Employee spotlight
Interview
of our young developer
Stuart

Could you introduce yourself briefly?

Stuart:
Hi - I'm Stuart and I'm 28 years old. I'm a member of the ARCAD team working as software developer on the IBM i platform. I design and implement software solutions for ARCAD's customers using IBM i

Where did you learn to develop on the IBM i platform?

Stuart:
I first enrolled in a three month course program on IBM i at the IBM Training Center in Paris.
The session was intense and very effective as the goal was to be fully operational on IBM i by the end of the course.
I'm happy to have achieved that goal and I was hired by ARCAD Software right after the training course.

What's your position at ARCAD Software?

Stuart:
As a developer, I am in charge of the maintenance and development of ARCAD products.
As needed, I also contribute in helping and informing our consultants.

Could you present your integration at ARCAD?

Stuart:
At the beginning, I joined the Support team, then, I moved to the R&D team. During my time in the Support Department, I had the opportunity to work with highly qualified staff, who taught me how to use and understand the ARCAD products.
Since I joined the R&D team, I was able to expand my knowledge about how a software application is designed throughout, from the user interface to the storage of the data. Of course, understanding this process is not possible without mastering specific development concepts which are unique to the IBM i platform.

Why Arcad?

Stuart:
Working at ARCAD has given me the opportunity to improve my technical knowledge on the IBM i platform. Besides that, ARCAD Software has made me aware of the dynamism of the IBM i market, and how the platform integrates with other more well-known technologies.

What is a technical challenge you experienced at ARCAD and how did you solve it?

Stuart:
Since I've been working on various ARCAD products, the biggest technical challenge for me is to quickly understand how ARCAD programs work and determine the best way to solve issues, without breaking the existing logic. Indeed, for each project, when I am addressing specific requirements, I come across some new technical subjects which oblige me to dive into some very detailed aspects of the IBM i. So, to keep moving forward, I essentially try to obtain information from IBM Redbooks or discuss with other developers in the ARCAD team.

What's a cool project that you've recently worked on?

Stuart:
The coolest project I have recently worked on involves an improvement to one of the ARCAD features. This project gave me the experience of starting a new project and how to communicate well in a team. It also revealed to me how technical a solution can be, right from the very beginnings of development.