

## The Progress Electronic Magazine

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**Publisher's Statement:**

Welcome to issue six of the Progress E-Zine. Some good stuff in here for not only the programmer, but the manager.

First I will give you some news on the home front and that is I have gone full time on Amduus Information Works, Inc. Myself and a few other programmers are clamoring away on software for resale to the marketplace. In particular is the survey presentation software – a web based interface for a company to ask the world “what are you thinking?” I would like to add we are looking for resellers for the software. So if you are Progress contractor or VAR and need something to approach clients with – go ahead and make contact with me at [sauge@amduus.com](mailto:sauge@amduus.com) so we can get you informed about what we are trying to achieve and how to work with us.

For the programmers, this issue documents the new Open Source product from Amduus Information Works, Inc. called the Configuration SDK. This is released under the Berkley Open Source license which means you can include it in your commercial applications, just be sure to acknowledge that Amduus Information Works, Inc. has contributed to the effort. The Configuration SDK is based on the previous work regarding the Parms table found in earlier issues of this E-Zine. It allows the programmer to create a .conf or .ini file that their application can reference on how to handle default behaviors.

For the managers,

To your success,

Scott Auge

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## **Coding Article: Creating configuration files for your software**

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What is it

Where to find the code?

The scripts involved

Code Tour

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## **Management Article: Formula's for productivity Part One**

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Productivity = Motivation x Capability

Capability = Tools + Skills

Skills = Experience + Education + Training + Practices

Practices = Policies + Methods + Standards + Guidelines

Motivation = Attitude + Development + Recognition + Expectations

Quality = Functionality + Reliability + Integrity + Efficiency + Maintainability + Ease of Use +  
Flexibility + Uniqueness + Client Satisfaction

Cost of Quality = Prevention + Appraisal + Failure

Management = Plan + Organize + Direct + Control + Staff

A lot of these ideas come from a book entitled "Measuring & Motivating Maintenance Programmers" by Landsbaum & Glass. ISBN 0-13-567827-7

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