infrastructure software for the development, deployment, integration and management of business applications. Our goal is to maximize the benefits of information technology while minimizing its complexity and total cost of ownership. Progress is a worldwide leader in application infrastructure software deployed in the top companies around the world. To learn more, visit [www.progress.com](http://www.progress.com).

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