

# Harness Software Complexity

## How ARCAD-Observer Showed Me the Way

When my boss told me I was in charge of the project to build a Java front end for our 15-year-old legacy application – with 8000 objects! – by the end of next quarter, I considered my options:

- 1) modernize my resume,
- 2) move to another country,
- 3) forget what he asked, and hope that he forgets too.

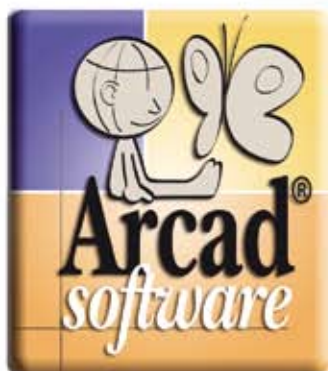
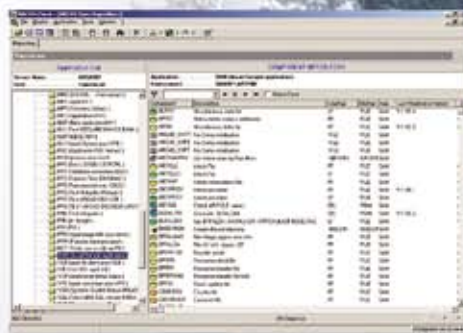
Fortunately for my future career in IT, I had heard about ARCAD-Observer and its powerful cross-referencing ability.

Observer significantly reduces the analysis time and resources required for modernization projects like mine. Faster than I could polish my resume, I called ARCAD, and went from zero to hero. With a view of my entire application, I could see what my changes would impact down to the source-line level. A glance revealed all the interdependencies in my program, including System i, Windows, UNIX, Linux, .Net, and Java objects.

In just a few minutes, we produced I/O, database relationship, and workflow diagrams. I also documented the application with the touch of a button, and made tech docs available to the entire staff.

Thanks to Observer, we saved enough time analyzing our legacy code that I could take my winter vacation.

Now that I know where we're going, I need to check out how ARCAD can help us reach our ultimate destination... (to be continued)



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