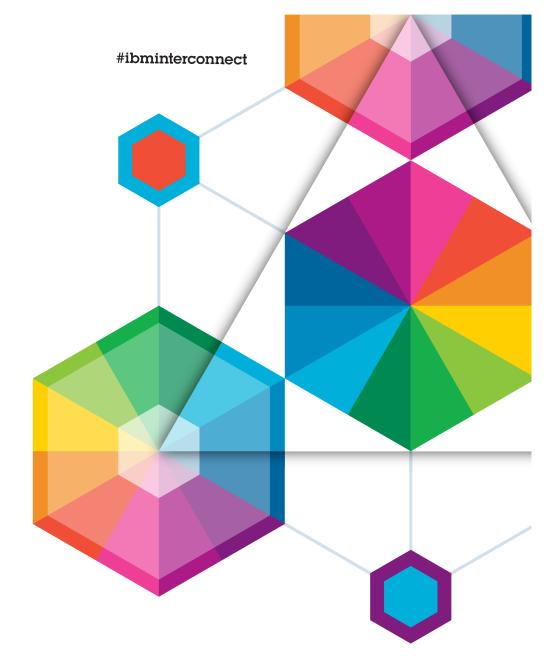
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Impact Analysis



- The IBM solution for Continuous Engineering delivers rich capabilities for impact analysis
- We are continuing to invest in capabilities for analyzing engineering relationships and impact from change across the design lifecycle
- And we are seeking ways to make use of these capabilities easier by
 - Removing tool boundaries
 - Enabling collaboration in the I/A process
 - Simplifying building and using tabular and diagram report views
 - Simplifying building and using visual views
- In this session we would like to broaden the discussion on Analysis and understand your needs
 - Introduce Impact Analysis and exemplify current tool capabilities (20 min)
 - Round-table breakout w/ discussions on your needs for I/A (40 min)
 - Breakout summary and conclusions (45 min)

Capabilities for Impact Analysis



Origins of impact

- Changing requirements
- Enhancements
- Defects
- Release plans



Impact Analysis

- Impacted requirements and use-cases
- Impacted design and implementation
- Impacted streams and baselines

Tool capabilities

- Artifact traceability
- Dependency diagrams
- Suspects analysis
- Tracking impact
- Find use and delivered change-sets
- Estimates and risks
- Plans and Tasks



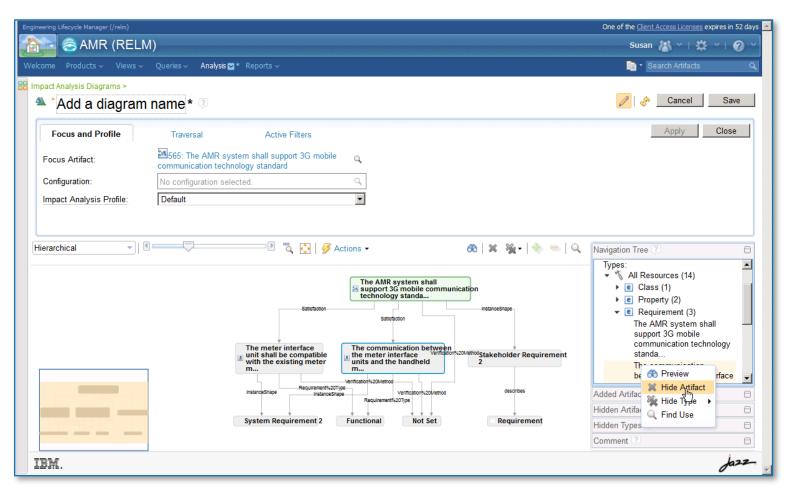


Outcome of analysis

- Scope of change
- Reports on impacted artifacts
- Change approvals
- Collaboration
- Report on change history
- Audits and Compliance documents

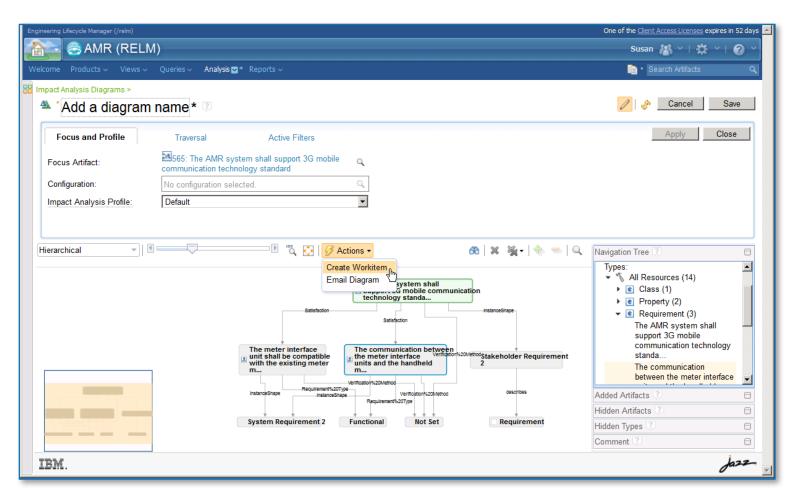
Visualizing Traceability – Impact Analysis views

- Impact Analysis diagrams in RELM based on indexed data
- Define profiles for impact analysis
- Interactive usage. Set artifact focus Filter artifact types Hide artifacts



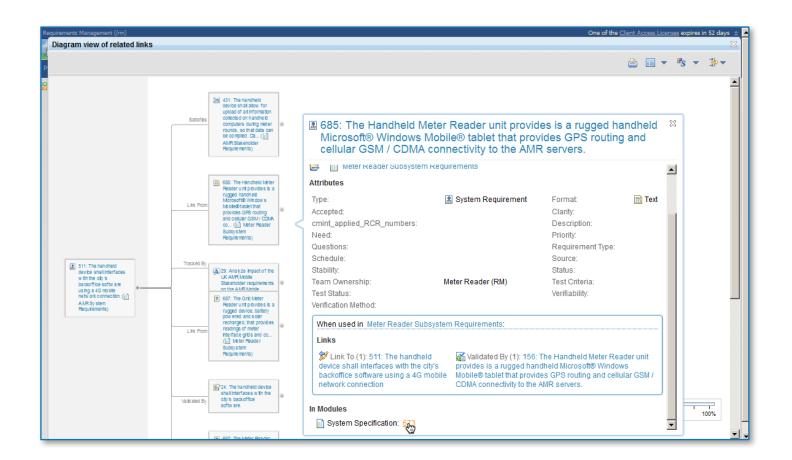
Visualizing Traceability – Impact Analysis views

- Enabling collaboration and managing work for impact analysis
- Attach work items Share diagrams In context discussions



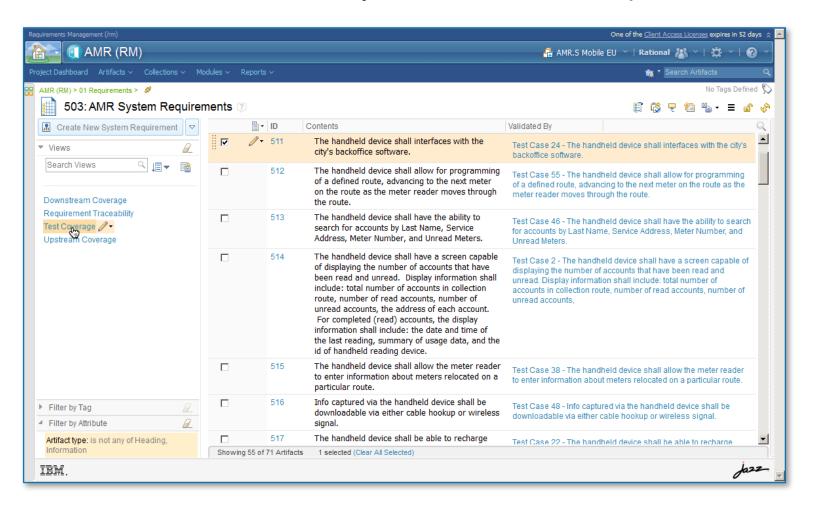
Visualizing Traceability – Diagram views

Use diagram views in RM and DM applications to view and browse traceability information



Visualizing Traceability – Tabular views

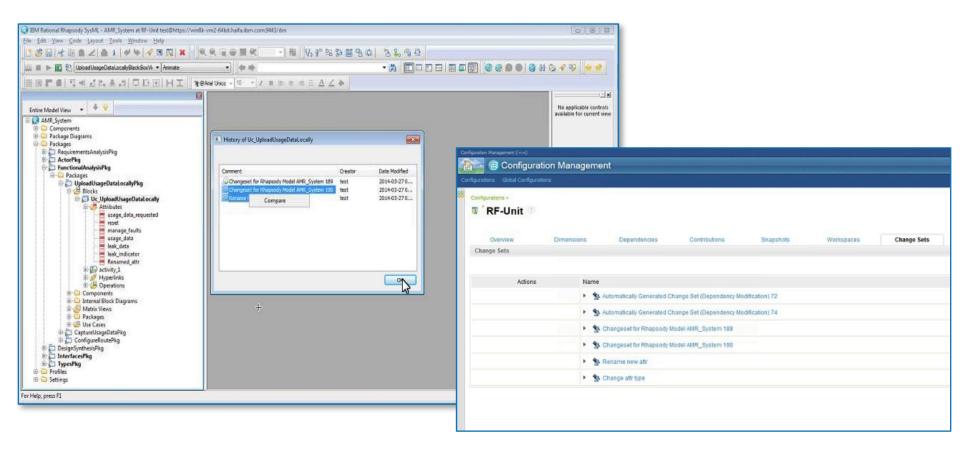
 Use tabular view in RM and QM applications, or in JRS reports, to view and browse traceability information and suspects



Tracking Changes

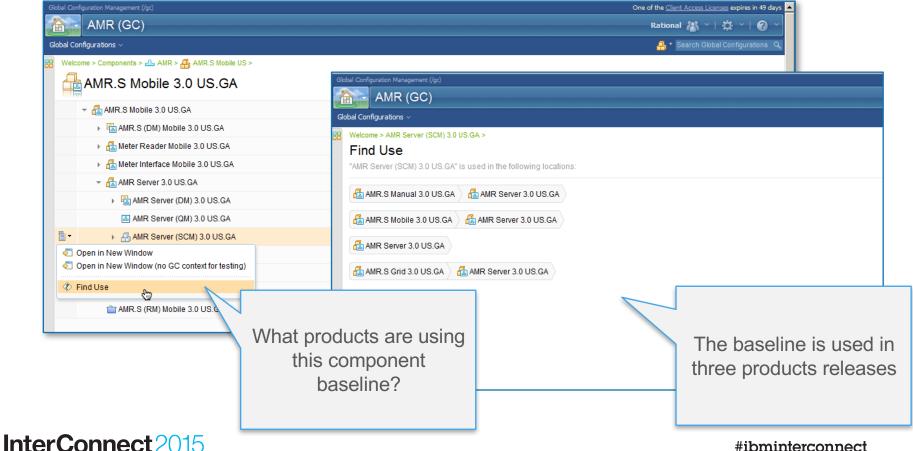


- Identify root-cause of Defect and contained Change Set
- Identify delivery targets of Change Set across impacted streams and baselines



Configuration dependencies

Explore 'use of component configurations to analyze impact from found defects, or planned releases impacted by changing requirements



Your needs for Analysis









Origins of impact

- For what reasons do your teams undertake analysis?
- What questions are you analyzing and what answers are you seeking?

Analysis

- What job roles do what type of analysis?
- What are typical inputs?
- How much effort and time do a typically analysis take

Outcome of analysis

- What are typical outputs?
- What formality do you apply?
- How are the outputs used?

Breakout – Roundtable discussions



- Discuss your Impact Analysis needs in roundtables.
- Use current seating, or regroup if needed.
- IBM'ers will facilitate discussions and take notes
- Consider
 - Your origin of impact
 - Your Impact Analysis workflows
 - Your desired and reported outcome
- Also consider other (optional) questions on next slide
- Time: 40 minutes
- Prepare to summarize your discussions

Questions - Your needs for Impact Analysis



- Which roles in your engineering teams do the most impact analysis?
 Can you summarize types of I/A by role?
- Is there a flow of tasks and decisions across teams?
 What analysis outcome is exchanged and how?
- In what ways are the Rational tools most effective today in helping your teams with impact analysis?
- What are your teams' biggest criticisms / gaps in the capabilities Rational provides for doing impact analysis?
- Do your teams use "suspect links"?
 What do they like / not like about the implementation in our tools?
- What's more useful: suspect links or an approach like the requirements reconciliation feature in RQM?
- Have any of you seen (or used) the interactive I/A tool in RELM?
 What are your thoughts about this approach?
 What's missing to make this the essential approach to team-based impact analysis in your programs?

Questions - Your needs for Impact Analysis



Analysis of traceability assumes the following:

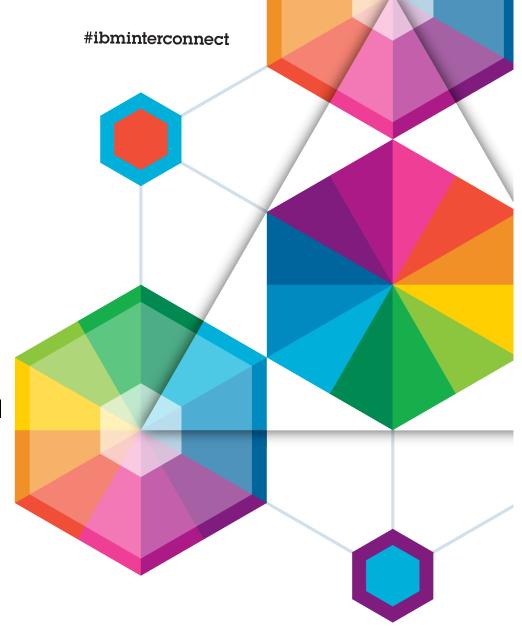
- The existence of an information model
- An ALM implementation of the information model
- Controls to ensure the artifact consistency in the ALM implementation
- Information model views generated from the ALM implementation that supports Impact Analysis

 Do you have / intend to have an information model and ALM implementation that supports your Impact Analysis needs?

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