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ARCAD Software Launches V8.06 of its Change Management and Application Modernization Solutions

Software suite is now totally integrated with Eclipse to facilitate running System i applications in the Java J2EE environment or with SOA architectures.

ANNECY, FRANCE, and PETERBOROUGH, NH – April 30, 2007 – ARCAD Software, developer of software solutions that manage change and modernization of business applications in the IBM System i environment, announces the release of the latest version of its software suite: ARCAD Open Repository, ARCAD-Skipper (lifecycle management), ARCAD-Observer (application knowledge), ARCAD-Qualifier (test automation), and ARCAD-Customer (helpdesk).

The new version, V8.06, is integrated 100% with Eclipse and meets the growing need for companies to consider unified change management and automated deployment to production for heterogeneous information systems based on applications in the IBM System i environment.

100% Integration with Eclipse

Version 8.06 of the ARCAD suite simplifies integration of IBM System i business applications with new Service-Oriented Architectures (SOA). With the launch of this new version, all functionality of the ARCAD software solutions is accessible by Java and J2EE developers from WDS/WSAD/Eclipse®. Without leaving their Eclipse workspace, developers can now do the following:

- ▶ with ARCAD-Observer: visualize, in graphic mode, cross references between application artifacts in multiplatform environments (IBM System i and open systems);
- ▶ with ARCAD-Skipper: configure and manage versions of components, deployment parameters, and data for reliable integration and deployment;
- ▶ with ARCAD-Qualifier: set up unit test scenarios for each version, using real-time interaction between the user and the application;
- ▶ with ARCAD-Customer: monitor incident tickets in real time and inform users of their status.

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“For example, using our cross reference, developers can relate any IFS artifact back to native System i objects,” notes ARCAD CEO and Chairman Philippe Magne. “Developers will now be able to access this incredible level of functionality entirely from within WDSi,” he says.

Synchronized Version Management for Parameter Settings and Components

To optimize deployment, ARCAD not only takes into account application components, but also the necessary configuration parameters for their deployment (server parameters, database modifications, etc). With ARCAD-Skipper, the parameters associated with a component, or required database modifications, can be configured in a separate pre-production environment and deployed at the same time as the component, thus considerably reducing risk of regression or dysfunction.

New Free Plug-in Available for Download

ARCAD Software also announces the availability of a free 5250 emulation utility that allows developers working under Eclipse to open a 5250 session in the WDSi environment, execute a program or a procedure, and therefore test System i objects without leaving their workspace

“This flexibility is especially useful for ILE developers,” says Mr. Magne. The new ARCAD freeware is available for download from the company Website: www.arcadsoftware.com.

About ARCAD Software Inc.

Founded in 1992, ARCAD Software publishes and sells directly, and by a network of authorized distributors, a complete and integrated software suite that automates the software development process, manages change, and makes deployment of new versions of enterprise applications more reliable. ARCAD Software comprises application mapping solutions, management of versions and configurations, quality control, and automation of testing and deployment. ARCAD is listed as one of the 200 top software publishers in France and has a presence in more than eight European countries, the Middle East, North America, and Asia. In 2006, ARCAD was named an “Innovative Company” by Oseo-Anvar, The French Agency for Innovation. For more information, please visit www.arcadsoftware.com.

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