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1 Goal

The goal of this document is to help the end user to get started with MERLIN.

It describes how to configure an IBM i application in Merlin and how to develop with the product.

This is not a training guide, meaning that all features are not listed here.

This Getting Started Guide is based on the ARCAD Demo application.

2 Important information

2.1 Prerequisites

Before you start, make sure that you:

- have access to the Merlin environment.
- know how to use enGit.
- have some knowledge of ARCAD.

2.2 ARCAD Products used in MERLIN

The products installed and used in MERLIN are the following:

- ARCAD Server and Elias.
 - o ARCAD Server 23.02.11
 - o Elias 2.0.1
- ARCAD Extension vsix.
- ARCAD Observer.
- ARCAD Builder Server.
- ARCAD Builder Client.
- ARCAD Skipper.
- ARCAD Transformer RPG.

2.3 Other information

2.3.1 Arcad demo application

This document uses the ARCAD demo application.

If it was installed during the installation of ARCAD skipper, you can create your own copy by following this procedure:

- Enter ARCAD product with the command ARCAD ENG/ARCAD.
- Add the ARCAD_DEMO library in your library list with the command ADDLIBLE ARCAD_DEMO.
- Restore the Arcad demo application by prompting the command RSTDEMO.
 This screen will be displayed.

```
Restore libraries for the demo (RSTDEMO)

Type choices, press Enter.

Library Prefix & app Name ... SAMCO ... Y. Name, SAMCO Create application Y/N ... Y. Y. N. Name ... Name
```

Fill the Library Prefix & app Name (here we indicated FRMAPP. This value is used for the rest of the document) and put N for other parameters.

```
Restore libraries for the demo (RSTDEMO)

Type choices, press Enter.

Library Prefix & app Name ... FRMAPP Name, SAMCO
Create application Y/N ... N Y, N
Prefix for lib application ... Name
Prepare Declare 1 ... N N, N, Y
Prepare Declare 2 ... N N, N, Y
Load repository ... N Y, N, Y
Complete LIBL with demo lib N Y, N, Y
Create env D & T ... N N, N, Y
Create a training Library ... N N, N, Y

Bottom
F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F10=Additional parameters F12=Cancel F13=How to use this display F24=More keys
```

The Library prefix & app Name must be unique. It is possible to check the availability of a code by using the command AWRKAPP *SELECT when you are in ARCAD.

2.3.2 Default branch in your Git repository

By default, the product is configured to work with a default branch named master.

If the name of your default branch is different, for example **main**, you must indicate this with a specific parameter in the application attributes.

You can do that when at this step: <u>Update application operational attributes</u>.

So, from the AEDTAPPATR screen, press F15=GIT config to go to the Git menu.

```
Edit Operational Attributes
AEDTAPPATR
                                                                                                 09:51:00
ROMAXIBM
Type or modify, then press ENTER.
   Application text .
Application status
                                                               From an IBMi Application

WMNT (*DEV, *MNT)
   Library name prefix.
Application managers.
                                                                ARCAD_PGMR + Name F14=More
                                                                               + Name, *NONE F14=More
   Database administrators .
   Reference level.
                                                                                  RPG, CBL...
*NONE, ADELIA, SYNON
GEODE, SILVERDEV
   Language(s) used
Case Tool used .
                                                                *NONE
                                                                                 *SYSBAS, name
*NONE, *APP, *ALL
Name, *L01,..., *N50
More...
                                                                *SYSBAS
   ARC_FRALST
                                 МШ
                                                                                                     06/048
```

On this menu, select option 1 Configure a remote Git repository.

```
GIT SCM - Configuration/Parameter menu 3/11/24 09:52:17
ROMAXIBM

Select one of the following options, then press ENTER.

1. Configure a remote Git repository
2. Configure a proxy
3. Work with Git users
4. Other parameters
5. MERLIN parameters
5. MERLIN parameters

F3=Exit F12=Cancel F21=Command line

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```

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Then, change the default branch name if needed.

2.4 ARCAD concepts

2.4.1 ARCAD application

An ARCAD application brings together the libraries forming a coherent whole (libraries of source files, + libraries of objects, libraries of data files, etc.) more in the logistical sense than in the functional sense.

An application has a code, some operational attributes, in particular the application libraries and a liblist.

This liblist will contain the application libraries and all other libraries needed to compile the source member of the application.

This list of libraries will be used to load the cross references between components.

2.4.2 ARCAD environment

An ARCAD environment is a complete and independent work context.

There are different types of environments:

- Production (or operational): environment in which users work.
- Reference: environment that includes the elements used in the production environment. It is used to create the ARCAD repository.
- Development: environment in which programmers develop. They also perform their unit tests in this environment.
- Tests: environment that allows you to carry out tests while remaining independent of the production environment.

2.4.3 ARCAD version

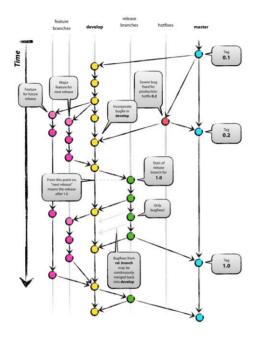
An ARCAD version is a library linked to a development environment, and, with MERLIN, linked to a Git branch.

This library will be used to receive the source members modified in a Git environment and to recompile them.

This library will be used for unit tests and also as a starting point to send these compiled objects to a test or a production environment.

2.5 Development workflow with Merlin

The development with Merlin is freely inspired on the GitFlow workflow but you can adapt it to your own needs.



Gitflow is based on Git Branches.

There are two branches where direct changes are forbidden.

- The first one is the *master* branch which is a picture of the production sources.
- The second one is the *development* branch where all new features will be brought together.

Three other types of branches can be used:

- **Feature**: used by developers to create new feature for an application.

 New features are made in feature branches. When a development is done, it can be merged into the development branch, and the feature branch can be deleted.
- **Release**: used to bring together several features. This branch will be used by developers to apply patches after tests.
 - A new release will receive changes from the development branch, and when tests are done, the new release can be merged into the master branch, as well as the development branch to keep it up to date. The release branch can then be deleted.
- **Hotfix**: used by developers to fix a bug in production.

A hotfix is made to fix a production bug. When it is done, the hotfix can be merged into the master branch, as well as the development branch to keep it up to date. The fix branch can then be deleted.

With Merlin, each new branch will automatically create a new ARCAD version.

2.6 Setup MERLIN from an IBM i application

In this section, we will see how to start with Merlin if you already have an IBM i application declared or not in ARCAD Skipper.

Other ways to configure the product exist, in particular when you start from scratch.

2.6.1 Without an existing ARCAD application

In that case, you have an IBM i application not declared in ARCAD Skipper.

Change type of RPGLE copies

The first thing to do is to change the RPGLE copies type to have the new RPGLEINC value.

It is possible to use PDM to do that.



Figure 1:RPGLE before the modification



Figure 2: RPGLEING type after the modification

Declare an ARCAD application

The second step is to declare a new ARCAD application.

To do so, open the ARCAD product in your IBM i using the ARCAD_ENG/ARCAD command.

The following screen is displayed.



Select the option 5 ARCAD-Skipper Software configuration management (SKIPPER).

```
ARCAD_ENG
                                      ARCAD - General menu (ARCAD)
                                                                                                            RDMER01
                                                                                             Sustem:
Select one of the following options:
        1. ARCAD-Audit
                                         IBM i Audit & Restructuring
                                                                                                       (ARAUDIT)
                                         IBM 1 Audit & Kestructuring
Application analysis
Software reception
IBM i refactoring tools
Software configuration management
Data configuration management
                                                                                                       (OBSERVER)
(INTEGRATER)

    ARCAD-Observer
    ARCAD-Integrater

       4. ARCAD-Transformer
5. ARCAD-Skipper
                                                                                                       (TRANSFORM)
(SKIPPER)
       6. ARCAD-Datachanger
7. ARCAD-Verifier
                                                                                                       (ARDTC)
(VERIFIER)
                                         Regression testing
Data extraction and scrambling
           ARCAD-Extract
       9. ARCAD-Drops for i Release Management
                                                                                                       (DROPS)
  Common options
90. Sign off
91. Macro-command menu
                                                                                                       SIGNOFF
                                                                                                       (ARMACCMD)
More...
Option or command
                                                          F10=Cmd entry
F21=Setup
                                                                                                       F13=Repos
F3=Exit
                                   F9=Retrieve
F20=Function
                                                                                    F12=Cancel
                F15=Macro
                                                                                    F22=Main Menu
                                     МШ
                                                                                                                  20/008
```

And then the option 1 Declare an application ADCLAPP.

```
ARCAD_ENG
                   ARCAD - Software Configur. Management menu (SKIPPER)
                                                                                                          RDMER01
   Application

    Declare an application
    Work with applications
    Loading the repository menu

                                                                                                    ADCL APP
                                                                                                     (ARREP)

    Declare a new environment
    Generate an environment
    Work with application environments

                                                                                                    ADCLENV
                                                                                                    AWRKENY
  Current Environment
20. Re-initialize the current environment
21. Display current environment
                                                                                                    AINZCURENV
                                                                                                    ADSPCURENV
More...
Option or command
F3=Exit
F14=List
                                                                                                     F13=Repos
                F4=Prompt
F15=Macro
                                  F9=Retrieve
F20=Function
                                                         F10=Cmd entry
                                                                                  F12=Cancel
                                                                                  F22=Main Menu
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                                    МЫ
                                                                                                               20/008
```

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On the new screen, fill the following fields:

- Application ID (if your **Application ID** is longer than three characters, fill the Library name prefix field as well),
- Brief description,
- Application manager, and,
- Operational libraries,

Press ENTER.

Complete the library list for your application to make it usanaable and press ENTER.

The declaration of the application is now finished.

```
ARCAD_ENG
                  ARCAD - Software Configur. Management menu (SKIPPER)
                                                                                                     RDMER01
Select one of the following options:
  Application

    Declare an application
    Work with applications
    Loading the repository menu

                                                                                                ADCLAPP
                                                                                                (ARREP)

    Declare a new environment
    Generate an environment
    Work with application environments

                                                                                               ADCLENV
                                                                                                AWRKENY
  Current Environment
20. Re-initialize the current environment
21. Display current environment
                                                                                                AINZCURENV
                                                                                                ADSPCURENV
More...
Option or command
               F4=Prompt
F15=Macro
                                F9=Retrieve F10=Cmd er
F20=Function F21=Setup
                                                      F10=Cmd entry
F3=Exit
                                                                              F12=Cancel
Application FRMAPP declared in maintenance: run the initialization macros.
                                                                                                          20/007
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```

As you see in the screenshot above, the next steps should be to run the initialization macros i.e.

- DECLARE1/DECLARE1B to search/delete qualified names.
- DECLARE2/DECLARE2B to compare source members and objects in order to find duplicate source members, duplicate objects, source members without object, objects without source members.
- DECLARE3 to load the ARCAD Repository.

After each run of these macro-command, the results should be analyzed, and errors should be corrected.

But in this document, only the DECLARE3 is launched without analysis of the results and no corrections of problems.

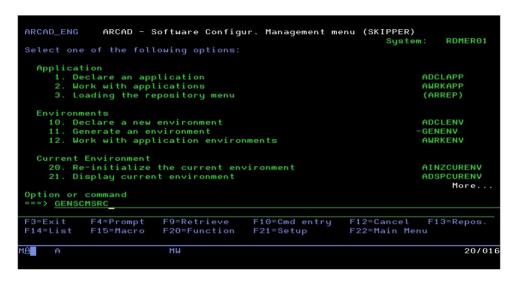
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Generate Sources for SCM

Before loading the ARCAD repository, the third step is to generate a source for components that usually do not need it, such as *DTAARA, *MSGF, *SRVPGM, etc.

This is mandatory for an SCM like Git which only manages sources.

To do that, use the GENSCMSRC macro-command.



If you have many objects like this, it is recommended to launch this macro in batch.

Fill the **Application ID** field and change the **Source file library** field (by default set to QTEMP) to put the source library of your application, then press ENTER.

```
Generate Sources for SCM (GENSCMSRC)
                                                         FRMAPP
QDTASRC
QBNDSRC
Application ID
Character value, *CURENV
                                                                                 Name, QDTASRC
Name, QBNDSRC
Name, QILESRC
Name, QILESRVSRC
                                                          QILESRVSRC
                                                                                 Name, QDIAQSRC
Name, QJOBDSRC
Name, QMSGFSRC
Name, QMSGOSRC
Name, QOUTQSRC
Name, QCLSSRC
Name, QSBSDSRC
                                                          QJOBDSRC
QJOBQSRC
QMSGFSRC
                                                          QMSGQSRC
*OUTQ source file
*CLS source file .
                                                          QOUTQSRC
                                                          QCLSSRC
QSBSDSRC
FRMAPP_SRC
*SBSD source file .
Source file library
                                                                                 Name, QSBSDSRC
Name, QTEMP
                                                                                                                       Bottom
F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Ref
F13=How to use this display
                                   F5=Refresh
                                                         F24=More keys
                                                                                                                         05/037
```

When the macro-command is finished, it will be possible to load the ARCAD repository.

Load the ARCAD repository

Use the option 3 Loading the repository menu (ARREP) displayed on the screen.



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Then the option 10 Loading the repository for an application -DECLARE3.

```
ARCAD_ENG
                            ARCAD - Repository Loading Menu (ARREP)
                                                                                                         RDMER01
                                                                                          Sustem:
Select one of the following options:
   Insert an application in ARCAD
1. Declare an application
2. Work with applications
                                                                                                   ADCLAPP
                                                                                                   AWRKAPP
  Loading the ARCAD repository
10. Loading the repository for an application
11. Loading the repository for several applications
                                                                                                  -DECLARE3
                                                                                                  -DECLARALL
     14. Work with components not loaded in the repository 15. Work with components not loaded in cross-references
                                                                                                  -ERROBJREF
     17. Repository audit
18. Check program parameters
                                                                                                  -AUDOBJREF
                                                                                                  -DECLARE4
Option or command
   => 10
F3=Exit
                                                                                                    F13=Repos
               F4=Prompt
F15=Macro
                                 F9=Retrieve
F20=Function
                                                        F10=Cmd entry
F21=Setup
                                                                                 F12=Cancel |
F22=Main Menu
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```

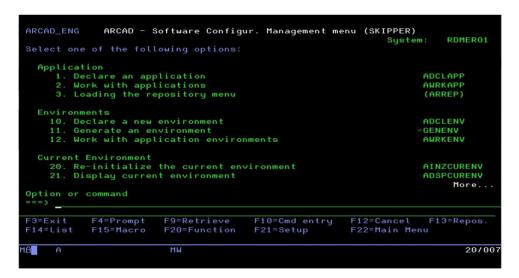
Fill the Application ID field and press ENTER.



Type Y and then press ENTER to submit the job to load the ARCAD repository.

```
Declare an application (phase (DECLARE3)
Application ID .
                                                      FRMAPP
                                                                            Character value, *CURENV
Modify objects ownership
Src type/src file consistency
Src type/library consistency
                                                       '*NO'
'*UPDATE'
'*NO'
                                                                            *YES, *NO
*CTL, *NOCTL, *UPDATE
*YES, *NO
Src typer(15)
Update cross
Load field X
Only used fi
Stamp compon
Validate the
                        Confirm submission to batch of the command:
                                                                                                  DECLARE3
                            Submit command ? . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . <u>Y</u>
                                                                                                          Y, N
Reorganize d
Select sourc
                                        F10=Modify submission parameters
                       F3=Exit
                                                                                                                 Bottom
F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F10=
F13=How to use this display F24=
(C) Copyright 1992,2022 ARCAD Software
                                                      F10=Additional parameters
F24=More keys
                                                                                                  F12=Cancel
                                                                                                                  13/066
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```

While the job is running you can go to the next step, so press F12 to come back to the previous screen (SKIPPER menu).



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Create development environment

A development environment is mandatory to create a version in ARCAD.

To put it simply, a version is a library which will contain the result of a build of the source members modifications.

On the SKIPPER menu, use the option 12. **Work with application environments AWRKENV**, fill the **Application ID** field and press ENTER.



There is no existing environment, so press F6 to add a new one.

```
AWRKENV Work With Environments 4/11/22 11:54:13 RDMER01

Application....: FRMAPP From an IBMi Application

Select an option, then press ENTER.
2=Work with 3=Copy 4=Delete 5=Display
6=Print 7=Rename 10=Lock 11=Unlock
12=Generate 13=Macro Generation 14=Linked context

Impl
Opt Env Type mode Site *LCK Text
(No environments have been defined for this application)

F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F6=Add F12=Cancel F21=Cmd line
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```

Fill the following fields:

- Environment ID,
- Type of environment,
- Implementation mode,
- Brief description, and
- Prefix for version library

Press ENTER to manage the library list for this environment.

```
Declare an environment (ADCLENV)
Application ID .
                                  ) 'FRMAPP'
                                                   Character value
DEV
*DEV
*NRM
*NO
                                                   Character value
*DEV, *TST, *PRD
*NRM, *EXT, *DTA
*YES, *NO
Implementation mode . .
Usable by Deliver Server
Site . . . . . . . . Environment owner
                                    *LCL
*NOCHG
                                                   Name, *NOCHG
                                    Brief description
*YES
                                                   *YES, *NO
                                                                           Bottom
                                    F10=Additional parameters
F24=More keys
F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Ret
F13=How to use this display
                      F5=Refresh
                                                                  F12=Cancel
                                                                             14/041
```

By default, the library list of the application is used. Add, remove, or change libraries if needed and then press ENTER.

```
4/11/22 11:59:3
RDMER01
AEDTAPPLBL
                               Work With Library Lists
  List name. . . . . . :
                                                         ENV:000688
 From an IBMi Application *DEV Development Environment
ASP Group . . . . : *SYSBAS

Current library . . . . . . *NONE

Select your modifications, then press ENTER

Seq. Library Seq. Library

20 FRMAPP_DIA 100

30 FRMAPP_OBJ 110

40 FRMAPP_SRC 120

50 ARCAD_DEMO 130

60 OTEMP 140
                                                                                                        Name, *NONE,
                                                                                       Seq.

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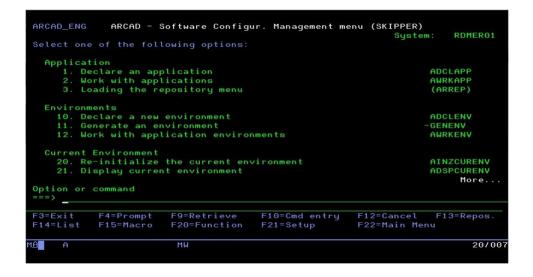
190
                                                                                                   Library
                                           140
150
          QTEMP
QGPL
                                           160
170
                                                                                                                            More...
F3=Exit F5=Refresh F12
F19=Info F21=Command Line
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                                                                                                                                13/008
```

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A development environment is now created.



Press F3 to go back to the SKIPPER menu.



Create version type

Finally, you need to create a version type for your application. In the SKIPPER menu, enter the AWRKVERTYP command and press ENTER.

```
ARCAD - Software Configur. Management menu (SKIPPER)
                                                                                                                        RDMER01
 Select one of the following options:
    Application
1. Declare an application
2. Work with applications
3. Loading the repository menu
                                                                                                                  ADCLAPP
                                                                                                                  AWRKAPP
(ARREP)
    Environments
10. Declare a new environment
11. Generate an environment
12. Work with application environments
                                                                                                                  ADCLENV
                                                                                                                 GENENV
AWRKENV
     Current Environment
20. Re-initialize the current environment
21. Display current environment
                                                                                                                  AINZCURENV
                                                                                                                  ADSPCURENY
                                                                                                                          More...
 Option or command ===> <u>AWRKVERTYP</u>
 F3=Exit
F14=List
                    F4=Prompt
F15=Macro
                                                                  F10=Cmd entry
F21=Setup
                                                                                             F12=Cancel F13=Repos.
F22=Main Menu
                                        F9=Retrieve
                                                                                                                              20/017
MA
                                          MW
```

Enter Option 3 Copy for the three standard version types *FEATURE, *RELEASE and *SANDBOX.

```
AWRKVERTYP
                                                                  Work with version types
                                                                                                                                                                                             13:01:50
RDMER01
        Application : *NONE
                                                                                                                    Version type
  Select an option, then press ENTER.
2=Edit 3=Copy 4=Delete 5=
8=Duplicate the types of an application
                                                                                                   5=Display

        Version Min.
        number Max.
        Obj.

        FT.000.00
        FT.99.99
        *NO

        *GEN
        *GEN
        *YES

        $B.00.00
        $B.99.99
        *NO

                                                                                                                                                    Transf. Update Level
to Ref XRef XRef
*NO *DAILY *REFVERS
*YES *NO *CURRENT
*NO *DAILY *REFVERS
                                                                                                                                     Edit
Src.
*YES
*YES
                                             Version
Opt Application Type
3 *NONE *FEATURE
3 *NONE *RELEASE
                                                                                                                                                                                                Bottom
                                                                       F6=Add type
MA.
                                                                                                                                                                                                  11/002
                                                                  МШ
```

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For these three types, fill the **Application** field and set the **Check-out from reference** parameter to *SCM.

```
AWRKVERTYP
                                                          Add a version type
                                                                                                                                                 4/12/22
                                                                                                                                                                  13:04:37
RDMER01
         Application.
                                                     *FEATURE

Development of Feature with temp. number
                                                                                                             (Character value, *GEN)
(Character value, *GEN)
(*YES, *NO)
(*APP, *YES, *NO)
(*APP, *YES, *NO)
(*APP, *YES, *NO)
(0 - 999)
ncel
        *YES

*YES

*ITEM

*NO

*SCM

*YES

*NO
        Check-out from reference .
Allow to edit the sources.
Transfer to reference . . .
                                                                                     *DAILY
*REFVERS
        Open version for Libr. .
Open version for Devel.
Sequence for prompt . .
F3=Exit
                                                                                     15/039
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           В
                                                        MW
```

When it is done, stay on the AWRKVERTYP menu, and press F3 to go back to the SKIPPER menu.

```
AWRKVERTYP
                                                  Work with version types
                                                                                                                             4/12/22
                                                                                                                                               13:08:23
RDMER01
      Application : *NONE
                                                                                       Version type
  Select an option, then press ENTER.
2=Edit 3=Copy 4=Delete 5=
8=Duplicate the types of an application
                                                                          5=Display

        Version Min.
        number Max.
        Lock Obj.

        FT.00.00
        FT.99.99
        *NO

        *GEN
        *GEN
        *YES

                                                                                                                Transf. Update Level
to Ref XRef XRef
*NO *DAILY *REFVERS
                                                                                                     Edit
Opt Application Type
- *NONE *FEATURE
- *NONE *RELEASE
- *NONE *SANDBOX
                                                                                                     Src.
*YES
                                                     *GEN *GEN *YES
SB.00.00 SB.99.99 *NO
                                                                                        *YES
                                                                                                                  *YES
                                                                                                    *YFS
                                                                                                                                *NO
                                                                                                                                              *CURRENT
                                                                                                                                 *DAILY *REFVERS
                                                                                                                                                 Bottom
  F3=Exit F5=Refresh F6=Add type F11=Other view F12=Previous screen
Version type *FEATURE of application FRMAPP added
                                                                                                                                                   13/002
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```

When the copy is created, you can use the AWRKVERTYP command for your application code to check and/or to change these types.

2.6.2 With or without an existing ARCAD application

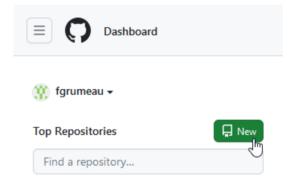
Change type of RPGLE copies, Generate Sources for SCM and create version type. If you just come from the previous chapter Without an existing Arcad application, this part is not necessary, as it is already done.

If not, do the same modifications as in the <u>Change type of RPGLE copies</u> chapter. If you never used another SCM than ARCAD Skipper, follow the steps described in the <u>Generate Sources for SCM</u> chapter and reload your ARCAD repository. Finally, create version types as it was explained in the <u>Create version type</u> chapter.

Create a remote Git repository

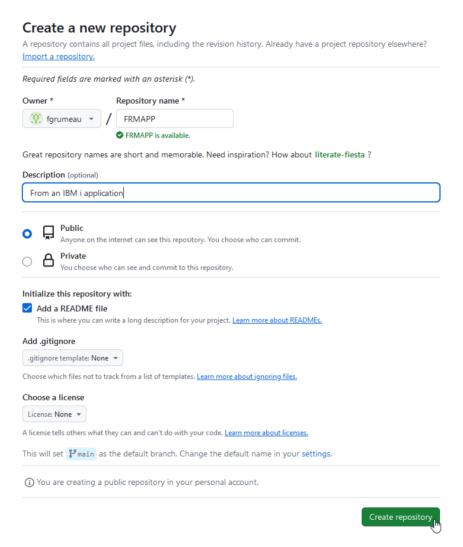
The next step of setup is to create a Git Repository.

Go to the solution you want to use and create a new project/repository.

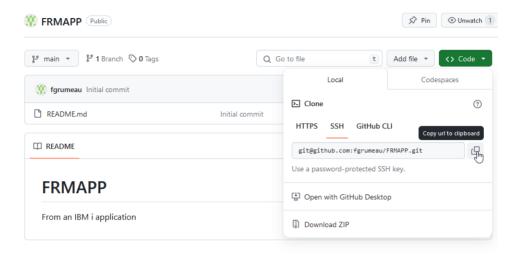


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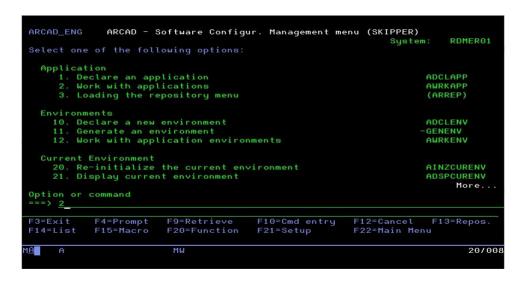
Enter a repository name, a description, choose the visibility level, create the new repository with a README file and click on the **Create project** or **Create repository** button.



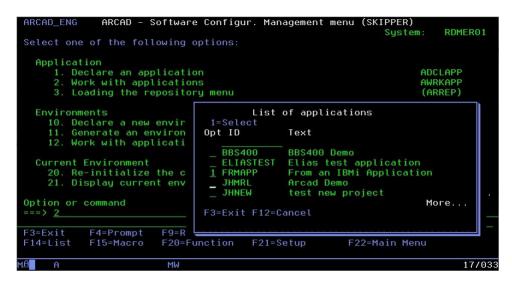
An empty repository was created. It is possible now to copy the SSH URL to add it into the ARCAD application.



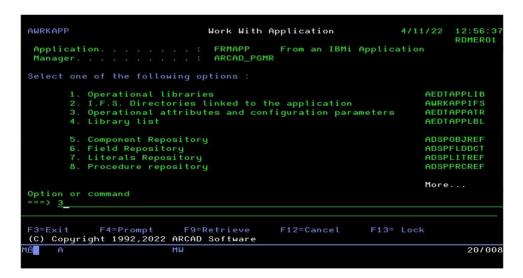
Update application operational attributes
Go back to the SKIPPER menu on your 5250 session and use the option 2 **Work with applications AWRKAPP**.



Find your application ID and enter 1 in the Option parameter, then press Enter.



Then choose the option 3. **Operational attributes and configuration parameters AEDTAPPATR** and press ENTER.



Set the Source member header update to *NONE.

```
3/11/24 09:34:30
ROMAXIBM
AEDTAPPATR
                     Edit Operational Attributes
                                                                            3/5
  Journal option . . .
Application journal.
Library. . . . . .
                                              *MANUAL
*NONE
                                                           *NONE, *AUTO, ...
Name,*NONE
                                              *AFTER
*OPNCLO
                                                           *AFTER, *BOTH
*NONE, *OPNCLO
  at 00:00:00
Source Update Parameters
  *NORMAL, *HIGH
*FIRST, *ANY, *NONE
                                              *NORMAL
                                              *NONE_
                                                           Y,N
Y,N
Y,N
                                                                    More...
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Set the **Mandatory attachment of document/component** to N (No) because we will not use the ARCAD maintenance report in this getting started.

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AEDTAPPATR
                          Edit Operational Attributes
                                                                                     09:35:46
ROMAXIBM
Authorizations
Grant authorization for:
          Y,N
Y,N
                                                                            \frac{N}{N}
   Mandatory attachment of document/component
Type of document to attach. . . . . . . .
Automatic mngt of document/version link .
                                                                             Y,N
*USRDOC, *MNTRPT
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                                                                             Y,N
                                                                                   More...
                                 F15=GIT config
                F12=Cancel
                                                       F21=Command line
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Set the **Name of the External SCM product** parameter to GIT and paste the SSH URL of your Git repository in the **Repository URI** parameter and press ENTER.



Your application is updated.

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AEDTAPPATR

Edit Operational Attributes
FRMAPP
FRMAPP
FRMAPP
Type or modify, then press ENTER.

Parameters for the functional tree
Attachment to the branch is required
Multiple functional tree.

Attachment to the branch is required
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Attachment to the functional tree
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Press F15=GIT config to finish the Git Configuration

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Sclect one of the following options, then press ENTER.

1. Configure a remote Git repository
2. Configure a proxy
3. Work with Git users
4. Other parameters
5. MERLIN parameters

5. MERLIN parameters

F3=Exit F12=Cancel F21=Command line

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Use option 5 to change MERLIN parameters.

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GIT SCM - Configuration/Parameter menu 3/11/24 10:09:55 ROMAXIBM

Select one of the following options, then press ENTER.

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F3=Exit F12=Cancel F21=Command line

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Put *YES for the parameter Define as a MERLIN project and change if you want the generation IFS directory.

The press F3 twice and then press ENTER to go back to the Work With Application screen.



Press F3 to go back to the SKIPPER menu.



Generate SSH keys and add them to your Git profile

If you did not have SSH keys for your profile on your IBM i, you need to calculate one and add it to your Git profile.

To create SSH keys, you can use the **AGENSSHKEY** ARCAD Command or the **SSH-KEYGEN** command in a QSH session.

With the ARCAD Command, fill the Key type you want to generate, set the **Action** parameter to ***GEN** and then press ENTER.

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You can use this command to check if SSH Keys already exist or not. In that case, this command will display these kind of messages (for example for the user profile ARCAD PGMR):

- id_ed25519 private key was not found in IFS folder /home/ARCAD_PGMR/.ssh.
- An EdDSA key pair already exists in IFS folder /home/ARCAD_PGMR/.ssh.
- id rsa private key was not found in IFS folder /home/ARCAD PGMR/.ssh.
- An RSA key pair already exists in IFS folder /home/ARCAD_PGMR/.ssh.

The command indicates that the Keys are generated and where you can find them.

Press us finish the Keys creation.

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Generated SSH key

User profile . . . . . . : ARCAD_PGMR

Find generated SSH key below :

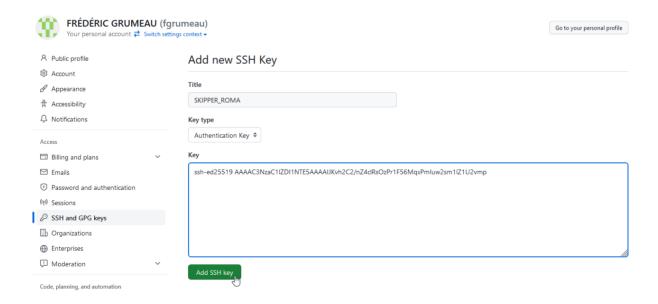
Access path . . . . . . . :
/home/ARCAD_PGMR/.ssh/id_ed25519

F3=Exit ENTER to continue
```

Display and copy the public key, by using for example the cat command in a QSH session (or the WRKLNK command).



Paste this key in your Git profile.



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Now you are ready to send all the source members from the ARCAD Skipper repository to the Git repository.

Loading the remote Git repository

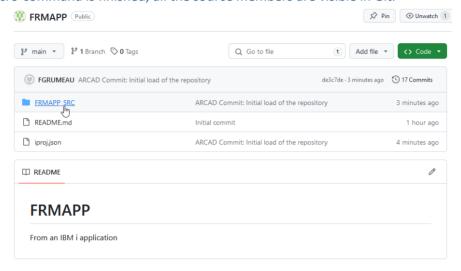
To send all the source members to the Git repository use the ARCAD macro-command LODSCMREP.

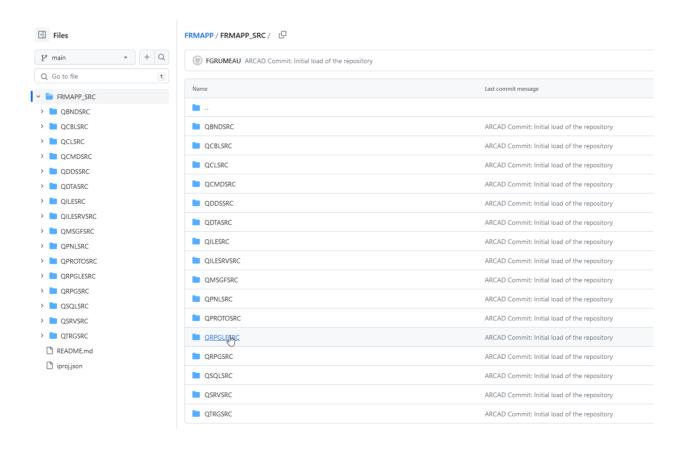


Fill the **Application ID** parameter and press Enter.

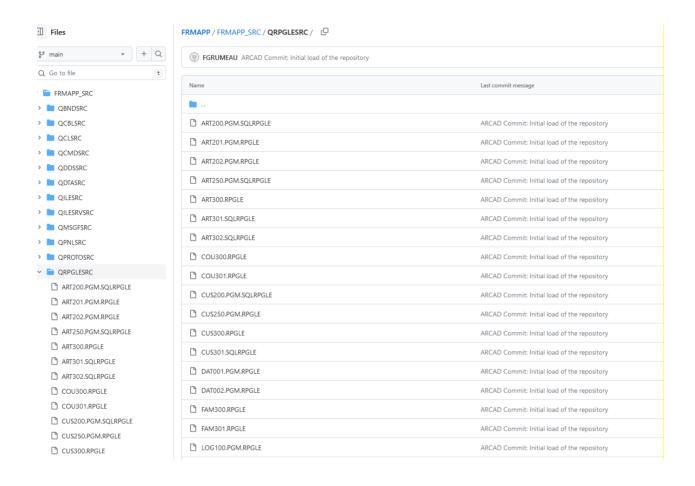
If you have many source members in your application, it is recommended to launch this macro in batch.

When the macro-command is finished, all the source members are visible in Git.



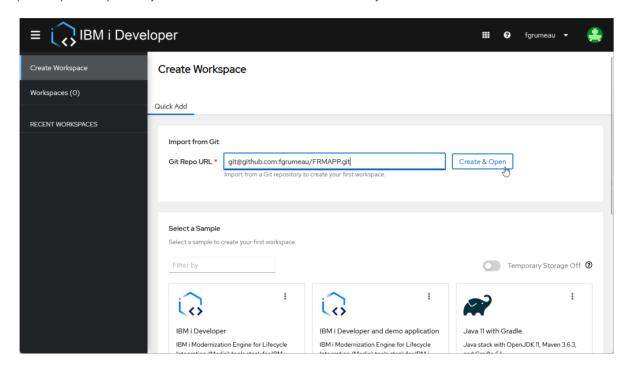


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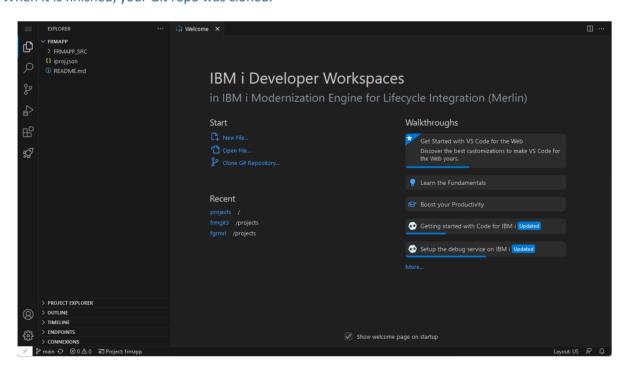


Clone the Git repository in your workspace

Go to the IBM i Developer IDE in Merlin, select the option Create Workspace, paste the URL of your git repository in the part **Import from Git** and click on **Create & Open**.

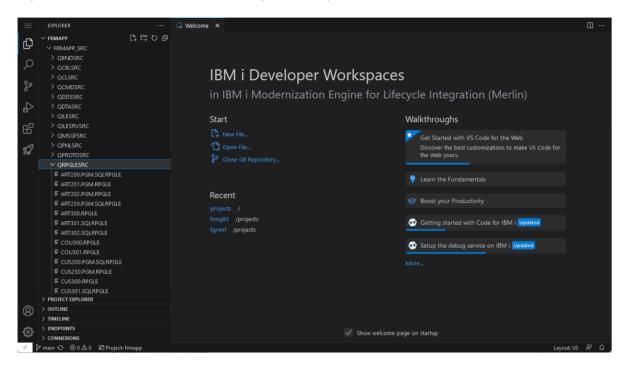


When it is finished, your Git repo was cloned.



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And you can see all the source members in your workspace.

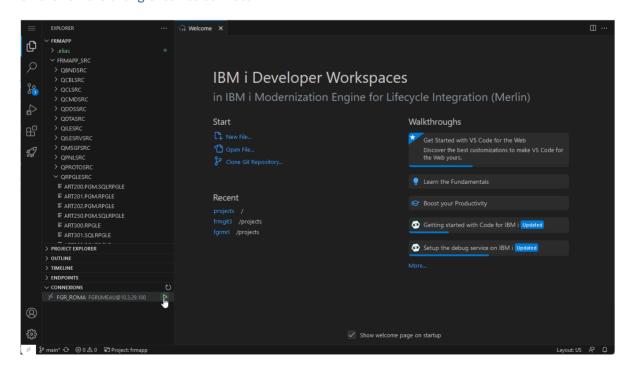


Connect to the IBM i

Go to the node **CONNECTIONS** and enter your Merlin password to see the connection to IBM i you can used.



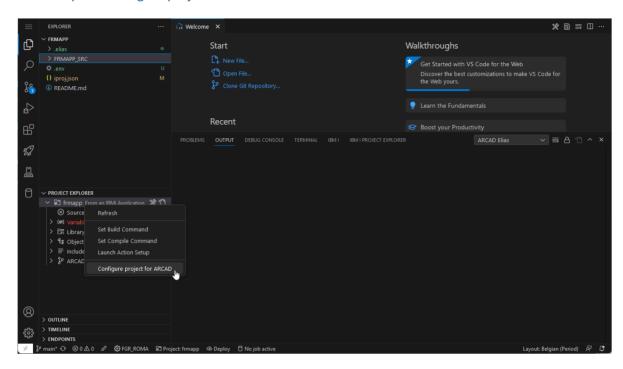
Then click on the triangle icon to connect.



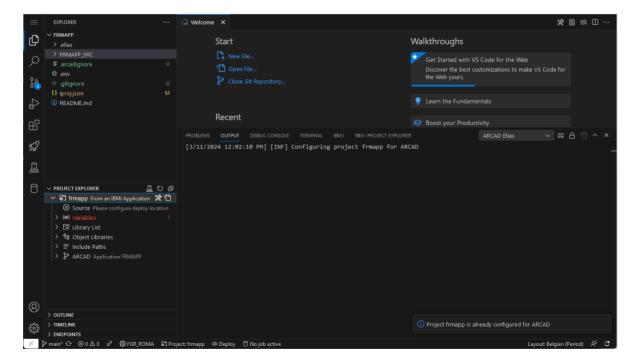
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Complete the setup

When the connection is done, go to the node PROJECT EXPLORER, and after a right click on the project, select the option Configure project for ARCAD.

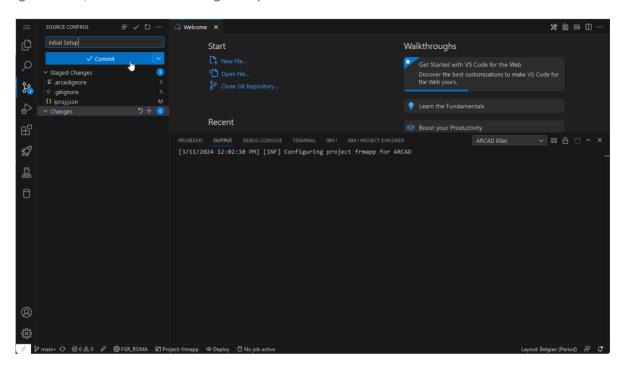


That will create some new files (.gitignore and .arcadignore)

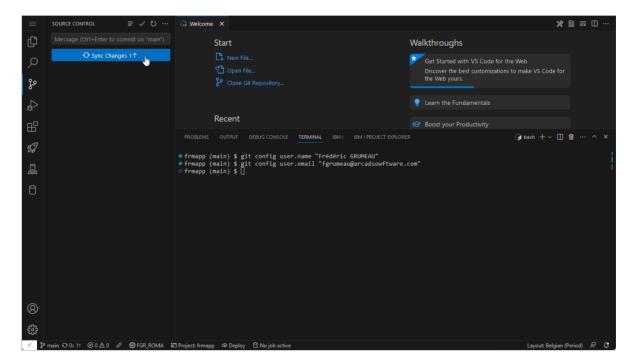


Go now in the Git extension to commit and push all changed and added files.

Stage the files, add a commit message and press on Commit.



Then click on Sync Changes to push these files into the remote Git repo.



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You may need to configure your name and email address for Git to perform these actions.

To do this, simply go to a terminal and run the commands git config user.name
"Your Name" and git config user.email "Your email"

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• frmapp (main) $ git config user.name "Frédéric GRUMEAU"

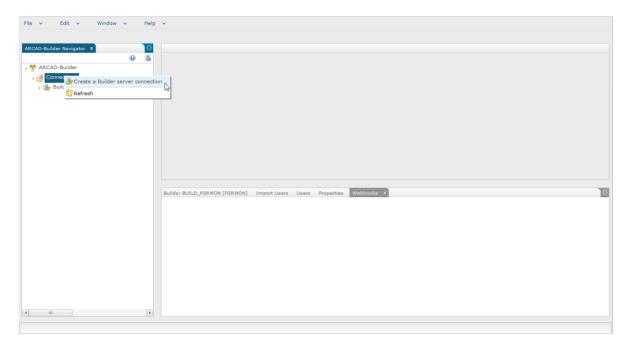
• frmapp (main) $ git config user.email "fgrumeau@arcadsowftware.com"

• frmapp (main) $
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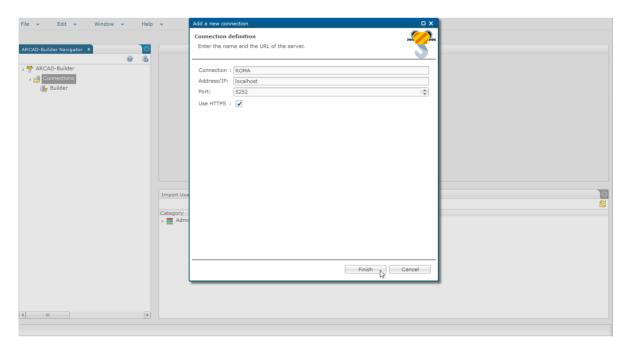
Configure ARCAD Builder

The last thing to do before using the IBM i Developer workspace is to configure ARCAD Builder for your application and add Builder webhooks to your Git repository.

Go to **Builder** and click on **Create a new Builder server connection** if needed.



Fill the fields to connect to the Builder server and click on Finish.

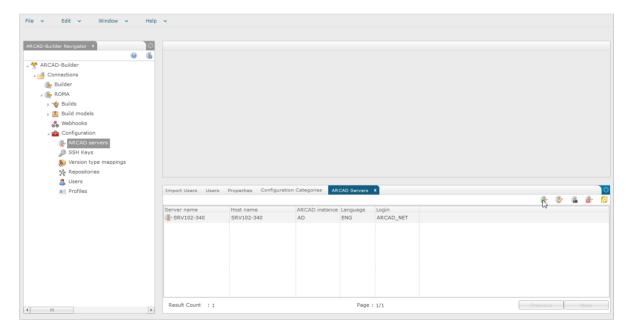


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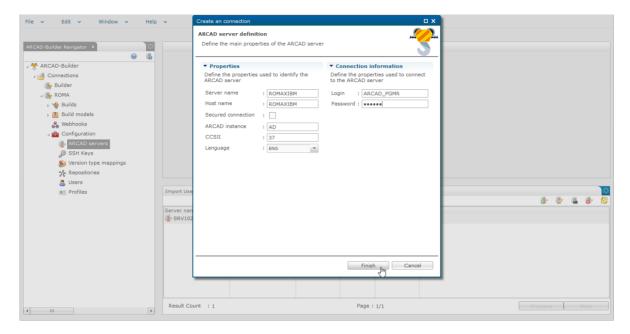
Connect to the server using your IBM i user.



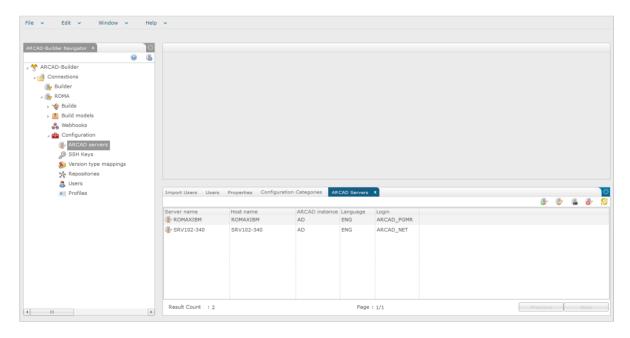
Go to the **Configuration** node and open the **ARCAD** servers view to add a connection to your development IBM i server if needed (if Builder was installed on an IBM i, the connection already exists).







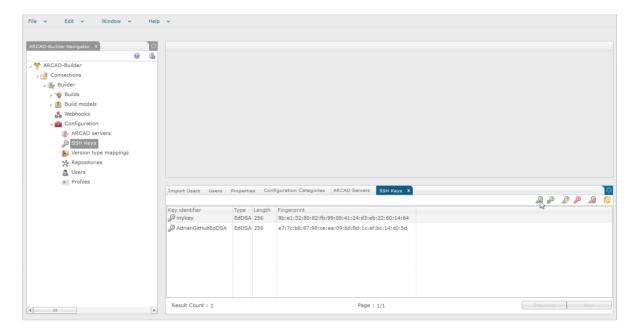
Your ARCAD Server is now displayed.



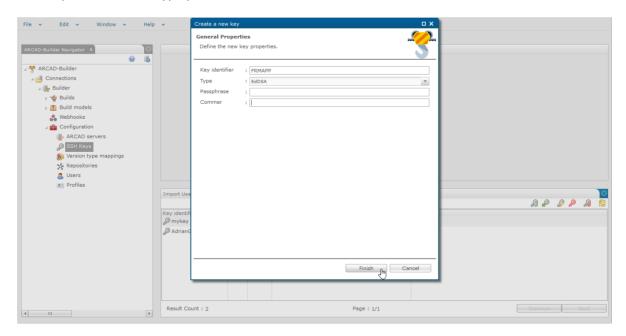
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The next step of the Builder configuration is to create SSH Keys, that will be used later to connect to your Git repository.

On the SSH Keys part of the configuration, right-click or use the icon to create the SSH keys.

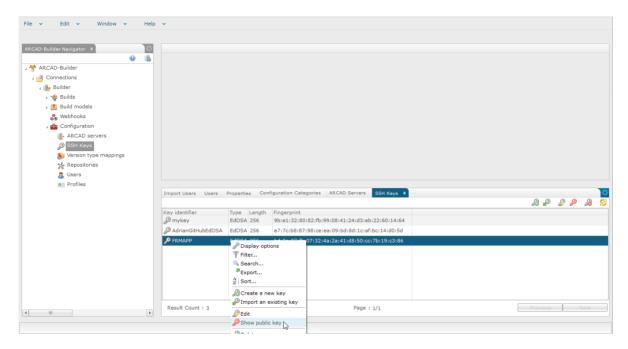


Fill the Key identifier and Type parameters and click on Finish.

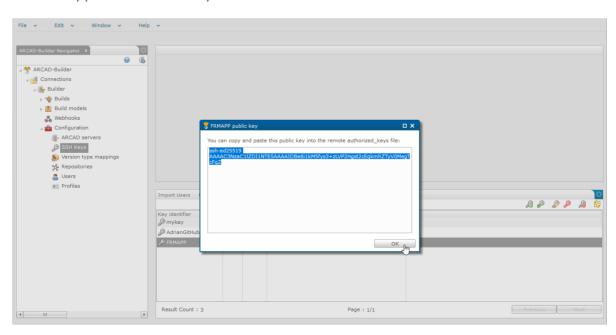


The new SSH keys are created. Display them to copy the public key.

Right-click on the Key and select the **Show public key** option.

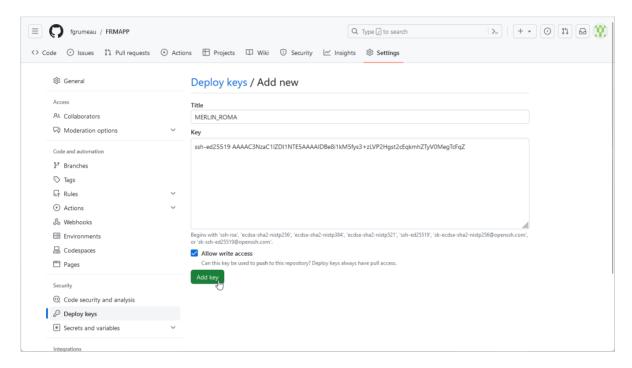


Select and copy the value of the key and click **OK**.



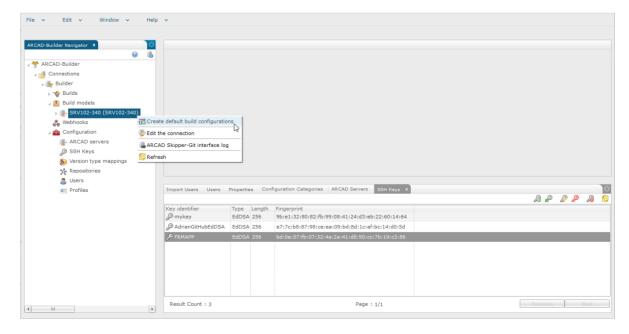
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In your Git repository, go to Settings/Deploy keys part to add this new Key, then set a **Title**, paste the SSH key in the Key field, give the write permissions and click on **Add key**.



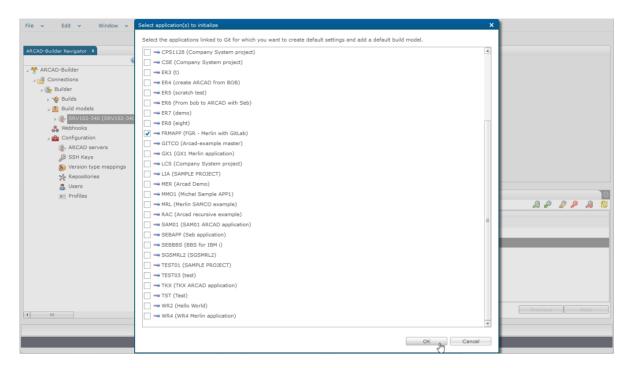
Return to Builder, on the Build models part, right-click on the IBM i server and select the **Create default build configurations** option.

This option allows you to automatically create a build model and the application settings.



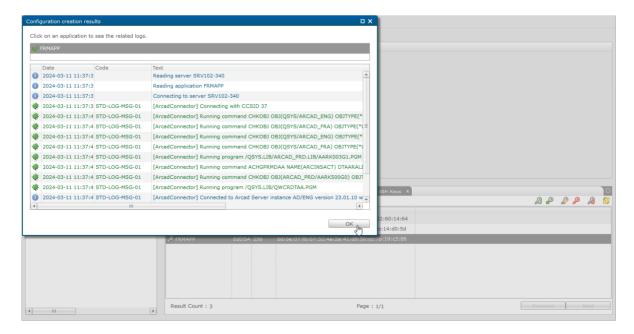
On the new window, you can see all the existing applications on the IBM i server.

Check the applications linked to a Git repository, in particular the application created before and click **Ok**.



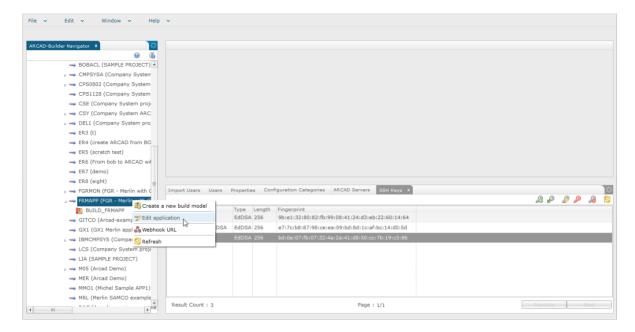
A new window appears with the result of the creation of the default build configuration.

Check that everything is correct and click **OK**.



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You have now a default build model for your application. Right-click on your application to edit it.



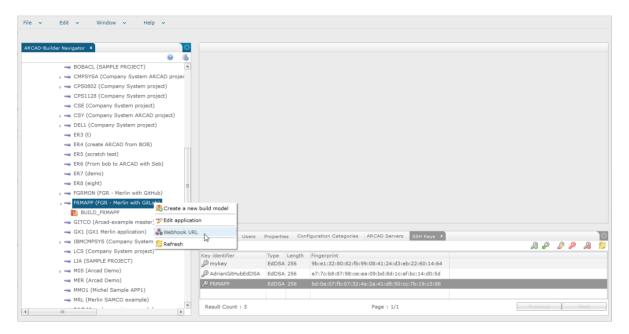
Fill the SSH key field with the SSH key previously calculated and save this modification.



To use another profile than the one associated to the Builder job on IBMi, you must indicate a build login and a build password in the build settings part, but in that case you will need to have generated SSH keys for this profile and added them to your Git repository.

And now do a right-click on your application to display the URL of the webhooks.

These webhooks are used to automatically create an Arcad version when creating a branch.

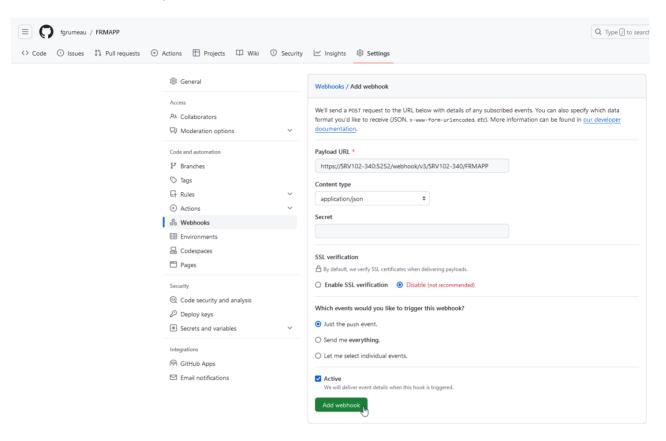


Copy the link you must use and click on **OK**.



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In your Git repository, go to **Settings** > **Webhooks**, create a new webhook using the webhook URL and enable the **Push events** option.



With the v3 of the webhook, it is possible to use the complete URL or just the beginning part of the URL as shown in the screen above.

Here we use a repository on GitHub. On GitLab, it is more or less the same configuration.

It is possible not to use Webhooks.

In that case, the creation of a branch will not open a version and a deletion of a branch will not delete the corresponding version.

Because a version linked to a branch is mandatory, without Webhook this version will be created during the first build or the first compilation from the IBM i developer workspace.

In the same vein, if you don't setup Builder, it will be done automatically but without Git credentials or Build settings.

Now it is possible to use this setup for development.