ARCAD Software Offers Powerful New Options
for Multiplatform Development

ARCAD brings Microsoft® Visual Studio® developers under change management; streamlines multiplatform "transfers to production" with Apache Ant.

ANNECY, FRANCE, and PETERBOROUGH, NH − November 5, 2007 − ARCAD Software announces Version 8.06.06 of its application lifecycle management suite, which began shipping to customers last week.

In this latest version, ARCAD offers features that add great value to the basic functions provided by the open source Apache Ant scripting language and enhance support for multiplatform development. Other highlights include seamless integration of Microsoft® Visual Studio® developers with ARCAD software management functions and WDSc 7 compatibility for ARCAD's software suites.

ARCAD develops software solutions that manage change and modernization of business applications on and around the IBM System i.   "We bring tremendous expertise in multiplatform development to our System i customers who are facing application modernization projects," says ARCAD CEO and Chairman Philippe Magne.

The Added Value of Ant

"Since its inception in 2000, Ant has become the most prevalent scripting language in the world, and a de facto standard in the Java community," says Mr. Magne. "You could say that Ant is to Windows, UNIX and Linux, what CL is to System i," he notes.

Ant automates sequences that create executable code, as well as transfers of components between environments. With Version 8.06.06, ARCAD's software management solutions incorporate the use of Ant for all transfers to test and production in a multiplatform scenario. Coupled with the ARCAD Execution Agent,* Ant can be integrated into any change process on any system. IT organizations now have much more control over change management and other software management functions in multiplatform environments.

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*ARCAD Execution Agent is a unique ARCAD client installed on a server that can receive and execute scripts.

"This approach gives our solutions a remarkable ability to adapt to all of our customers' technical contexts, given the presence of multiple new technologies," says Mr. Magne.

ARCAD will contribute basic functions essential in the management of software components back to the Ant community. These new features support two major elements not covered by Ant:

- traceability, in the form of an XML file history of all actions performed on each manipulated component, and
- security, thanks to ARCAD's powerful rollback function.

"In this way, we can acquaint this large community of developers with the value of ARCAD technology, and also take a pragmatic approach to managing heterogeneous information systems," says Mr. Magne.

Tight Integration for Microsoft Visual Studio Developers

Also in Version 8.06.06, ARCAD's tools seamlessly integrate with Visual Studio. A developer using Visual Studio can access the ARCAD repository, and his or her workspace will be loaded with the most current versions of all the files. The developer performs work as usual. ARCAD ensures that the right process is followed, and that all changed files are promoted to production correctly.

"When modernizing System i applications or extending them to other environments, we bring developers with many different tools together under one change management system. Better yet, we can deploy all the changes to heterogeneous systems in a single package, with all the traceability and safety you expect from ARCAD," says Mr. Magne.

WDSc 7.0 Compatibility

In other news, ARCAD Software announces that its software suites are compatible with WDSc 7. This includes the free 5250 emulation utility that allows developers working under Eclipse to open a 5250 session in the WDSc environment. The ARCAD freeware is available for download at www.arcadsoftware.com.

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About ARCAD Software Inc.

Founded in 1992, ARCAD Software publishes and sells an integrated set of four software suites that automates and secures the software change process. Solutions range from incident and request management to impact analysis, version control, documentation, test automation, and multiplatform deployment. ARCAD's staff is based in France (Paris and Annecy) and the United States (Peterborough, NH).

All ARCAD Software solutions are integrated into the IBM System i Developer Roadmap, making them an integral part of the application modernization process, and ARCAD is among the top three suppliers of Application Lifecycle Management solutions in the System i world.

Apart from its direct approach in the French-speaking and North American markets, ARCAD Software is partnering in more than eight European countries, the Middle East, Latin America, and Asia/Pacific. For more information, please visit www.arcadsoftware.com.

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