PRESS INFORMATION

Version 8.09 of the ARCAD Application Lifecycle Management or SCM solution offers an overall approach to automating application lifecycles, with effective advances in the deployment phases of Open Systems.

The most recent technological innovations in ARCAD version 8.09 open up new prospects for managing multi-platform deployments and distribution to Open Systems sites, while extending the integration of CASE tools within the ARCAD product line.

PETERBOROUGH, NH, and ANNECY, France 25 May 2010 − ARCAD Software, leading vendor of software solutions for change management and application modernization in IBM and Open System environments, is proud to announce the release of its latest version, 8.09, making our offering even more efficient for Open System lifecycle management. Also a preview from the R&D labs who in the next ARCAD version will release their integration of a workflow engine built around the Open Source BPM solution BONITA.

The ARCAD application lifecycle management suites include ARCAD-Open Repository (multi-platform metadata Repository), ARCAD-Skipper (application lifecycle management), ARCAD-Observer (application knowledge management), ARCAD-Qualifier (test automation) and ARCAD-Customer (Service Desk management).

All of the technological innovations in this new version of ARCAD support highlight our company's intent to orient itself toward an Open System approach.

"Version 8.09 demonstrates ARCAD's drive to position itself as a genuine coordinator of automation for lifecycle development processes for multi-technology applications," explains Marc Dallas, ARCAD Software Research and Development Director. "Further, our business is no longer just managing developments, but truly orchestrating effective transfers to production of heterogeneous versions in a single process and ensuring distribution to multi-technology sites (IBM or Open Systems)" Marc adds.

The new Integrater for Open Systems (IOS) module in the ARCAD-Skipper suite is completely in line with this approach. It offers a multi-platform release management

solution. Thanks to the innovative Process Manager technology included in the ARCAD-Open Repository core, it now has an open, flexible interface that interconnects with all source code development and configuration management software already in place in the company. This allows it to retrieve data originating from different external sources, integrate them into the ARCAD workflow and ensure effective deployment in a single process. The objective is to provide users with a truly integrated control center for managing their entire Information System by providing synchronous organization of all of their transfers to product while ensuring the rollback functions and multi-platform impact analysis essential for controlling change in the system.

Thus, Version 8.09 offers unification of multi-platform deployments, with the possibility of deploying different versions simultaneously on different application servers, in a single process, with the possibility of rollback in the event of a code error. With this version, consolidation of the integration processes allows optimized productivity and data integrity during the transfer phases of all software promotions. Once the integration processes have been executed, they can be traced and logged directly from the same release management console in order to ensure accurate monitoring of changes across the various platforms. In the final phase, reception, installation and updating of new versions at remote sites can be done totally automatically and synchronously on native AS400 or Open Systems servers.

Lastly, in V8.09, still working from this perspective of openness and tight control of Open Systems applications, our ARCAD-Qualifier suite, dedicated to efficient software testing, has been enriched with a new functionality that now allows for the automation of functional non-regression testing for native applications that have a web interface. For web-type applications, the tool makes it possible to set up http flow scenarios that it will automatically replay in order to manage the new application's behavior during observation of the databases and spools. Thanks to this new functioning option, ARCAD-Qualifier can significantly increase the productivity, thoroughness and data security of non-regression tests on all types of projects – ongoing projects or the modernization of interfaces and processes for web, client/server and 5250 native applications, as well as for applications that function in batches or as background tasks.

Another major advance in this version is the extension of the CASE tools interface into the ARCAD offering. The tool now provides two types of component management for open systems CASE tools, either directly during the development cycle, or in the change file.
In the latter case, the open systems CASE tool components are retrieved via the ARCAD-IOS module, and then redefined as standard components before being integrated into the natural ARCAD workflow.

In addition, ARCAD V8.09 also offers total integration of its Eclipse plug-in with the new RDi 7.5 and RDP 7.6 development environment, the official replacement for WDSc.

ARCAD Software R&D labs announce in preview the integration of a workflow engine built around the Open Source BPM solution BONITA, to be released in the upcoming version 8.09.50. This integration is facilitated by ARCAD's open, standardized communication layer via the ARCAD-Connectors. This next version is due at the end of this year, but the ARCAD integration technology with BONITA has already been proven this April 2010, used to customize and demonstrate a specific customer Workflow for ticket management.

About ARCAD Software

Founded in 1992, ARCAD Software develops and supplies an open and integrated range of solutions dedicated to the automation, security and traceability of software change. ARCAD Software solutions are modular, covering Application Lifecycle Management, Retro-Documentation of applications, Test Automation, Release Management and ServiceDesk. Individual modules are built over a common, multi-platform repository core, enabling an incremental and progressive approach to IT best practices and regulations compliance (e.g. SOX, ITIL, CMM).

ARCAD Software is recognized as one of three worldwide leaders in Application Lifecycle Management solutions centered on the IBM i platform. All ARCAD solutions are included in the IBM i Developer Road Atlas, an integral part of the drive towards modernization of business applications on that platform.

In addition to its local presence in France and USA, ARCAD Software has customers in 32 different countries worldwide.

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