

UM Change Control Process

So you want to alter the UM and get your change into a future release.

Current release is vn10.4 (vn10.5 is due end of June 2016)

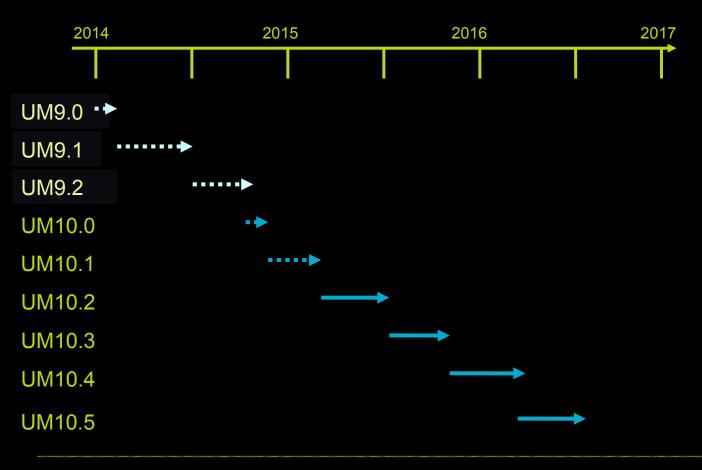
Met Office test codes on local HPC/desktops systems.

We encourage UM partners to set up routine local test suites to test the code trunk on their own platforms.

We gratefully appreciate contributions to the UM testing and expect feedback from our partners to help fix porting issues on other platforms.

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Release schedule

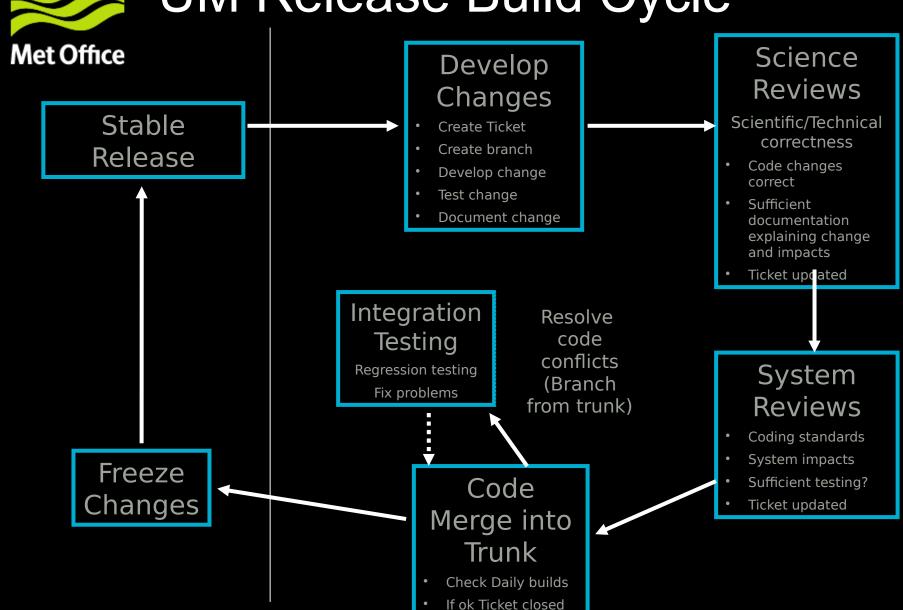


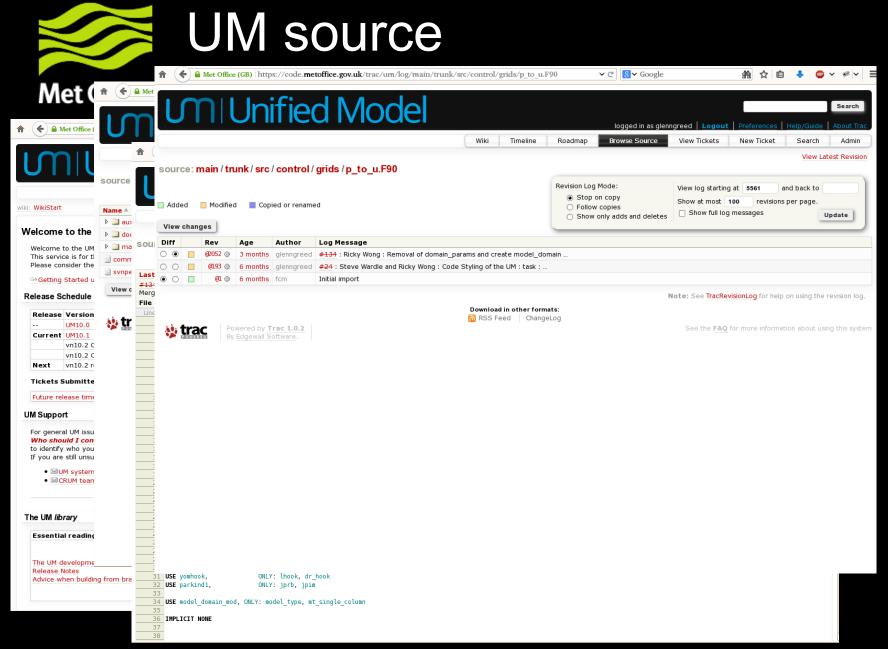
~3-4 release per annum Project Board oversees the release schedule plans.



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UM Release Build Cycle







Making Code changes: FCM (Subversion)

- The FCM System has 3 components:
- Integrated Configuration Management, wiki and issue tracking system (Trac)
- make (Extract and Build)



Making Code changes: FCM (Subversion) and the UM

- Full history of UM source (repository)
 - accessible on the web via Trac
- Edit UM source code directly on the desktop
- Version control of UM directory tree
 - Directory tree
 - Copy, rename, add, delete files and directories
- Atomic commits
 - All or nothing is committed to the repository
 - Sequential changesets

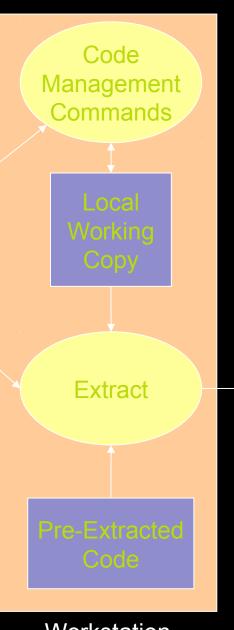


Subversion Repository

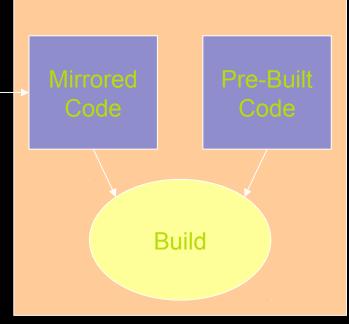
Trac

Shared

Repository



FCM System Components



Build System

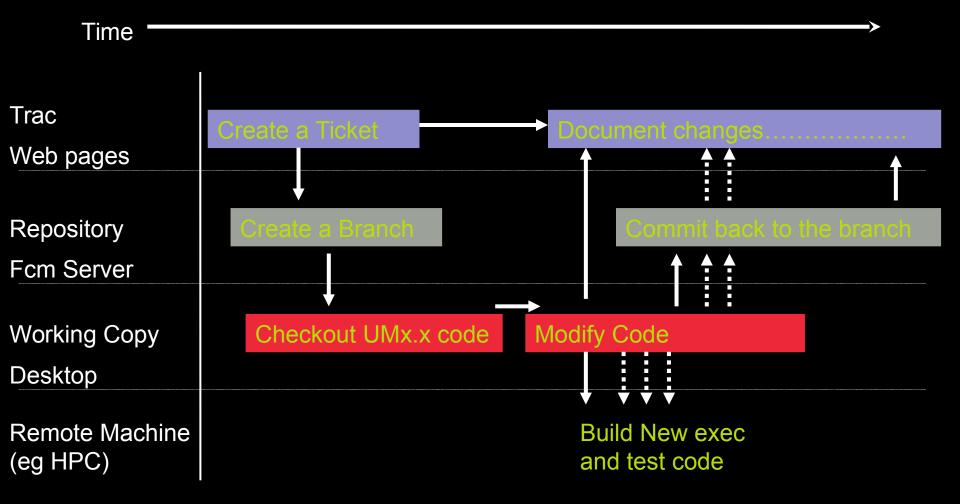
Workstation



- Integrated wiki and issue tracker
- Browser for subversion repository, including project tree, revision logs and change-sets
- Roadmap for managing project releases
- Timeline view of issues, wiki pages and subversion repository

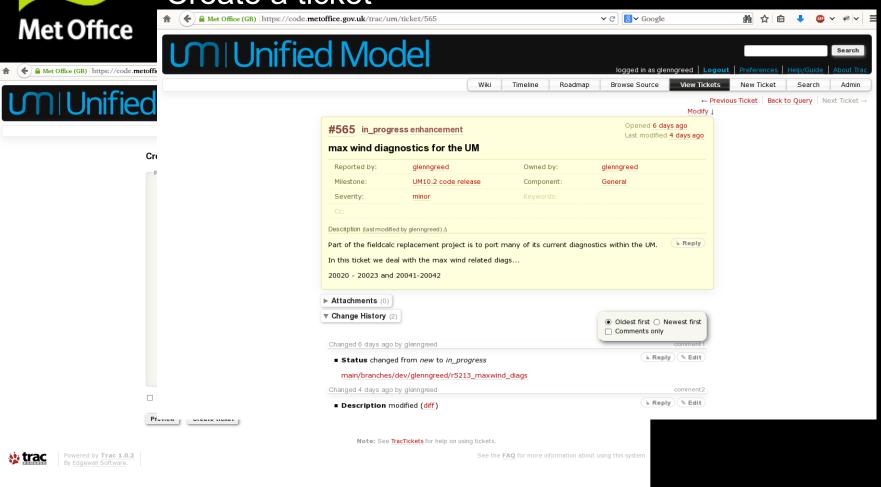


Making Code changes: Typical Workflow (as used at the Met Office)





Making Code changes: Create a ticket



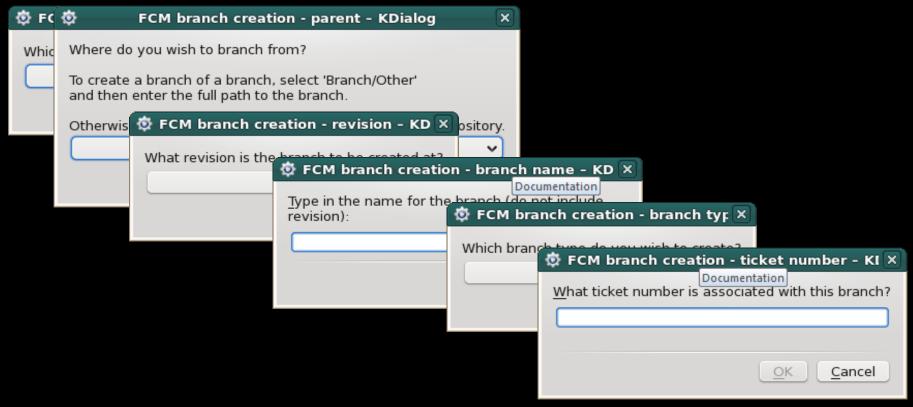


Documentation

- In line with code
 - UM code in repository
- Documentation papers
 - UMDP source code in repository
- Tickets
 - TRAC pages
 - Links to UM code branch
 - Links to UMDP source branch
 - Ticket Summary
 - Standardised Testing reports



Making Code changes: Create a branch



svn URL of branch may be replaced by keywords

fcm:um.x_br == https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/svn/um/main/branches/



Making Code changes:

fcm co fcm:um_br/
branchname_path>

Will checkout a complete UM tree from the repository,

UM version as specified when creating the branch.

This tree is now on the desktop and can be modified as required using your fav editor.

Useful fcm commands when modifying code

fcm info (lists details of the working copy's repos branch.)

fcm status (lists routines modified in working copy, not committed back to the repos branch)

fcm diff (-g) (provides details of the changes actually made.)

fcm commit (commits code back to the branch in the repository.)

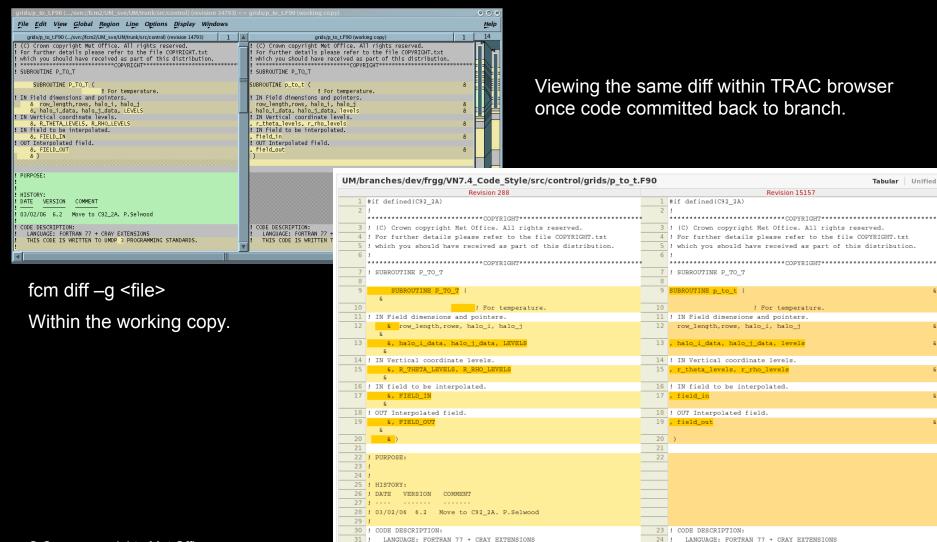
fcm switch (switch a working copy to work with another branch)

Others you will use in time fcm: merge, cf, swap, add, delete



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Making Code changes:



THIS CODE IS WRITTEN TO UMDP 3 PROGRAMMING STANDARDS.

THIS CODE IS WRITTEN TO UMDP3 v8.2 PROGRAMMING STANDARDS.



Testing, using the Test Harness.

- A single Test Harness is used by
 - code developers
 - daily builds of the UM trunk
 - Release Candidate testing, checking progression between stable UM versions and applying wider set of tests.
- The user determines which tests are performed.
- The test output provides the supporting evidence of any change; in a standard format across a UM system team controlled set of tests.



Daily, weekly and user tests automated testing of branches or head of trunk.

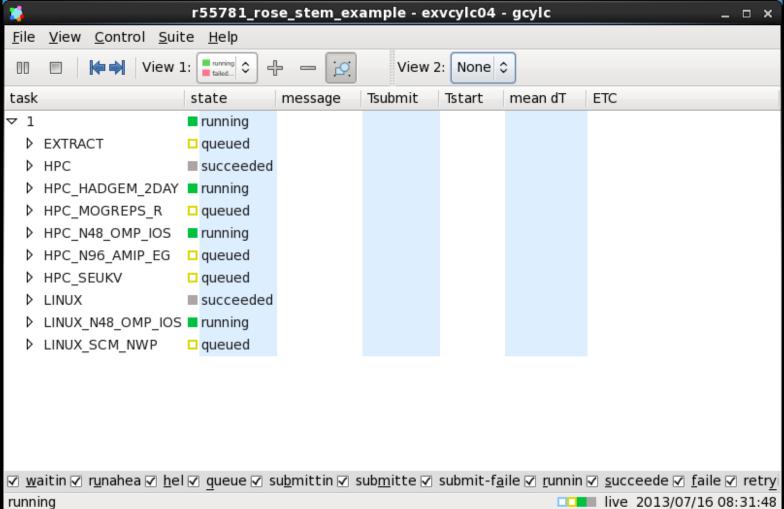
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- fcm co fcm:um.x_br /
branch in FCM>
- cd into the local working copy of branch
- rose stem --group=developer [--group=nightly etc]



Example Run of rose-stem

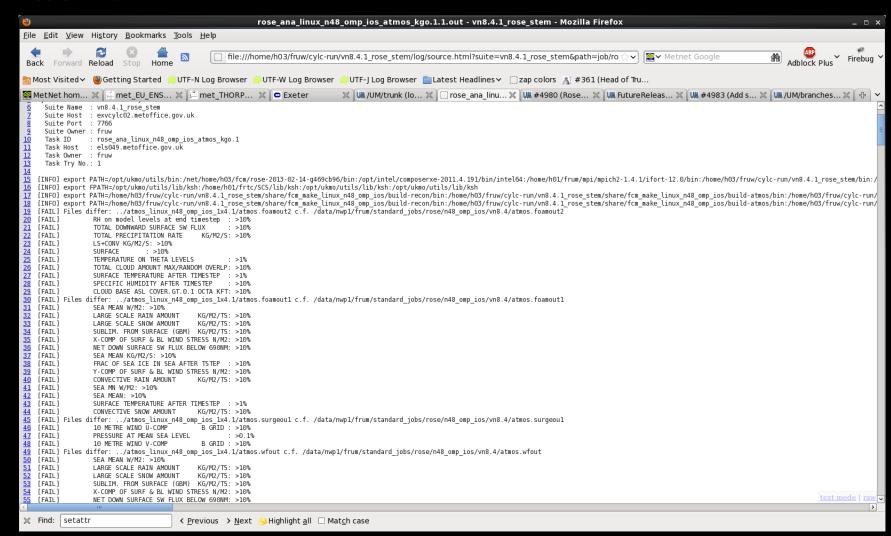
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Test fail when compared with KGO

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Testing completed.

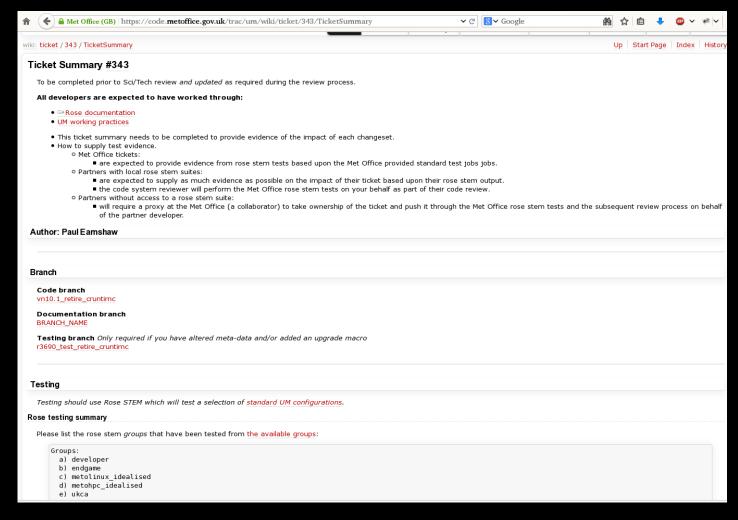
Getting a change into a UM release...

Ticket summary:

- Communication of the change...
 - what is the vital information that any review needs to know?
 - formalise this communication through TRAC templates....



Ticket summary:



Sci tech review

- The code changes are understood and appropriately made.
- The documentation is sufficient to understand the code change and its impacts. (Ticket, inline code and UMDPs).
- Is familiar with the area of being code updated, preferably a code owner for that UM section.

• If results change previous KGOs, the reviewr must also check that details are provided showing the 'science' impact of the change on forecast performance and that it has been given approval by the configuration owners that are impacted.



Code System review

- Coding standards are met
- Impact of the change on the UM system.
- Ensure all appropriate testing has been performed, request more if required. If the trunk at risk if this change is applied?

- Only Code system reviewers may commit changes to the trunk!
- Thus the trunk is tightly controlled by a small number of staff.



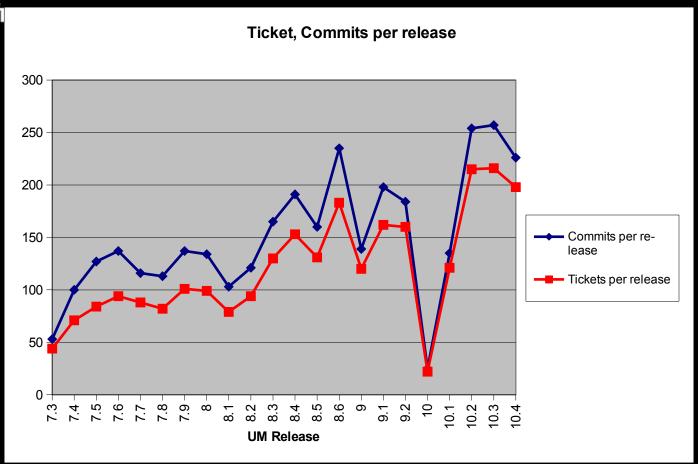
This is very draconian

Why all the hassle to get a change on the UM trunk?

 To ensure releases are effectively managed, quality controlled and delivered on time.

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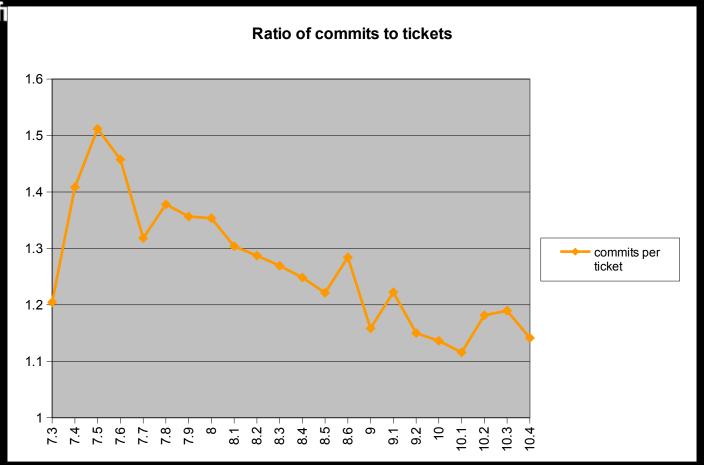
Size of recent releases



Sizes of releases in terms of tickets and commits

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Minimise commits



Aim for perfect release of 1.....