Introduction to IBM i Merlin

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IBM Let's Create

Modernization Engine for Lifecycle Integration

Merlin

A safe, secure IBM i focused modern development ecosystem

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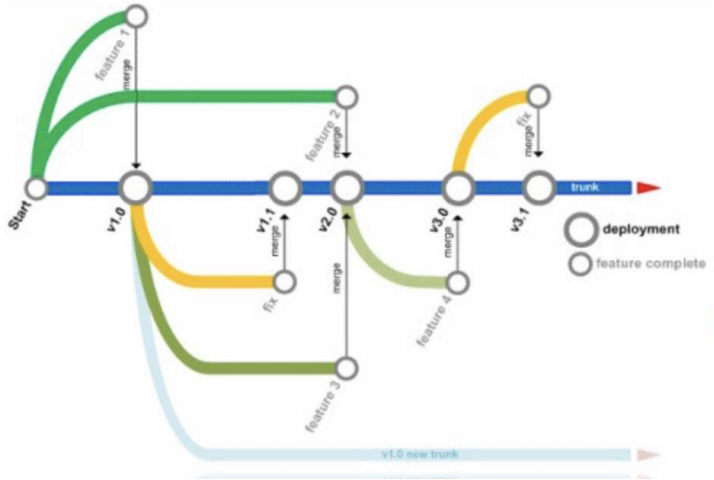
What Issues does Merlin Help Solve

Modern / Centralized Source Control and Branching



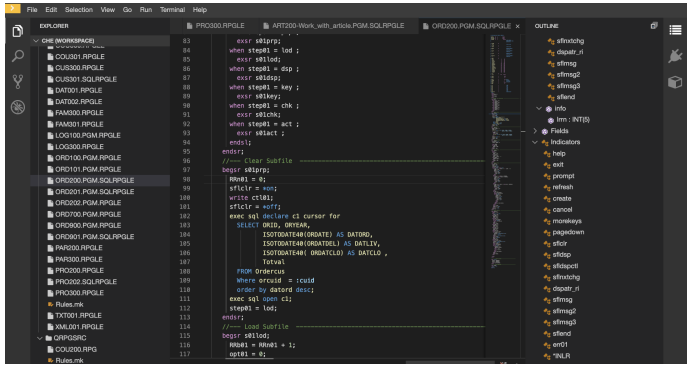
Modern RPG

```
ctl-opt bnddir('ACCRCV');
dcl-f custfile usage(*update);
dcl-ds custDs likerec(custRec);
dcl-f report printer;

read custfile custDs;
dow not %eof;
   if dueDate > %date(); // overdue?
      sendOverdueNotice();
      write reportFmt;
      exec sql insert :name, :duedate into
            mylib/myfile;
```

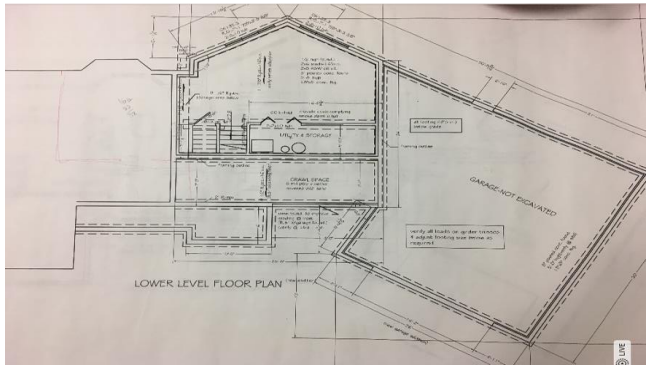
- Fixed to Free
- Refactoring

Browser Centric VsCode Based IDE



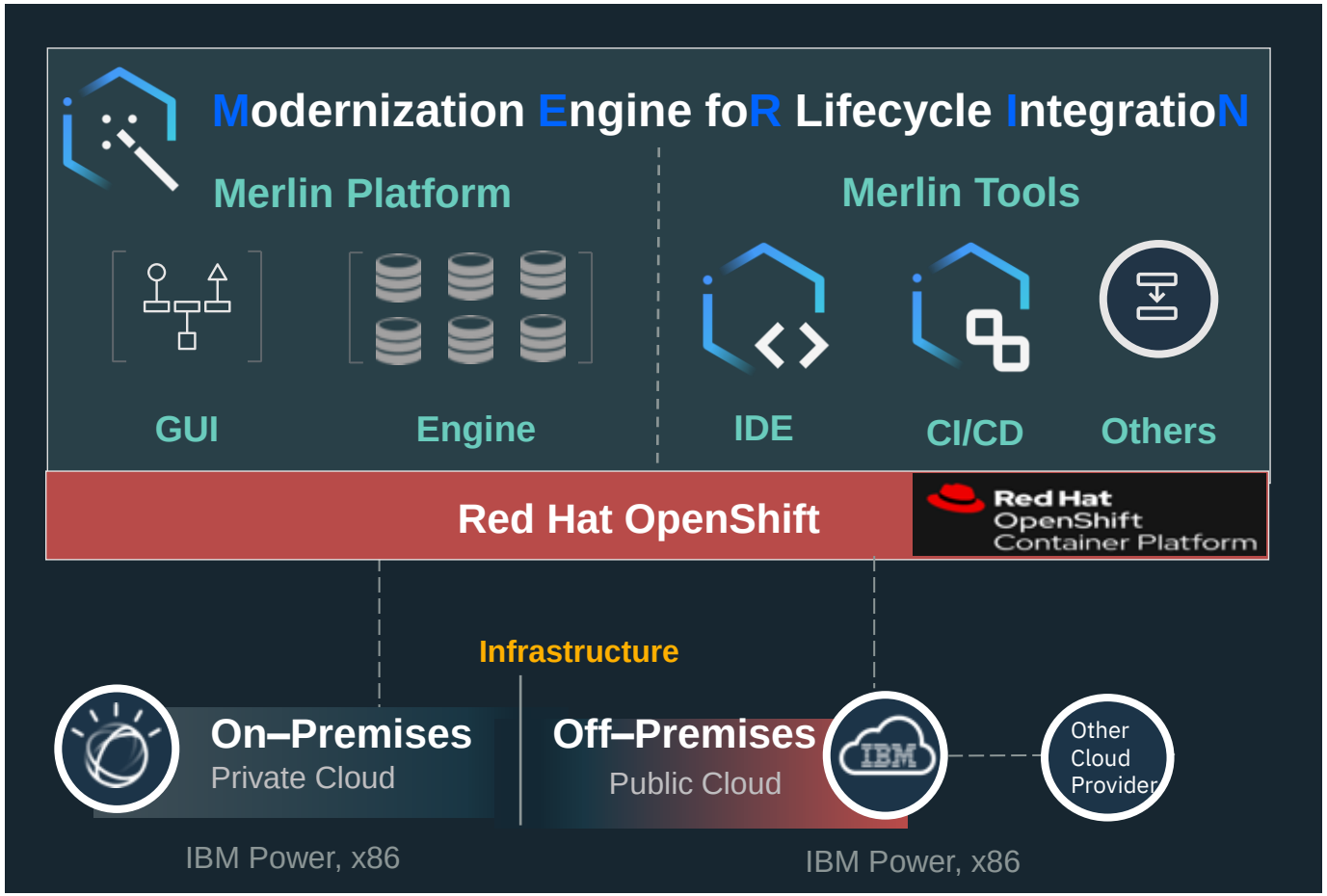
- Outline View
- Tokenization
- Content Assist
- Code formatting
- Understand Languages
  - RPG
  - SQL
  - Embedded SQL
  - CL
  - Cobol
  - DDS

Application Blueprint



- Impact Analysis
- Program Understanding
- Data Usage
- Pgm Flow

Merlin



What is it ? Today

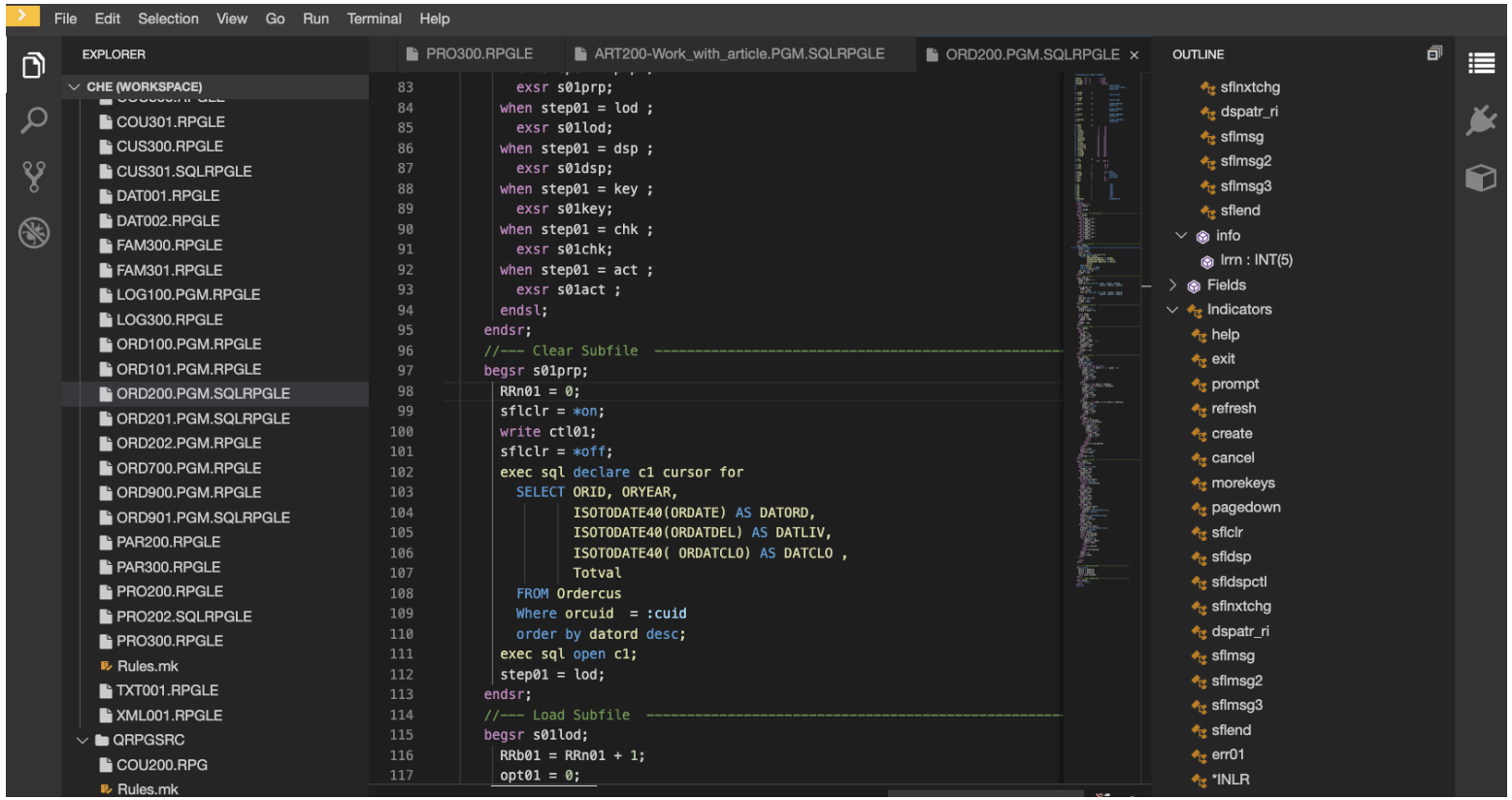
IBM Developer - IDE

Pipelines for All – CI/CD

Merlin the engine / framework

IBM i Merlin

Modern Browser based developer environment



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- Intelligent Build
- Full Git Integration
- Debugger

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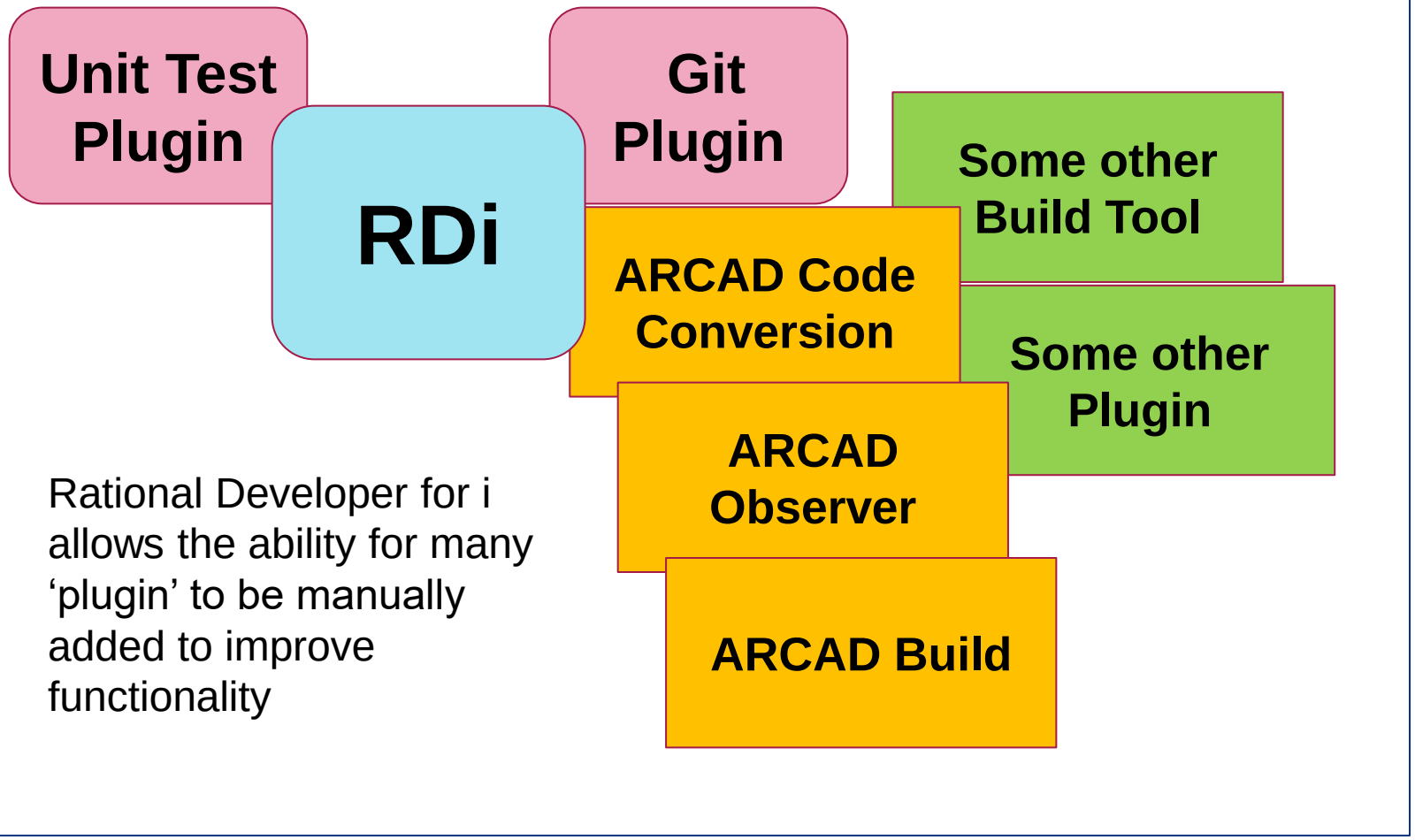
Today

All running separately on each developer PC



Rational Developer for i allows the ability for many ‘plugin’ to be manually added to improve functionality

SEU – No plugins can be added

Code for i

Plugin can be added….TBD

In all cases, additional function / features are all manually added, and no unified support

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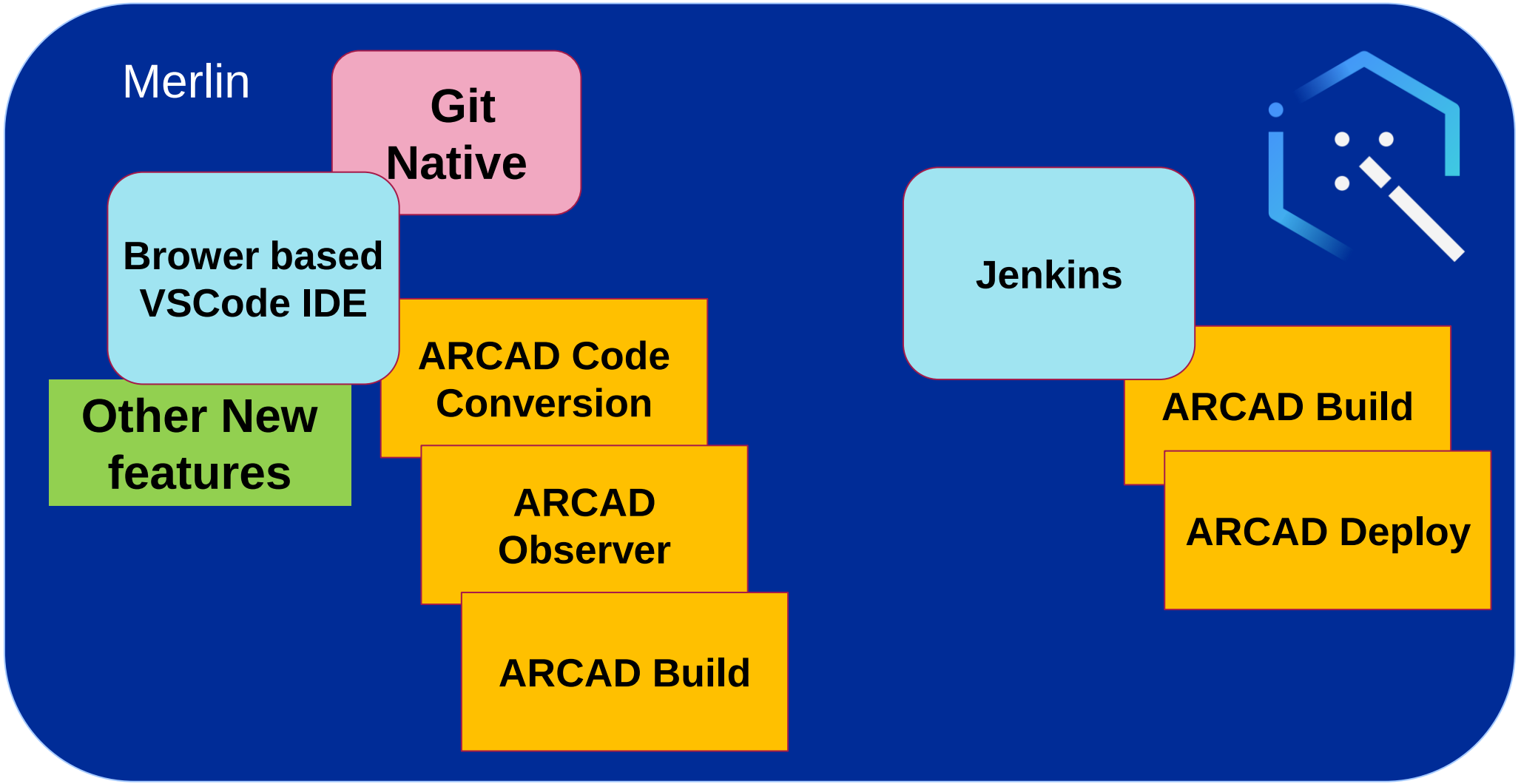
Future



A single interface from IBM and fully supported by IBM, combining the key features required for modern IBM i Development

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IBM Developer – The Merlin IDE

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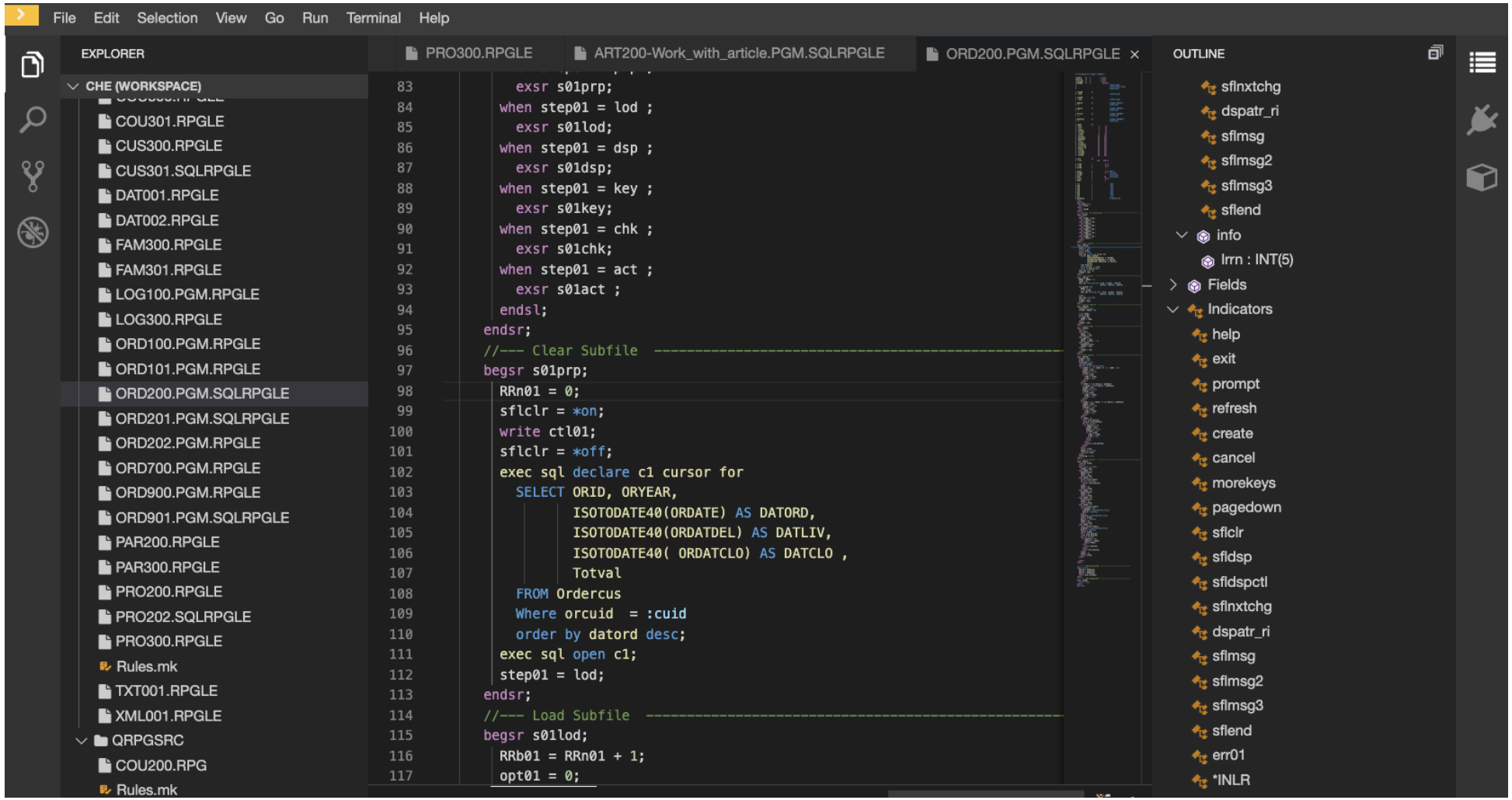

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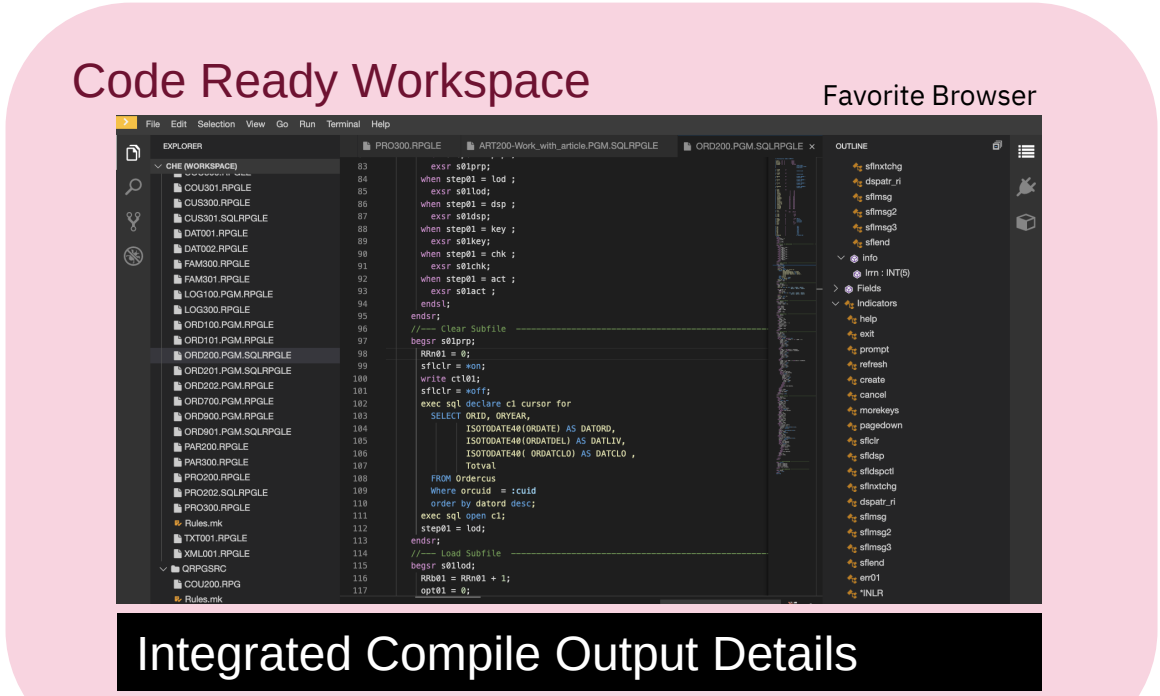
IBM Developer – The Merlin IDE

Compile a single program or Build an Application



Git Source Repository

- RPG
- COBOL
- CL
- etc

RPG Compile

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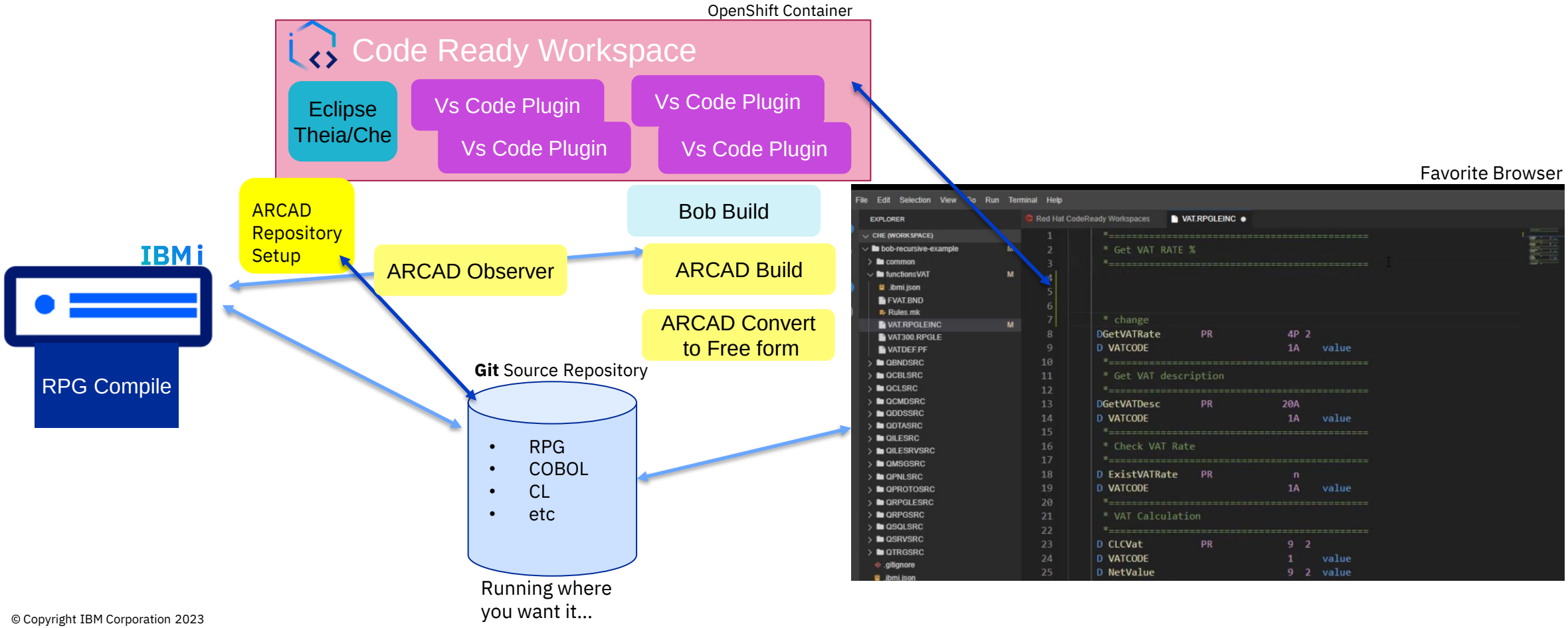
IDE - Today

- Setup your development environment
- Rich editing capability
- Build / Compile your project



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Types of 'builds'

Build

- Build of entire application, or
- Build of specific portion of application (e.g. a display file and any dependent programs)

Compile

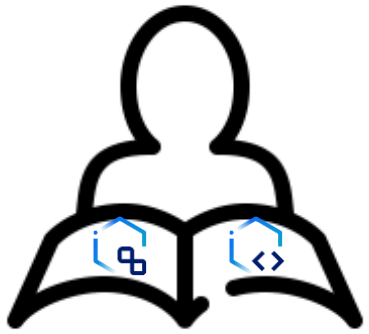
- Compilation of a specific sources without the need of launching larger build

ARCAD Builder

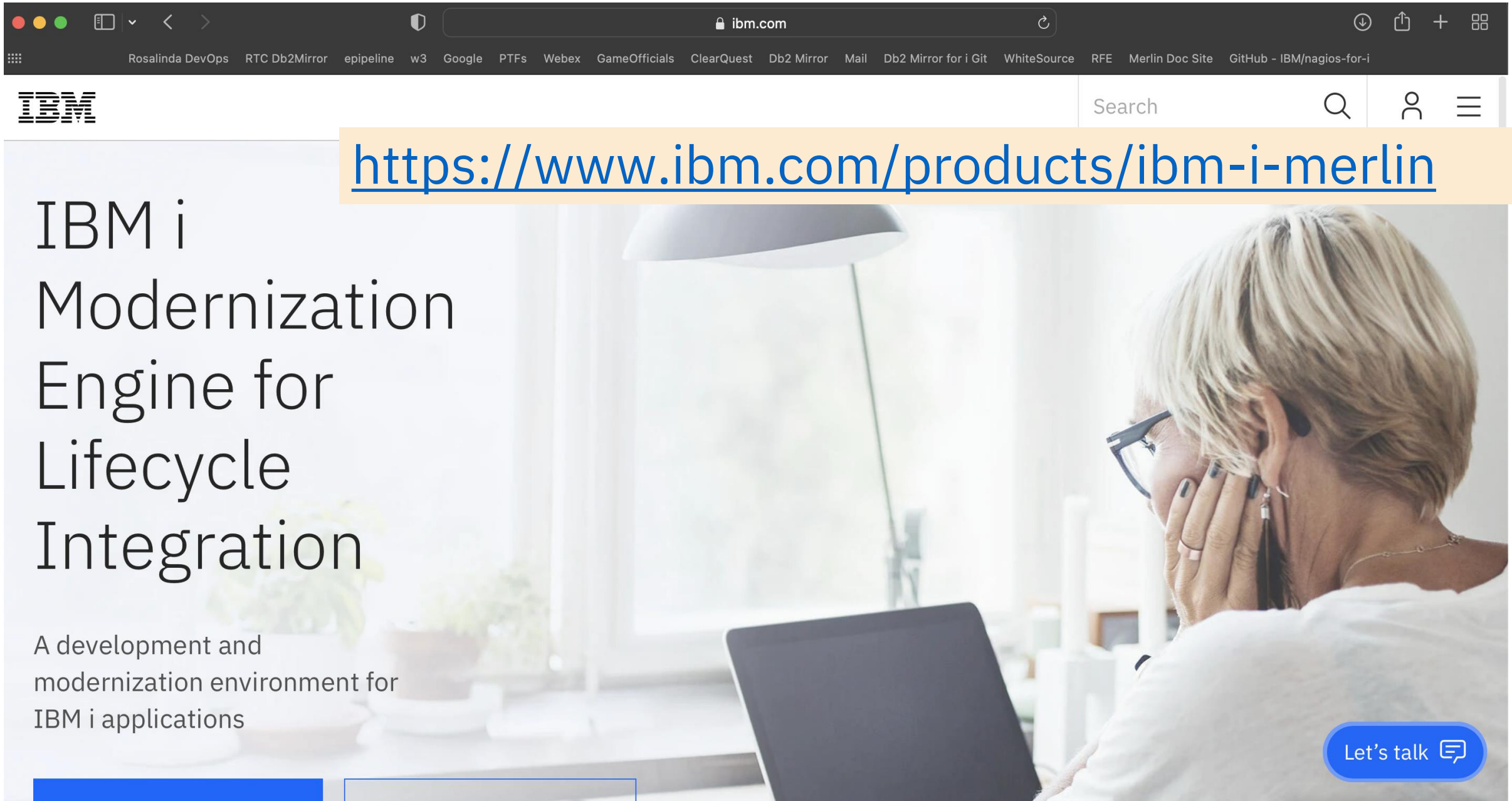
- Automatically detects projects dependency tree
- Highly optimized smart builds and minimal clones
- Integrated into Jenkins, Merlin IDE and Merlin CICD

- Demo Time

Where can I Learn More about Merlin ?



Merlin Product Page



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IBM i Merlin

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Get Started

Modern Documentation
Hosted on IBM GitHub
Targeted for Hands on Usage

https://ibm.github.io/merlin-docs/#/

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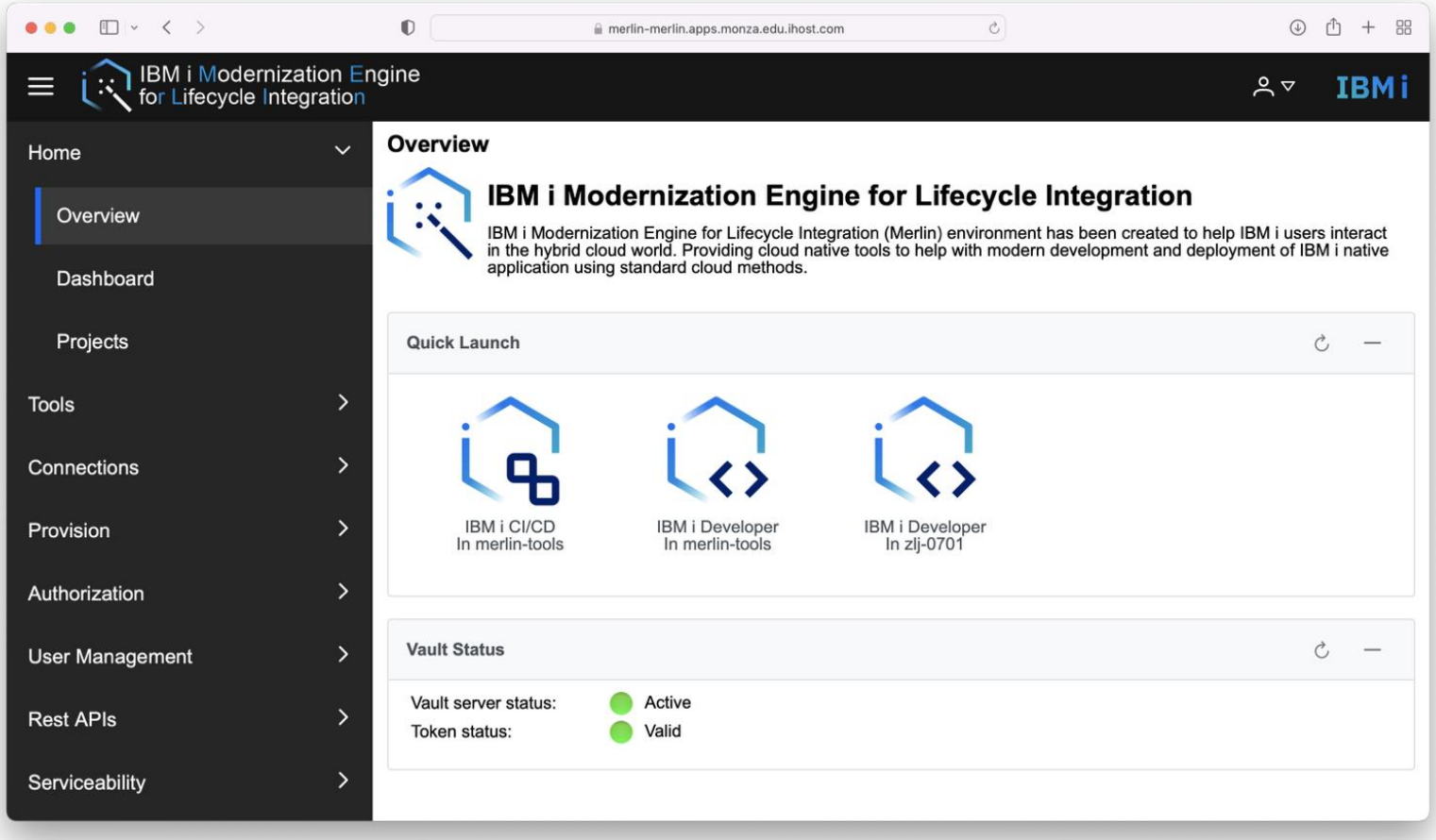

IBM i Modernization Engine for Lifecycle Integration (Merlin) is a set of tools run in OpenShift containers which guide and assist software developers in the modernization of IBM i applications, allowing them to realize the value of a hybrid cloud, multi-platform DevOps implementation.

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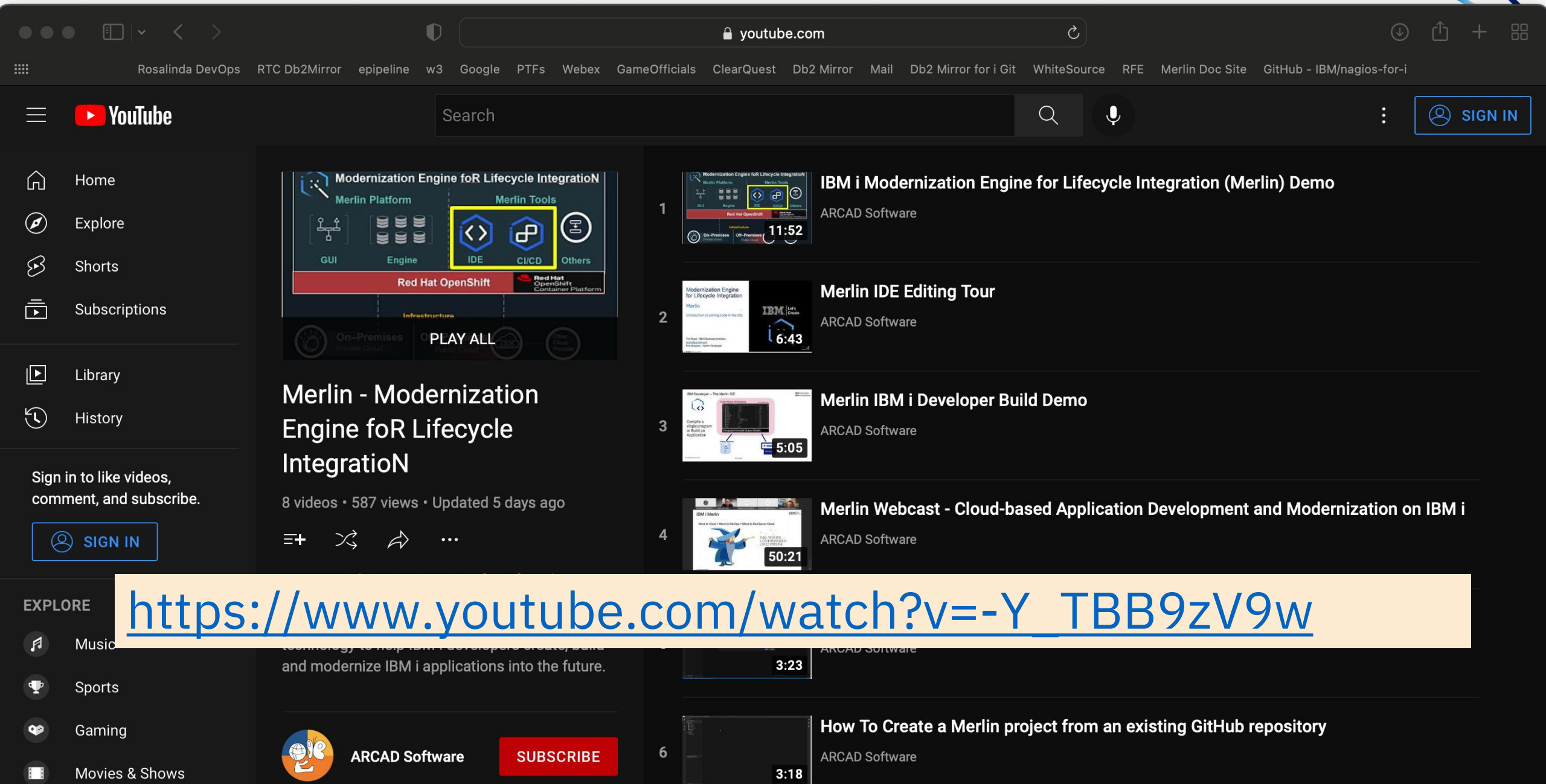
Getting started videos

YouTube



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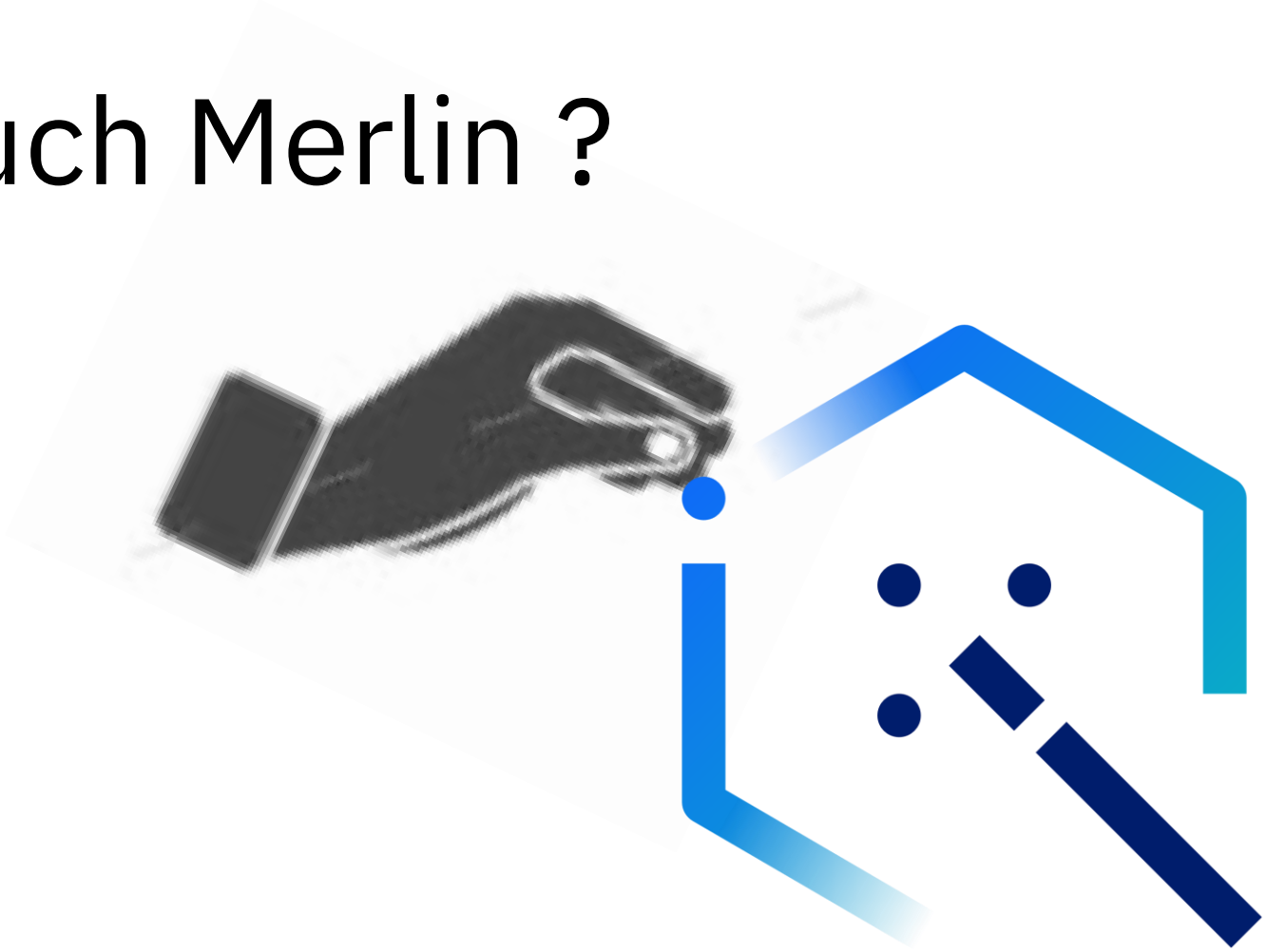
Best way to touch Merlin ?



Merlin Testdrive

- Public Access
- Pre-Set up
- Place to touch Merlin and get a feel for it
- Pre-Defined RPG App for Edit and Build Purpose
- Not intended for POC
- Requires an Opportunity number

Merlin

https://ibm.github.io/merlin-docs/#/./guides/overview/sandbox

Quick Reference Guide

IBM i Modernization Engine for Lifecycle Integration (Merlin) Test Drive

- **Overview**
- This offering provides short-term access to a pre-configured IBM i Merlin environment.

IBM i

Red Hat OpenShift

IBM Client Engineering for Systems

- **Target Audience**
- Tech-Sellers and Business Partners who wish to provide a hands-on experience to their clients with the IBM i Merlin product, to help advance an IBM Power opportunity.
- **IBM i Experience is recommended.**
- Clients can participate with their Tech-Seller requesting the offering.
- IBM i development provides support to your client.
- Client Engineering for Systems supports the systems and infrastructure.
- Do you need access to an environment to showcase IBM i Merlin, and to provide a client hands-on access?
- If so, this offering may be what you're looking for!

Value Proposition

- Realize the value of a hybrid cloud, multi-platform DevOps implementation.
- Gain hands-on experience with the technology.
- A self-guided tour and sample code are provided.
- Leverage, test, and / or demonstrate IBM i Merlin.
- The user is provided an OpenShift Merlin Workspace and a dedicated IBM i partition.
- IBM Client Engineering for Systems provides the infrastructure, IBM i Development provides the Merlin expertise, while you bring your client.
- VPN Access is provided to remotely access the environment; for the IBM Tech-Seller, BP, and for the client.

- **Duration**
  - Up to one week.
- **Environment Limitations**
  - This is not instructor led training or education.
  - This is not a custom PoC environment.
  - You are not to load HIPAA or PHI data on the IBM systems.

- **Contacts**
- Contact us at ce4s@ibm.com

(Please include an associated ISC Opp#, and a comment in the form that you're requesting "IBM i Merlin" access.)

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