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Version 8.08 of ARCAD's ALM Software Brings Additional Open Systems Enhancements

Latest technical innovations offer new options for managing changes to software, critical data, and LANSAs components, interacting with external apps, and more.

PETERBOROUGH, NH, and ANNECY, FRANCE – March 9, 2009 – ARCAD Software, which develops solutions that manage change and modernize business applications in IBM i and Open Systems environments, announces availability of its latest version, 8.08. ARCAD's integrated Application Lifecycle Management suite includes ARCAD-Open Repository, ARCAD-Skipper (change management), ARCAD-Observer (application mining), ARCAD-Qualifier (software testing), and ARCAD-Customer (help-desk).

All of the technical innovations in this new version of the ARCAD suites support and advance the company's commitment to an Open Systems approach:

"Version 8.08 affirms that we work well with companies' existing tools and can complete their software management picture with complementary functionality. Or, if they choose, they can implement a single vendor solution solely with ARCAD tools," says ARCAD CEO and Chairman Philippe Magne. "In addition, we can manage their critical parameter and configuration data with the same processes that we use to secure software changes. This makes the ARCAD suites an ideal solution for companies that employ third-party software in their information system – banking and insurance companies, for example – or who are ISVs themselves," he notes.

The new ARCAD-Open Repository Connectors technology in V 8.08 illustrates the company's Open Systems approach. ARCAD Connectors can exchange information with an external application – such as a help-desk or workflow tracking system – via Web services and perform tasks. With ARCAD Connectors, it is possible to execute any kind of action with ARCAD when changing the state of an element in a particular part of its lifecycle.

"ARCAD Connectors enable us to offer tremendous flexibility and maximum interoperability with key workflow engines on the market, with the aim to inform these services of the various changes," says Mr. Magne. For example, ARCAD change management customers can easily integrate their software management process with their company's enterprise workflow for improved communication and productivity. ARCAD Connectors also allow a user to set up his own

communication strategy and leverage ARCAD's built-in Process and List Manager to perform functions.

Another ARCAD innovation highlighted in V 8.08, Critical Data Management (CDM) coordinates and completely automates the transfer of data into testing and production databases. Automated program updates, followed by manual updates to critical parameter and configuration data, e.g., interest rates and prices, is risky, error-prone, and time consuming. CDM takes change management to a new level with the ability to manage changes to any type of data in a DB2 database and move it to test and production with complete traceability.

ARCAD's new standard LANSAs interface available with V 8.08 is based on CDM functionality, just like the company's integrated change management for JD Edwards (ORACLE®) and CA 2E components. To create or modify a LANSAs object, LANSAs "User Exit" processes automatically call an ARCAD program that will control modifications and ensure traceability in the ARCAD software management process. "With this level of interface, ARCAD once again demonstrates its openness toward other products on the market," says Mr. Magne.

Additional New Features

Version 8.08 boasts a number of new features including the following:

- A better way to manage message IDs, thanks to CDM functionality.
- An improved iASP (independent auxiliary storage pool) port, with full support for PC object change management in iASPs. This includes distribution to remote systems and support for updating multiple iASPs for easier back-ups and 24/7 availability.

About ARCAD Software Inc.

Founded in 1992, ARCAD Software offers an integrated software suite that automates the IBM i and Open Systems software development process, manages critical data and software changes, 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 and the United States, which means ARCAD is a true Franco-American company.

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.

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