

2018-04-09 - TRAG Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Date

9th April 2018 - 13:30 - 17:00 (Catered break 15:30-16:00) (Room: Trafalgar, Amba Charing Cross Hotel, London + Conference Call)

10th April 2018 - 09:00 - 12:30 (Catered break 10:30-11:00) (Room: Trafalgar, Amba Charing Cross Hotel, London + Conference Call)

Dial in details:

<https://snomed.zoom.us/j/244573472>

<https://snomed.zoom.us/j/776361921>

Attendees

- [Andrew Atkinson](#), Chair
- [Corey Smith](#), member
- [Dion McMurtrie](#), member
- [Mikael Nyström](#), member
- [Suzy Roy](#), member
- [Chris Morris](#), member
- [Harold Solbrig](#), member
- [Orsolya Ball](#), member
- [Matt Cordell](#), member

Apologies

Meeting Recording

Objectives

- Briefly discuss each item
- Agree on the plan to analyse and resolve each issue, and document the Action points
- All those with Action points assigned to them to agree to complete them before the next face to face conference meeting

Discussion items

Item	Subject	Owner	Notes	Action
1	Welcome!	All	Thanks to our members for all of their help. Welcome to our observers! INTRODUCTIONS...	
2	Conclusion of previous Discussion s topics			
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4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Release version control	All	<p>Release version control proposal updated to use the actual Release Date + Time instead of Effective Time in the Release Package Naming convention.</p> <p>This change was communicated out, and has now been implemented in the January 2017 International Edition, plus all subsequent derivative packages.</p> <p>TRAG to report on any issues experienced as a result of the change?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Release versioning changes have now been implemented in both the International Edition and all derivative packages (including the "Z" suffix)✓ Any issues experienced?✓ Any suggestions for improvement?✓ If not, Andrew Atkinson to close down as will now be confirmed over 2 release cycles.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perl script in the information of Release Package	All	<p>Everyone was in agreement that removing the Perl script from the International Edition is a good idea, as long as we clearly communicate the change out, and ensure that the users are aware of where to get it now, and b) assured that it still has the same support from IHTSDO as it always has.</p> <p>This change was communicated out, and has now been implemented in the January 2017 International Edition.</p> <p>TRAG to report on any issues experienced as a result of the change?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Perl script now separated from the International Edition – any issues experienced?✓ Any suggestions for improvement?✓ If not, Andrew Atkinson to close down as will now be confirmed over 2 release cycles.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion on the best location for Release Notes	All	<p>Everyone is now happy with the segregation of the Release Notes from the International edition package (in fact ADHA have already effected this change)</p> <p>This change was communicated out, and has now been implemented in the January 2017 International Edition.</p> <p>TRAG to report on any issues experienced as a result of the change?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Release Notes now separated from the International Edition – any issues experienced?✓ Any suggestions for improvement?✓ If not, Andrew Atkinson to close down as will now be confirmed over 2 release cycles.

7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beta-versions on in the Browser 	All	<p>No-one has an interest in this at present, as everyone who is in a position to evaluate the Releases have already got processes in place for this. The clinical level of review that this type of Beta-browser could engender should already have taken place long before we get to the Alpha/Beta stages, and so this shouldn't be encouraged at this point. In particular, this could be dangerous due to the unconfirmed content being too easily accessed and used in clinical systems if we make it available at this stage (whilst simultaneously stating that no-one should use it as such in the README file and Release Notes).</p> <p>TRAC to confirm whether or not there are any new use cases for this, and if not if they're happy to close this discussion down.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Any new requirement for this feature? ✓ If not, Andrew Atkinson to close down as will now be confirmed over 2 release cycles.
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media to Dependencies 	All	<p>Both dependencies now called out in all Release packages.</p> <p>TRAC to report on any issues experienced as a result of the change?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We are now ensuring that both dependencies are called out in ALL cases (as even though the dependency is inferred the TIG still requires us to state it) ✓ If no further issues/concerns, Andrew Atkinson to close down as will now be confirmed over 2 release cycles.
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNCCENT Case Signal Icons & Change 	All	<p>This was implemented in the July 2017 International Edition.</p> <p>TRAC to confirm if there are any issues experienced?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This change was successfully implemented in the July 2017 International Edition. ✓ Did anyone have any issues with the volume involved? ✓ If not, Andrew Atkinson to close down as will now be confirmed over 2 release cycles.
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolving discrepancies between editions in external editions vs the information of Edition 	All	<p>This was resolved in the September 2017 US Edition – any further comments on the Negative Delta approach that was used in the resolution should be posted to the following thread: "Negative Delta" file approach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This was resolved in the September 2017 US Edition ✓ Any suggestions for improvement? YES – See Negative Delta file approach discussions below... ✓ If not, Andrew Atkinson to close down as will now be confirmed over 2 release cycles.
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Reference Naming Convention 	All	<p>Easy one to start with – this is the proposal to change the naming convention of the Association Reference files, to more accurately depict the content of the files. AU expressed some concerns over the summer regarding the publication of their Edition – so the question is whether everyone's happy to proceed with the changes now?</p> <p>If so, should we target Jan 2018 or is this too soon – better to socialise the changes for several months first and target the July 2018 release instead?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Andrew Atkinson sent out early warning comms, and implemented it in the Jan 2018 release. ✓ This was also implemented in the various derivative products based on the January 2018 International Edition. ✓ Any issues experienced? ✓ Any suggestions for improvement? ✓ If not, Andrew Atkinson to close down after checking again in October 2018, as it will then have been confirmed over 2 release cycles.
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New SEP Refacts to be included in the July 2017 International Edition 	All	<p>Last meeting the TRAC reviewed the proposal and provided feedback.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This change was successfully implemented in the July 2017 International Edition. ✓ Has anyone had any issues with the refacts? ✓ Has anyone had any feedback from their community on the refacts and their real-world application? ✓ Has anyone had any feedback from their community on how the communication went? Any feedback to be fed into the IHTSDO Release Management Communication Plan review ✓ If not Andrew Atkinson to close down as will now be confirmed over 2 release cycles.

13	Deprecation of antecedent (old) SNOMED works	All	<p>This is the number one priority for the TRAC this session—to come to an agreement on the cleanest method of removing the SNOMED RT Identifier refset.</p> <p>The approach we agreed last time was to a) remove it from the Release completely b) Create the standard static package separately.</p> <p>We also discussed at great length with the Legal team, and agreed that due to the fact that by its very inclusion in the International Edition package we are continuing to license the SNOMED Identifier refset, we would be significantly increasing the risk of legal liability due to unauthorized use of the unlicensed content.</p> <p>We therefore agreed that the best practice approach was to remove the SNOMED Identifier refset in its entirety, rather than merely inactivating the content.</p> <p>Communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AAT communicated the decision to the members who raised the issue of our contravention of the RF2 standard, in order to explain to them why this is preferable to increasing our legal liability. AAT removed the SNOMED Identifier refset from the July 2017 International Edition release package, and created the distinct static package as per the previous commit. <p>To provide a shared resource and a single source of truth on these antecedent issues we created a set of FAQs available at our SNOMED International website here: https://htsdo.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/folders/4000042520</p>	<p>✓ April 2018—This change was successfully implemented in the July 2017 International Edition.</p> <p>✓ Did anyone have any issues with the removal itself?</p> <p>✓ Did anyone have any issues themselves, or feedback from their community on how the communication went this time? We went further than normal to ensure that everyone had visibility of the changes, and understood all of the issues and rationale behind the decisions made—so any feedback would be great to see if we can improve even further next time? Any feedback to be fed into the HTSDO Release Management Communication Plan review</p> <p>✓ If not, Andrew Atkinson to close down as will now be confirmed over 2 release cycles.</p>
14	Spanish Namespace switch	All	Has anyone thought of any issues whatsoever with termMed creating a new namespace for the Spanish edition? If not, they are planning to implement this for the October 2017 Spanish Edition.	<p>✓ Everyone is happy with this change, so we will keep this topic open for another 2 conferences to keep an eye on any unintended impact (as the first Spanish Edition containing the new namespace will not be published until the 31st October 2017), so people should continue to provide feedback.</p> <p>✓ If all okay, Andrew Atkinson to close down as will now be confirmed over 2 release cycles.</p>
15	Attribute Value records with both Active and Inactive record for the same content	All	Matt and Mikeal are convinced that this is a valid situation, so we just need to confirm that everyone is happy with not implementing any solution to this one...	<p>✓ No one is concerned about this, so if everyone's happy Andrew Atkinson will close this down and run internal clean up at some point in future</p>
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17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New file type (RF2 Laterality Refsets) to be added to the International Edition 	All	<p>Naming convention was updated in order to target the specific Laterality that we're discussing in this respect—now called the "Lateralizable body structure reference set".</p> <p>TRAC to report on any issues experienced when using it?</p>	<p>✓ Laterality refset now published in the International Edition—any issues experienced using it?</p> <p>✓ Any suggestions for improvement? NO</p> <p>✓ If not, Andrew Atkinson to close down as will now be confirmed over 2 release cycles.</p> <p>✓ If required, Andrew Atkinson TO ADD TO DOCUMENTATION TO a) ENSURE THAT PEOPLE KNOW TO ENGAGE ON THE REFSET WHEN THEY'RE ADDING LATERALIZABLE CONTENT b) TO IMPROVE VISIBILITY OF USE CASES—not required, everyone happy with documentation and visibility of refset</p> <p>✓ ALSO Andrew Atkinson TO SPEAK TO YONG ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE BLANKET APPLICATION OF LATERALIZABLE TO ALL CHILDREN OF LATERALIZABLE CONCEPTS IS ALWAYS ACCURATE...not required, everyone happy with documentation and visibility of refset</p>
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Time Release 	All	TRAC to confirm agreement on the best approach.	<p>✓ Andrew Atkinson added the fact that the Delta should be populated into the Packaging conventions document (section 4.5)</p> <p>✓ As the TRAC are in agreement with the final solution, we sent out comms accordingly.</p> <p>✓ We then implemented the changes for the first new release—the Starter Set Translation Refset package.</p> <p>✓ TRAC to review and confirm if this works for everyone?</p> <p>□ Andrew Atkinson has engaged with E learning dept to ensure Training courses are updated accordingly, along with potentially the definition in the TIC.</p>
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21	Active discussions			
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23	Structure of the TRAC repository	All	<p>We've refined the TRAC repo in Confluence to break it up into "Open Discussions" and "Resolved Discussions", both due to the unexpected way in which Confluence managed the auto-closure of discussions, and also to allow quick and easy access to the relevant open discussions as we go forward and add more and more discussions to the repo.</p> <p>OPEN DISCUSSIONS</p>	<p>Anyone have any further ideas for improvements to the structure and format of the TRAC repo?</p> <p>No—everyone is happy with having the distinction between Open and Resolved discussions—all agreed that any more grouping creates more difficulty in searching, so leave it as is for now.</p>

24	Visibility of TRAG decisions	Suzy Roy	<i>This was a query raised in the Member Forum yesterday - Suzy to introduce the topic and discuss...</i>	<p>Andrew to talk to the Linda about what she needs...</p> <p>Suzy to provide more feedback to the MF on regular updates to the Release AG</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Atkinson to create a new page for Linda, with "TRAG Decisions" listed. This will be kept in line with all future TRAG meetings, and will therefore provide one location for people to search when looking for final decisions made by the TRAG.</p>
25	National pre-release processes-Joint work item with the CMAG	Suzy Roy	<p><i>Suzy to introduce the topic and give a brief update on agreed scope and timelines. Also request any input that people not already involved might feel would be useful and appropriate</i></p> <p>Who's already involved? Anyone would like to become involved as we've still only had one call about this, so still a good time to join in?</p> <p>Some people (Feikje etc) were particularly interested in the Continuous Delivery discussions, so we'll fold that in later...</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No-one else initially interested in joining the working group, and so Suzy Roy will continue to keep the TRAG informed of progress...</p>
26	Computer readable metadata	Suzy Roy	<i>Suzy to introduce the topic and discuss...</i>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> All agreed that whilst this is a large topic, we should start somewhere, and get at least some of the quick wins in (then request the change to content via the CMAG):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check where the progress with the namespace metadata has got to - can we progress this? 2. Code systems (and versions) of the map baselines 3. Common strings such as boiler plate licence text etc 4. Description of use cases for the various refsets (using the text definition of the Refset concepts themselves) - either json or markdown representation of multiple pieces of info within the same field.
27	Proposal for a complimentary file to the MDRS - the "ECRS" ("Edition Composition Reference Set")	Dion McMurtrie	<p>Dion has requested a discussion to clarify the best application of the Module Dependency Reference Set (MDRS) - some background reading before our meeting is here:</p> <p>https://confluence.ihtsdotools.org/display/FHIR/4.2.1.0+Using+SNOMED+CT+with+FHIR?focusedCommentId=57803275#comment-57803275</p> <p>Please let me know if you have any questions before our meeting, once you've read through the info, as it would be great for everyone to start on the same page in order to have the most effective discussion on the day.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> We need to discuss and agree an approach that allows us to both express the correct module dependencies + the new module composition (to express which modules comprise the Edition package, for URI purposes).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Michael Lawley has already started to write up a proposal for this, so he will share this and we can review remotely</p>
28	Purpose of MDRS (Module Dependencies)	Dion McMurtrie	Linked to the MDRS discussion Dion requested - after we finish discussing that, we need to decide if further discussion on this is required....	See point 27 above
29	What constitutes a true RF2 release?	Harold Solbrig	Harold would like to introduce this topic for discussion...	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Language refset conflicts are not yet resolved - Linda has been discussing this in terms of how to merge Language refsets or dictate whether or not one should override the other in cases of multiple language refsets - in the UK they combine them all into one but this is not ideal either. In translation situations they use the EN-US preferred term as the default where there is no translated term in the local language. Perhaps we need to do a survey on the members and who's using what how.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Suzy Roy (or Harold) to get Olivier's initial analysis and come back to us on what worked and what didn't, and we can take it from there.</p>
30	Naming convention of new OWL refset file	All	<p>As most of you know, new OWL refset files are being planned for introduction in future International Edition releases - for those who haven't heard about this here is some background reading: SNOMED CT Logic Profile Enhancement</p> <p>We need to agree on the best naming convention for the new OWL refset file, and also on the best location within the release package.</p> <p>The current naming convention proposal is as follows:</p> <p>der2_sRefset_StatedOWLFull_INT_20180731.txt</p> <p>As for the location, there are two choices - as it's technically a refset the obvious place is to put it in the Refset/Content folder.</p> <p>However, there is also an argument for keeping the Owl Refset in the Terminology directory. This is because it's an axiom refset, and as such is distinctly different from any other reference set. In addition, the content of the Terminology directory is actually incomplete without it, due to the fact that it's the new format of stated relationships. Therefore there's a school of thought that suggests that we should organize the files by their meaning rather than their format.</p> <p>In the Alpha release of the Drugs package, the following naming conventions were applied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • xder2_sRefset_OWLOntologySnapshot_INT_20180228.txt • xder2_sRefset_OWLAxiomSnapshot_INT_20180228.txt <p>...and they were placed in the Terminology folder.</p> <p>Is everyone comfortable with this approach?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Everyone is happy with the Terminology folder as the correct location</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Atkinson to propose to the Project team that we add the "Stated" back in, and to change the prefix to SCT instead of DER</p> <p>sct2_sRefset_statedOWLOntologySnapshot_INT_20180228.txt</p> <p>sct2_sRefset_statedOWLAxiomSnapshot_INT_20180228.txt</p>

31	Replacement of the OWL conversion script with a link	All	<p>In January 2017 we removed the OWL conversion script from the International Edition package, and have since been publishing it alongside the International Edition in each Release.</p> <p>However, as this script is now stable and self-maintaining (wrt release dates, etc) there should be no need to actually include the physical file anymore - instead we can streamline the release further by simply posting a link to the script in either the Release Notes or the Release wording in MLDS.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> We should be able to now remove this OWL script from the International Edition release package entirely now, due to it no longer being relevant in the new world of OWL Axiom files. Andrew Atkinson TO COMMUNICATE THIS OUT AND REMOVE IT AS OF THE RELEASE IN WHICH WE'RE GOING TO FIRST INCLUDE THE NEW OWL Toolkit (July 2018??)
				<input type="checkbox"/> The TRAG would like to see a link to the new SNOMED OWL Toolkit included in the International Release package: https://github.com/IHTSDO/snomed-owl-toolkit
				<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Atkinson to add the link into the Release Notes
32	SNOMED to OWL Perl script open-source proposal	All	<p>Given the updates to the OWL approach (with the imminent addition of the OWL Axiom and OWL Ontology refsets), this discussion should become obsolete, as the old PERL script becomes redundant, and the new SNOMED OWL Toolkit is already open-sourced:</p> <p>https://github.com/IHTSDO/snomed-owl-toolkit</p> <p>TRAG to consider the implications of the new scripts being compiled by the Modelling AG</p> <p>Last time we all agreed to 1) Wait for the document to be completed by the MAG which defines exactly what SNOMED CT should look like in OWL 2) Ensure that both the old PERL and the new Python scripts work completely and document all caveats 3) Ensure when we open-source them both we clearly call out what kind of SNOMED packages each does/doesn't work with (eg) International + extensions, but not derivatives?</p> <p>Harold Solbrig to provide an update on when the MAG the document to be available.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion can now be closed down
33	Additional, non-defining Relationships	Harold Solbrig	<p>TRAG to continue the ongoing discussions. The SEP refsets have now been deployed, so are we happy that this has resolved the majority of the issues, or do we still need to push for a full re-factoring of the anatomy content asap?</p> <p>No change expected for the Jan 2018 release. Part-Of relationships will once again become defining once we have the OWL Refset changes in place. So they will become stated relationships rather than additional.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> The MAG are proposing that they are perhaps going to put these non-defining relationships into a new Relationships file completely, in order to allow them to be viewed, but to also ensure that it's clear that they are distinct from normal, defining relationships (the MAG discussions are still ongoing on this)..... <input type="checkbox"/> Question is whether or not this will happen before they become inherently redundant as a result of the Anatomy remodelling. <input type="checkbox"/> ORSI CONFIRMED THAT A LOT OF END USERS ARE USING THESE ADDITIONAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THEIR IMPLEMENTATIONS, AND THEREFORE IT WOULD BE PAINFUL FOR THEM TO CHANGE THEIR EXISTING SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO USE A NEW, SEPARATE RELATIONSHIP FILE. <input type="checkbox"/> WE NEED TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS MAG TOPIC AND RESPOND ACCORDINGLY - Harold Solbrig to update on progress in next TRAG meeting....
34	Removal of the Exemplar document from the International Release package	All	<p>The following file has been included in the International Release package for some time now, but rarely changes from release to release:</p> <p>doc_lcd10MapTechnicalGuideExemplars_[date].xlsx</p> <p>It would therefore make far more sense to publish it on Confluence instead (along with the Technical Guide doc) so that people can access it whenever they need to.</p> <p>Hopefully you have already discussed with your various stakeholders to see if this move would cause anyone any issues? If no issues raised we'll plan to move it from the July 2018 release onwards...</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Everyone is on board with this change, and can foresee no problems whatsoever. <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Atkinson to communicate out <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Atkinson to then implement in the relevant International Edition
35	New refsets release loaded on the SNOMED Browser	Suzy Roy	<p>The Canadian NRC has asked Suzy to raise this proposal on their behalf, and so Suzy will present this at the next TRAG meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Before sending the Refsets Release announcement if the refsets could be loaded in the SNOMED Browser, that would be great. This way, stakeholders would be able to browse the content from the tool they are used to. Add to the announcement that the refsets can be browsed through the Browser as well as they can be accessed through MLDS. Send the announcement. <p>This would require us to include the addition of all refsets to browser into our formal release processes, as so far they have been added as and when available, and on an informal basis (without comms, etc). So the question here is not whether or not we can do the process above, as this is very simple - it's more a question of whether or not we think having the refsets visible in the browser is a useful feature, and not misleading in any way?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Atkinson to check with technical services as to whether or not the refset function in the browser allows searching and/or sorting? <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Atkinson to check also if the ECL expression functionality works in the refset section of the browser, as it does in the normal content? <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Atkinson to add the announcement of the browser update to each Production Refset release announcement (to confirm it will be updated in the browser as well) <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Atkinson to ASK RORY FOR A WAY AROUND THE FACT THAT THE RESETS LIKE GP/FP ARE REMOVED IN THE RF2 TO JSON REPRESENTATION WHEN THE NEW INTERNATIONAL EDITIONS ARE LOADED.

36	Reference set metadata	All	Replacement of the Refset Descriptor file with a machine readable Release Package metadata file See David's proposal here: Reference set metadata (plus sub page)	<input type="checkbox"/> Everyone confirmed no issues with the proposal <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Lawley to kindly work with David to help design and implement the solution
37	Categorisation of Alpha/Beta feedback	All	TRAG to discuss and agree on categorisation of the Alpha/Beta /Member release feedback issues.	<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Atkinson to document and communicate out the proposed categories, and plan when to implement depending on feedback received. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Segregate into technical and clinical issues 2. Prioritise only Legal issues, critical patient safety issues, and major technical issues. 3. Continue to communicate through the JIRA tickets, so there's a good audit trail 4. Provide access to the JIRA tickets not just through Release notes at the end of the Release cycle, but also mid-cycle so people can see what we're discussing/agreeing...
38	Release packaging conventions and File Naming Conventions	All	TRAG to review and provide final feedback. Reuben to provide feedback on progress of the URI specs + FHIR specs updates...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Document updated by Andrew Atkinson in line with the recommendations from the last meeting, and then migrated to a Confluence page here: SNOMED CT Release Configuration and Packaging Conventions <input type="checkbox"/> To be reviewed in detail by everyone, and all feedback to be discussed in the meetings. A S OF OCTOBER 2017 MOST PEOPLE STILL NEEDED TIME TO REVIEW THE DOC - Andrew Atkinson INFORMED EVERYONE THAT THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE ENFORCED AS OF THE JAN 2018 RELEASE AND THEREFORE WE NEED REVIEWS COMPLETED ASAP... so now need to check if reviews still outstanding, or if all complete and signed off?? <input type="checkbox"/> ALSO we need to discuss Dion's point from the joint AG where he talked about nailing down the rules for derivative modules... - EVERYONE AGREED - Dion McMurtrie to discuss/agree in the October 2018 meetings <input type="checkbox"/> IN ADDITION, we should discuss both the File Naming convention recommendations in the Requirements section (at the top of the page), PLUS Dion's suggestions further below (with the diagram included). <input type="checkbox"/> Dion McMurtrie to discuss syndication options for MLDS in October 2018 - see what they've done (using Atom) and discuss with Rory as to what we can do. Suzy would be interested in this as well from an MS perspective. UK also interested. This shouldn't hold up the publishing of the document. <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Atkinson to then agree all of the relevant changes that will be required as a result of this document internally in SNOMED International, and publish the document accordingly. <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Atkinson to then ensure all relevant sections incorporated in the TIG (or at least linked through) <input type="checkbox"/> Once complete, the document should be published and opened up to anyone to view. <input type="checkbox"/> Reuben Daniels to raise a ticket to update the fhir specs accordingly <input type="checkbox"/> Reuben Daniels to talk to Linda to get URI specs updated accordingly. <input type="checkbox"/> URI Specs to be updated and aligned accordingly - Reuben Daniels to assist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AAT to add in to the Release Versioning spec that the time stamp is UTC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AAT to add the trailing "Z" into the Release packaging conventions to bring us in line with ISO8601 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AAT to add new discussion point in order to completely review the actual file naming conventions. An example, would be to add into the Delta/Full/Snapshot element the dependent release that the Delta is from (eg) "_Delta-20170131_" etc. AAT to discuss with Linda/David. Or we hold a zero byte file in the Delta folder containing this info as this is less intrusive to existing users. Then publish the proposal, and everyone would then take this to their relevant stakeholders for feedback before the next meeting in October. If this is ratified, we would then update the TIG accordingly. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AAT to add in a statement to the section 4 (Release package configuration) to state that multiple Delta's are not advised within the same package. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AAT to add in appendix with human readable version of the folder structure. Done - see section 7

39	Modularisation of SNOMED CT	All	<p>Dion McMurtrie completed the Alpha release - did anyone have chance to review it? (I haven't had any requests for access to the remainder of the package)</p> <p>The subject of Modularisation needs to be discussed between the various AG's who are considering the topic, before we can proceed with the Release-specific sections.</p> <p>We need to discuss any red flags expected for the major areas of the strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modularisation 2. Members who want to abstain from monthly releases, and therefore need to use delta's with multiple effective times contained within. 3. Also need to consider if we continue to hold the date against the root concept - works perhaps still for 12 monthly releases, but not necessarily for continuous delivery daily! 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> THIS NOW BECOMES CRITICAL TO THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION WE DISCUSSED IN TERMS OF MODULARISING OUR CONTENT, AND IMPROVING THE WAY THAT THE MDRS WORKS, IN ORDER TO ALLOW RANGES OF DEPENDENCIES. THIS WILL ALLOW THE "UNIT" OF RELEASE TO BE REFINED ACCORDING TO THE RELEVANT USE CASES.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Understand the Use cases thoroughly, and refine the proposal doc to provide people with more real information - Dion McMurtrie TO PROVIDE THESE USE CASES FOR Andrew Atkinson TO DOCUMENT</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does the POC allow for concepts to be contained within multiple modules? NO - BUT DION CAN'T THINK OF ANY CONCRETE EXAMPLES WHERE THIS WOULD BE NECESSARY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What about cross module dependencies? Michael Lawley's idea on having a separate Module purely for managing module dependencies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> IN THE FINAL PROPOSAL, WE NEED TO CREATE A NESTED MDRS TO MANAGE THE INTER-MODULE DEPENDENCIES (as per Michael's comments)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NEED TO PROVIDE GOOD EXAMPLES AND WHITE PAPERS OF THE USE CASES FOR MODULARISATION IN ORDER TO ENGAGE OTHERS...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AFTER SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION, THERE ARE NO VALID USE CASES LEFT FOR MODULARISATION. IT CAUSES A LOT OF WORK AND POTENTIAL CONFUSION, WITHOUT ANY TANGIBLE BENEFIT.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> THE PERCEIVED BENEFIT OF HAVING A WAY TO REDUCE THE SIZE/SCOPE FO RELEASE PACKAGES IS BOTH a) invalid (due to everyone's experience of being unable to successfully do anything useful with any small part of SNOMED!), and b) easily answered by tooling that using the ECL to identify sub-sections of SNOMED to pull out for research purposes, etc.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> THEREFORE THE FEEDBACK FOR RORY AND THE STRATEGY TEAM IS THAT MODULARISATION SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNLESS A VALID USE CASE CAN BE IDENTIFIED.</p>
40	IHTSDO Release Management Communication Plan review	All	<p>This document was reviewed in detail and all feedback was discussed and agreed upon - new version (v0.3) is available for review, attached to the IHTSDO Release Management Communication Plan review page.</p> <p>AAT has added in details to state that we'll prefix the comms with "Change" or "Release" in order to distinguish between the type of communications. See version 0.4 now - IHTSDO Release Management Communication plan v0.4.docx</p> <p>Once we've collated the feedback from the revised comms processes that we've implemented over the past year (in the items above), we'll incorporate that into the final version and discuss with the SNOMED International Executive Lead for Communications (Kelly Kuru), to ensure that it is aligned with the new overall Communication strategy. Once complete, the Release Management comms plan will be transferred to Confluence and opened up for everyone to view.</p> <p>We have publicised the Release Management confluence portal to both NRC's and the end users to get people to sign up as and when they require the information. Do we know of anyone still not getting the information they need?</p> <p>We also agreed last time that the community needs more visibility of significant, unusual changes (such as bulk plural change, or case significance change). These changes should be communicated out not just when they're assigned to a release, but actually well in advance (ie) as soon as the content team start authoring it, regardless of which future release it will actually make it in. I have therefore created a new Confluence page here: January 2020 Early Visibility Release Notices - Planned changes to upcoming SNOMED International Release packages</p> <p>I've left the previous items up (from the July 2017 International Edition) because there are no examples yet from the Jan 2018 editing cycle - so please take a look and provide feedback on whether or not this is useful, and how it can be improved.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> ACTION POINT FOR EVERYONE BEFORE OCTOBER 2018: (Dion McMurtrie, Matt Cordell, Orsolya Bali, Suzy Roy, Corey Smith, Harold Solbrig, Mikael Nyström, Chris Morris) The final version of the communication plan needs to be reviewed by everyone and any comments included before we agree the document internally and incorporate it into our communication strategy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Suzy Roy will discuss the end use cases of her users with them and come back to use with feedback on the practical uses of SNOMED CT and any improvements that we can make, etc</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We may now also need to add a new section in here wrt the comms for the TRAG, so that this is standardised and agreed with the community? Or is it outside of the scope for the Release Communication Plan? This was felt to be out of scope, and should this be restricted only to communication related to actual releases of products.</p>

41	Member-Release-period	All	<p>Meet NRC's (Australia, USA, Sweden, etc) were agreed that there was no longer any need for this Member Release period, as they only ever use the Member Release for preliminary internal validation, etc. However, <u>Guillermo Reynoso</u> expressed concerns that the removal of this phase would present a barrier to their support of members such as Netherlands, Uruguay, etc – and also with their translation of the Spanish edition.</p> <p>The UK also need to confirm whether or not this would present them with a problem, given their release cycle timelines...</p> <p>TRAC to discuss whether or not there are any new pro's/cons to removing the Member Release period?</p> <p>Could we, for example, use the new Alpha release stage to remove the Member Release period (in order to gain an extra month of authoring)? This has resulted in us now having 5 testing phases to each International Edition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On-going testing during the authoring cycle, both through front-end validation, plus weekly issue resolution using the advanced notice provided by the Daily Build. 2. pre-Alpha testing 3. Alpha testing 4. Beta testing 5. Member Release period <p>We now have a well-refined process, which has resulted in our having removed the issues from the Member Release period. This is because we are now catching most issues in the Alpha stage, instead of in the Beta stage, and therefore the Beta is now as it should be – as close to Production level as possible.</p> <p>If we have a clean Member release period for say, 2 more release cycles, can we consider the Member Release period obsolete?</p> <p>In order to make this plan work, we would need to all agree the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would need full, consistent cooperation of members in terms of allocating sufficient resource to implement thorough Alpha and Beta testing. • We would need to ensure enough time between Alpha and Beta phases to ensure full feedback allowed. • We would need to triage any Beta issues effectively to ensure that the release remains stable for all but critical issues found in the Beta period. 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> -No one had any problem with removing the Member Release period – even <u>Chris Morris</u> confirmed that the UKTC only take the release from the Production status onwards (31st Jan / 31st July), and therefore removing the Member Release period would have no impact for them</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Andrew Atkinson</u> to discuss with <u>Guillermo Reynoso</u>, who is the only outstanding opponent to this proposal, and see if we can work out how to ensure that they can still meet their translation commitments...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Depending on outcome of strategy discussions with Rory we may decide it's better to just leave this one to expire naturally as part of the introduction of Continuous Delivery (so that will inherently remove the Member release period)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> These strategic discussions have now confirmed the need to move to Continuous Delivery, and therefore this issue should be able to be closed down in lieu of the necessary removal of the Member release period inherent with this new approach.</p>
42	"Negative Delta" file approach	All	<p>This approach was successfully implemented in order to resolve the issues found in the September 2017 US Edition - is everyone comfortable with using this approach for all future similar situations? If so we can document it as the accepted practice in these circumstances...</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> NO! Everyone is decidedly uncomfortable with this solution! In particular Keith Campbell, Michael Lawley and Guillermo are all vehemently opposed to changing history.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The consensus is that in the particular example of the US problem, we should have instead granted permission for the US to publish an update record in the International module, thus fixing the problem (though leaving the incorrect history in place). This would have been far preferable to changing history.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ACTION POINT FOR EVERYONE FOR OCTOBER 2018: (<u>Dion McMurtrie</u>, <u>Matt Cordell</u>, <u>Orsolya Ball</u>, <u>Suzi Roy</u>, <u>Corey Smith</u>, <u>Harold Solbrig</u>, <u>Mikael Nyström</u>, <u>Chris Morris</u>) We therefore all need to come up with potential scenarios where going forward we may need to implement a similar solution to the Negative Delta, and send them to AAT. Once I've documented them all, we can then discuss again and agree on the correct approach in each place, then AAT will document all of these as standard, proportionate responses to each situation, and we will use these as guidelines in future. If we have issues come up that fall outside of these situations, we'll then come back to the group to discuss each one subjectively, and then add them back into the list of agreed solutions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preference now is to retain EVERYTHING in the Full file, regardless of errors - this is because the Full File should show the state at that point in time, even if it was an error! This is because there is not an error in the Full file, the Full file is accurately representing the error in the content/data at that time. 2. The problem here is that the tools are unable to cope with historical errors - so we perhaps need to update the tools to allow for these errors. 3. So we need the tools to be able to whitelist the errors, and honestly document the KNOWN ISSUES (preferably in a machine readable manner), so that everyone knows what the historical errors were. 4. The manner of this documentation is up for debate - perhaps we add it to a new reset? Then we could use something very similar in format to the Negative delta, but instead of it actually changing history retrospectively, we simply document them as known issues, and allowing people to deal with the information in their own extensions and systems in whatever way they feel is appropriate. 5. Only situation we can think of where we couldn't apply the above gentle response, would be copyright infringement - whereby if we discovered (several releases after the fact) that we had released content that was in direct infringement of copyright, then we would potentially have to revoke all releases since the issues occurred. However, this would raise a very interesting situation where patient safety might be compromised - as if we remove all historical content that contravened the copyright, then we run the risk of patient data being impacted, thus potentially adversely affecting decision support. This is simple to resolve when the problem is in the latest release (simply recall the release), but if found in a 5 year old release for example, it could be very problematic to recall 5 years' worth of content and change it! <p>This should all be documented and disseminated to get confirmation of approval from everyone.</p>
43	Continual Improvement to the Frequent Delivery process	All	<p>We need to continue discussions on this on-going item, in light of the strategic meeting before the conference. In addition we now have new members with additional experience, and we have also now lived with the more stable International Edition release process for the past couple of years.</p>	

Last time we discussed this everyone thought it a good idea in principle, but were concerned that we are not yet in a position to deliver the same level of quality on a daily basis than as on a monthly basis (due to the current gap in our manual/automated testing). Therefore we were going to discuss this once we had further progressed our automated testing - however as the new working group for the RVF service will testify this is a slow process, and therefore it may not be possible to wait for this to be completed in its entirety.

We have identified several additional potential issues with moving to Continuous Delivery, which we should consider before proposing a solution:

- Perceived quality issues:
 - There would be no time for Alpha or Beta Releases - so all Members would have to be comfortable with issues in Production for until the next interim release
 - All issues that normally get tidied up as part of the normal Content Authoring cycle will become public - they will get fixed quickly but in the meantime there may be an impact to the reputation of the quality of SNOMED CT.
- Roll up Releases:
 1. The 6 monthly delta releases would need to be relative to the prior 6 month release, and therefore named as such somehow (ie) we would need to somehow make it explicit as to which previous release the delta is a differential to.
 2. Other possibility is that each month is the same interim release, and then every 6 months we also release the Delta's relative to the prior 6 monthly release, in addition to the usual monthly release. In this case we would need to reserve the 31st Jan + 31st July effectiveTime's /package naming for the 6 monthly roll up releases, so that the users who want to remain on 6 monthly schedule would remain unaffected.
- The other option is to have no roll up releases at all, thus releasing a stand-alone package every day/week/month, depending on the agreed frequency. The issue with this approach though is that anyone using the Delta files (rather than Snapshot) for uploads would need to keep up with the continuous schedule.

UPDATE FROM THE EVOLUTION WORKSHOP:

Pros

- Allows people to choose whether or not the users take one release every 6 months, or frequent monthly releases...
- Derivative maps wouldn't be a huge issue as just release them whenever we had a chance, dependent on whichever edition
- One of the plus points are that when we're still at 6 monthly releases, if the vendors miss a release its a big deal, whereas if they miss monthly releases then they have a smaller impact

Cons

- One drawback is for the non english speaking members, who need to keep up with translations - shouldn't really have an impact if they keep up with each smaller release.
- Could be painful for translations when a monthly release happens to contain a drop of a huge project like Drugs or something...
- What about interoperability issues, with some people taking each monthly release, and others still waiting for every 6 months? ADHA believe this hasn't caused a huge problem for them, just an addition to the existing problem even with 6 monthly releases...
- Also need to implement the metadata for identifying which dependent release each Delta is relative to...
- Resets aren't too much work to keep up to date - however Mapping is a different ball game - this can take some time
- Maps that are still inherent in the int Edition (ICD-0 ICD-11 etc) are potentially problematic, and the workflow would need to be carefully worked out...
- If your projects happen to drop in-between the normal 6 monthly releases, then someone who might have taken Jan and July still, might miss out on the important big releases that happen in April and November!
- Also quality might be an issue - need to have the automated testing completely airtight before we move to continuous delivery! Thereafter you would run all major validation at input stage and ensure authors only ever promote to MAIN when everything perfectly clean. Then we run Daily builds with automated release validation every night, and provides a RAG status on release issues every morning. Then by the end of the month, we publish the last Green Daily build!

☐ **Andrew Atkinson to create a survey to provide to everyone so that they can send out to all users and get feedback on the proposed changes (especially multiple effective Times in Delta files, and removal of Delta files - just a service now)**

☐ **Andrew Atkinson to feed all of this into the continued internal discussions on whether or not moving to Continuous Delivery is feasible, and if so plan what the timelines would look like:**

- Move to Monthly Releases before we go to full continuous delivery - **yes, everyone agreed**
- How do we best automate all of the validation?
 - **Best thing is to make the RVF the central source of truth for all International validation.**
 - **Therefore NRC's like Australia will promote all International related content to the core RVF, and only retain and run validation that is local to themselves.**
 - **This would mean that whenever they identify a new issue, they can simply promote the new test up to us and we can run it and replicate the issue for ourselves, and therefore fix it quickly.**
 - **It will also share the burden of maintaining the validation rules.**
- Question: can we do any automation for Modelling issues? ECL? New validation using the editorial rules in the new templates as a basis for automating modelling QA? **ECL the best bet - plus MRCM doing well so far - can we extend this? (Australia so far only implemented modelling validation by writing manual rules for known issues)**
- What's the impact of multiple effectiveTimes in Delta files? **Should be negligible, Australia and US already implemented with no effect to users (despite initial complaints!)**
- Creation of a bespoke Delta using a new tool - Delta at the International level is very simple, but at the Extension level is much more complex due to all of the dependencies, etc. This could also become more involved when we modularise...
 - **Australia intended to build this as well, but it never happened because no one ever requested it in the end!**
 - **The other issue was the traditional issue of never knowing (in a machine readable way within the Delta file itself) what the Delta file is a Delta from (ie) is it a delta from the Jan 2014 release, or the July 2016 release, etc.**
 - **So there as a lot of discussion over whether or not they should create roll up Delta's, or provide the service - but in the end they found that only a few people were actually using Delta's, and those were the people who knew what they were doing already, and so nothing was ever required!**
 - **So we need to decide whether or not this is useful...**
 - **We also need to be wary of the fact that there are two different things to be relative to - so you can have a Delta to a release, or a Delta to a date in time, and they can be very different things.**
 - **Suzi has always released a delta with multiple effectiveTimes in it (due to the Edition) and no-one has any issues of this ever.**
 - **If we remove the Delta files completely everyone would definitely need to provide a Service to download bespoke Delta's (both International and local Extension level) - AT THE SAME TIME WE SHOULD FIX THE ISSUE OF LACK OF METADATA PROVIDED FOR WHAT THE BASELINE OF THE DELTA IS**
 - **For local extensions this service does get a lot more complex than for International, as they need a range of Delta dates PER MODULE, as they have a lot more going on than just the International Edition - so the service would need to be**
 - a) **clever enough to correctly get the relevant dependencies from all sources, plus**
 - b) **Validate that the resulting Delta is correct and valid - provide a checksum of some kind (needs to be identified).**
 - **SNOMED INTERNATIONAL TO CREATE A SMALL, TARGETED SURVEY TO QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT THERE WOULD BE ANY IMPACT TO ANYONE TO PROVIDING A DELTA SERVICE INSTEAD OF DELTA FILES... Everyone will happily disseminate this to their users and get responses asap...**
 - **SUZY ISN'T ALLOWED TO ASK HERSELF, SO WE SHOULD CREATE AN ONLINE VERSION THEN SHE CAN ISSUE A NOTE TO ALL HER AFFILIATES SAYING THAT SNOMED INTERNATIONAL HAVE REQUESTED THEM TO FILL OUT OUR SURVEY (as otherwise if it comes from the NLM they have a lot of loopholes to jump through!)**
- Release Notes automation - **simple, just attach notes metadata to each change in MAIN then export on Release**
- Question: Is it worth starting off with a trial using just Content Requests monthly, and then bring everything else in line once happy? **NO! Everyone feels strongly like there would be no benefit to this whatsoever, as the majority of urgent cases in CRS are to do with getting an ID to use in refsets etc before the next 6 monthly release, and as this has already been mitigated due to the new tooling providing those ID's early, there's no benefit in moving to CRS early. Small risk in moving to monthly at all, so better off just moving everything at once to prevent a) confusion for users b) confusion in message about continuous delivery, and c) overhead for SNOMED managing 2 different delivery schedules during the pilot**
- Question: What are the next steps that we need to consider to help move this forward? **Central RVF service, communication with community (survey etc)**
- Question: Is everyone happy with the new plan to remove the Delta files from the RF2 packages completely, and just provide the Delta service to create Delta's on the fly? **YES**
- Question: How can we get a survey out to as many implementers as possible in order to ask a lot of these questions and get the
- Question: How do we manage translations? (including the Spanish release) - How do we cope with the likelihood that one month could have only 50 changes, and the next month 50,000 (Drugs project, etc)? - **no impact, as should allow for incremental translations - just need to not set expectations with your users that you stay one month behind the International Edition! Just need to decouple the translation release schedule from the International Edition schedule. ARTURO would prefer the Spanish edition to also move the Monthly (or even more frequent) releases, but he fully understands the natural latency required for translated Editions, and so understands even if we went to monthly we can't keep up with the monthly content changes**
- Question: How do we manage extensions? **Again need to decouple them - MDRS will naturally get a lot bigger - also the versioning process internally currently takes a long time and a lot of effort for each upgrade to the new International Edition...**
- Question: How do we manage derivatives? **Just keep them decoupled from the International Edition release schedule, and do not set false expectations by promising to keep them closely up to date with monthly International Releases!**
- Question: How do we manage maps? **So again there is a natural latency here where we can't keep up to date with monthly releases. WE ALSO NEED TO DEFINE WHAT AN ACCEPTABLE UNIT OF RELEASE IS FOR EACH TYPE F CONTENT CHANGE (so what our concept of "DONE" is for each type of change) - FOR EXAMPLE SOME CONCEPTS SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL THE RELEVANT ICD-10 MAP COULD BE CREATED AND PUBLISHED AT THE SAME TIME. OTHERS COULD BE RELEASED NO PROBLEM AND WAIT FOR 6 MONTHS FOR THE RELATED MAPS...**
- **WE ALSO NEED TO CAREFULLY DEFINE AND COMMUNICATE OUT WHAT THE SCOPE AND GOALS OF MOVING TO CONTINUOUS DELIVERY ARE - TO ENSURE THAT WE MANAGE EVERYONE'S EXPECTATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT IT DOESN'T MEAN IS THAT EVERYONE WILL GET THEIR CHANGE INTO SNOMED WITHIN 4 WEEKS, JUST BECAUSE WE'RE RELEASING MONTHLY!!!**
- Question: What questions would we like to ask the vendors and affiliates to a) Ensure we cover off all problems/potential issues, but b) do NOT put us in a position where they think that we might not go ahead with the plans despite their answers.... just wording the survey to ensure that they know we're going ahead, but just want to ensure there's no negative impact to them that might tweak our plans, and c) How much time do they need to adapt to the change for multiple effectiveTimes in the same Delta, and d) How do we promote the benefits? (responsiveness to changes with more frequent releases, improvement to quality with more frequent fixes, etc)

44	Republication of core module content	Dion McMurtrie	<p>Dion was unable to make the second meeting of the TRAG in October 2017, so we need to discuss this in April 2018 - Dion's latest comment (via email) was:</p> <p>Sorry I'll miss tomorrow with SNOMED on FHIR, and I should have mentioned this earlier, but I've been getting questions about https://confluence.ihtsdotools.org/display/TRAG/Republication+of+core+module+content back home.</p> <p>I think substantially this is the discussion we had today about modularisation, specifically the thing we can action in the short term about ensuring rules are declared for derivative module concepts to be defined on the new module and any metadata (refset concepts for example) go on that module.</p> <p>Then the other part to it is analysing the violations of these rules that currently exist and if/how/when to fix them.</p> <p>Can we agree that we can progress this item soon? I think it represents the low hanging parts of the module discussion we had today.</p> <p>Dion then commented on the TRAG discussion page:</p> <p>Having re-read this I now disagree with myself. I think lateralisable body structure is core. Anyway I is probably not a controversial issue whether to include it or not anyway - it should be included.</p> <p>Yong's response was:</p> <p>Sorry, I am at the FHIR meeting as well. It is an important topic and would be very helpful if we can progress.</p> <p>My view is that derivatives should be on different modules. Currently, the module dependency refset only has three active entries. One entry is about the dependency between the core module and module component module. The other two are related to ICD10 mapping module. We discussed to use this refset for generating OWL ontology imports statement. So, we need to avoid ontology imports for derivatives, e.g. most refsets.</p> <p>If we are not going to distinguish derivatives from core content in dependency refset, we might need to look at specifying imports in the OWL ontology refset. I will cover this in the MAG meeting this afternoon.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> October 2018
45	Member Forum item: "Development of a validation service where releases can be submitted for testing"	All	<p>Last meeting the TRAG proposed use cases for creating an actual service (with a user-friendly UI, etc) to enable people to load up their release packages and run them through the standard validation assertions.</p> <p>Standardisation is the primary use case here - everyone agrees that there is a significant benefit to interoperability by ensuring that all RF2 packages are standard and conformant to the basic standards at least - and so this is a strong business case for the service.</p> <p>We agreed that whilst we have the appetite to have one, this will be a long term goal - to get us started we should use the open sourced RVF as a basis to refine the rules.</p> <p>We therefore setup a working group to decide a) What the scope /targets should be b) What technology platform would be most appropriate c) What the high level rules should be (packaging format, content etc) - Working Group: Generic Validation service</p> <p>The good news is that we've now used the initial discussions we had as part of the working group to refine the requirements for the ongoing RVF improvement program. This is due to complete within the next few months, at which point the working group will meet again in order to begin the full gap analysis between the various streams of validation that we all have.</p> <p>Liara also discussed validation with ADHA during the London conference - Dion do you have a quick update on where those discussions got up to?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan is to ensure that the generic service is flexible enough to fail gracefully if certain extensions don't contain some of the expected files, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> We should also provide a standard Manifest to show what files they should include wherever possible (even if blank)
46	Text definition became the en-GB preferred term of an international concept	All	<p>Thanks to the UKTC for identifying and raising this issue - it has helped us to further refine our Validation service.</p> <p>The question for the TRAG is: are there any other similar scenarios that we should attempt to pre-empt by adding validation to cover them, before they occur?</p> <p>All agreed this is a very difficult issue to identify - can't use length, and no hard and fast rules. So perhaps the only rule we could apply is that all records in the TextDefinition file must be a Definition?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> October 2018 - Any suggestions for improvement? <input type="checkbox"/> If not then we'll close it down, as the UKTC has been informed of plans to resolve it, the content fix was implemented in the July 2017 release, and the RVF improvement ticket has been raised (RVF-273).

47	Implementati on Load Test	All	<p>RVF has now been open sourced to allow people to contribute towards it more easily, so that Implementation issues can be reverse engineered into the assertions. All of the NRC validation systems should remain separate, in order to ensure as great a coverage across the board as possible.</p> <p>However, it makes sense to ensure the critical tests are included in all systems, in order to ensure that if, say, one NRC doesn't have the capacity to run Alpha/Beta testing for a certain release, we don't miss critical checks out. We are working on this in the Working Group, and also in the RVF Improvement program, where we are including the DROOLS rules, etc. These are also being incorporated into the front end input validation for the SCA.</p> <p>TRAG to therefore discuss taking the Implementation Load test forward, including the potential to incorporate key rules from NRC validation systems into the RVF. So we should discuss the tests that are specific to the Implementation of vendor and affiliate systems, in order that we can facilitate the best baseline for the RVF when agreeing the generic testing functionality in the Working Group.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Cordell will promote some useful new ADHA specific rules to the RVF so we can improve the scope... <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Morris to do the same - get the RVF up and running and then promote any missing rules that they run locally.
48	Shared Classifier	All	<p>TRAG to consider the full implications of the proposal to have a shared classifier.</p> <p>This has now been given the green light internally - so the question now is how we can help to refine the proposal?</p> <p>Harold to give an update on the MAG's plans?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> October 2018 - Harold Solbrig to give an update on the MAG's plans? <input type="checkbox"/> This has already been implemented as of Feb 2018 - any concerns?
49	Proposed changes to the classification wrapper to support new Drug Model	All	<p>TRAG to consider the full implications of the proposed changes</p> <p>Harold to give an update on the MAG's plans?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> October 2018 - Harold Solbrig to give an update on the MAG's plans?
50	Combining the Component Model and Core Modules into one	All	<p>TRAG to provide any further evidence for/against this proposal, to add to the internal discussions that are currently ongoing</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> October 2018
51	New Early Visibility page	All	<p>Has everyone checked out the new page here:</p> <p>January 2020 Early Visibility Release Notices - Planned changes to upcoming SNOMED International Release packages</p> <p>Any suggestions for improvements, etc?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> October 2018
52	Concrete Domains	All	<p>The short term proposal of pre-coordinating the numbers and measures as concepts (and therefore not changing the RF2 format) was generally well accepted, though there were concerns raised regarding the longevity of this approach, and whether or not this addresses the original target of the project (which was to allow a standardised approach across all extensions, instead of perpetuating distinct coding for different users). The other concern raised was that any solution needs to be implemented rapidly, as otherwise the various members will be forced to start /continue implementing their own solutions.</p> <p>Peter G. Williams, therefore, will take this forward in the Modelling AG and further implementation. The functionality has been rolled in to the wider discussion of enhancing SNOMED's DL capabilities. The Modelling AG is planning a targeted discussion on this in June 2017, and will then produce a document which would then be reviewed by the MAG at the October conference. This Proposal document will be shared when complete.</p> <p>Last update from Peter was that the OWL Refset solution allows us to classify with concrete domains. The thing we're still discussing, is how to represent that in the release. The currently most popular approach suggested is to create a 2nd inferred file which contains concrete values in the destination column, rather than SCTIDs. This allows them to be added without impact to the current approach i.e. ignore it if you don't want to use them. The new file would only contain concrete values.</p> <p>Harold to give an update on the MAG's plans?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> October 2018 - Harold Solbrig to give an update on the MAG's plans?
53	Discussion on the conflict between Extension content and International content	All	<p>The answer to this may be quite simple:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If extensions promote content via RF2 delta, we just need to retain all ID's, and only change the ModuleID and effectiveTime, and therefore it is all managed by effectiveTime. 2. If IHTSDO reject content this is also managed 3. The only issue then comes if IHTSDO want to change the FSN, then we need a way to manage the change of the meaning of the concept without creating 2 FSN's - as then we need a feedback loop to ensure that it's also corrected at source in the extension as well as in the International edition. <p>TRAG to continue the discussion and come to a conclusion that will work for all.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Has this been answered in its entirety by Jim's new agreed approach? (link here to his final position) <input type="checkbox"/> Most people consider that Jim's approach covers this under most circumstances. We also need to ensure that we follow the approach listed to the left - so we should confirm all of this has been working in practice in April 2018, and if so close down.
54	AG Declarations of Interest	All	<p>Could each of you please go in and update your information? If there has been no change, then you can simply update the last column with the date.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> October 2018

55	Any other questions / issues?	All		<input type="checkbox"/>
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