



PRESS INFORMATION

Version 8.07 of ARCAD's ALM Software Available Now

ARCAD significantly enhances test automation capabilities; announces new interfaces and V6R1 compatibility.

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 availability of its latest version, 8.07. ARCAD's integrated Application Lifecycle Management suite includes ARCAD-Open Repository, ARCAD-Skipper (change management), ARCAD-Observer (application analysis), ARCAD-Qualifier (test automation), and ARCAD-Customer (help desk).

Among other important technical innovations in this new version of the ARCAD suites is a major redesign of ARCAD-Qualifier.

"In 8.07, we placed particular emphasis on the ARCAD-Qualifier test automation suite," notes ARCAD CEO and Chairman Philippe Magne. "This suite has reached a mature stage, with functional and technical enrichment that attests to our expertise in this increasingly important area," he says.

Two solutions in the ARCAD-Qualifier suite were completely rewritten. The non-regression testing solution ARCAD-Verifier was implemented as an Eclipse plug-in, allowing strong integration with IBM's WDS*c* and Rational products. Other ARCAD-Verifier enhancements include:

- management of test campaigns,
- more options for the management of test environments
- comprehensive execution reports (including a new report that shows results from comparing spool files), and
- a new, more flexible emulator.

ARCAD-Extract, dedicated to extraction of data sets, has also undergone a major overhaul, with extensive enhancements to the data model analysis engine – the engine shared with ARCAD-Open Repository and ARCAD-Observer. It now features more analysis functionality based on data types, naming rules, and even reference files, enhanced with version integrity analysis.

This solution is also available as an Eclipse plug-in, or as an independent client. It provides a graphical interface that greatly improves ease of use.

Other Major Advances

In Version 8.07, ARCAD-Skipper also receives a number of new features:

- integrated change management for JD Edwards (ORACLE®) components, including standard objects (*PGM, *FILE) and related parameters (such as Dream Writers).
- a 4GL integration level for SYNON components, in addition to ARCAD-Skipper's existing ability to manage sources/objects generated by this CASE tool.

“With this level of interface, ARCAD confirms its openness toward other products on the market to meet the needs of businesses who are updating their information systems,” says Mr. Magne.

This new ARCAD version coincides with the release of V6R1 of the IBM i operating system. “We were able to test V6R1 in pre-release on our machines,” Mr. Magne says. “We are pleased to announce the ARCAD solutions' full compatibility with V6R1.”

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.

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