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### **Application Lifecycle Management Software Leader Announces ARCAD Skipper-WAP**

*New product offering enables updates of large data files while active  
and significantly reduces downtime.*

PETERBOROUGH, NH, and ANNECY, FRANCE – April 2, 2008 – ARCAD Software, developer of solutions that manage change and modernize business applications in the IBM i environment, announces ARCAD-Skipper WAP (While Active Promoter). ARCAD-Skipper WAP helps reduce downtime associated with data file updates for 24/7 business applications.

“Updating databases is time-consuming work. Since information systems must be available around the clock to meet business requirements and support Web-based applications and global networks, it is a great challenge for companies to find time to make data file changes,” says ARCAD CEO and Chairman Philippe Magne.

ARCAD-Skipper WAP substantially reduces business application downtime associated with large data file updates. Using state-of-the-art high availability and change management processes, this new product allows companies to convert IBM i database files with a minimal amount of interruption to application availability.

Since ARCAD-Skipper WAP rebuilds active databases, it reduces unproductive downtime from many hours to several minutes, even for companies with multi-million- and multi-billion-record files that have an extensive amount of update activity associated with them. Downtime is limited to the few minutes it takes to apply final changes and move converted files into production. Throughout the entire process, users have normal read/write authorities and continue to work normally.

“With ARCAD-Skipper WAP, IT departments don’t have to worry about scheduling lengthy downtime. This means you can react immediately to the change requests that keep your company competitive,” Mr. Magne says.

ARCAD-Skipper WAP lets users structure the new file's members and its related logical files exactly as they are structured in production, so the conversion proceeds smoothly. Creating a journal on the target server is not mandatory, so ARCAD-Skipper WAP can be used with applications that cannot be journaled. If there is no journal, its unique synchronization tool will restore the source during the return to the production system. This spares system resources, and conversion happens behind the scenes while work continues.

ARCAD-Skipper WAP can convert several files concurrently. If a business is converting one or many files, it takes only minutes of downtime to change them all. It makes all changes in a safe staging environment. If, during the record processing phase, there is any kind of interruption (such as a hardware problem, power outage, subsystem termination, or the like), all that is lost is run time. Data remains intact.

In addition, ARCAD-Skipper WAP works in conjunction with ARCAD-Skipper change management so users can promote related non-data objects along with data files for seamless installation.

### **Availability**

ARCAD-Skipper WAP is available with Version 8.07 of the ARCAD software suites, which is currently shipping to customers.

### **About ARCAD Software Inc.**

Founded in 1992, ARCAD Software publishes and sells an integrated software suite that automates the software development process, manages change, and makes deployment of new versions of enterprise applications more reliable. Solutions range from incident and request management to impact analysis, version control, documentation, test automation, and multi-platform deployment. ARCAD's staff is based in France (Paris and Annecy) and the United States (Peterborough, NH).

All ARCAD Software solutions follow the IBM 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 IBM i world.

Apart from its direct sales 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](http://www.arcadsoftware.com).

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