Overview of Computing Services

Introduction to ECMWF Computing Services
Online training course 2023
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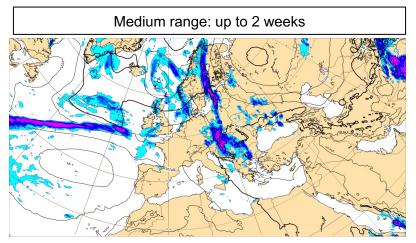
Computing and Software Support Team



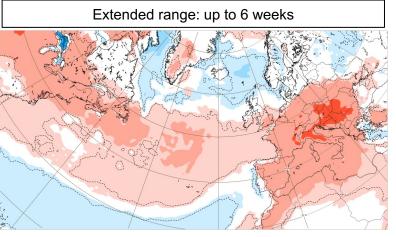




ECMWF operational forecasting system



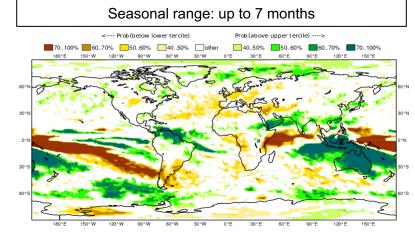
- ~9 km and 137 levels (T_{CO}1279 / O1280 / L137)
- HRES: to T+240h at 00 and 12 UTC to T+90h at 06 and 18 UTC – "BC run"
- ENS: 50+1 members
 to T+360h at 00 and 12 UTC
 to T+144 at 06 and 18 UTC



- ~36 km and 137 levels (T_{CO}319 / O320 / L137)
- 100+1 members
- To 46 days (T+1104h) at 00 UTC every day

Ocean Waves

- WAM-HRES: ~14km coupled with HRES
- WAM-ENS: 50+1 members, ~14km coupled with ENS
- WAM-ENS-extended: 100+1 members, ~55km
- WAM-SEAS: 50+1 members, ~55km



- ~36 km and 91 levels (T_{CO}319 / O320 / L91)
- 50+1 members
- Once per month to 7 months ahead
- A sub-set of 15 members is run to 13 months ahead every quarter (Feb / May / Aug / Nov)
- 30 years of hindcasts



Environmental modelling products

- Copernicus Climate Change Service C3S
- Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service CAMS
- Copernicus Emergency Management Service CEMS



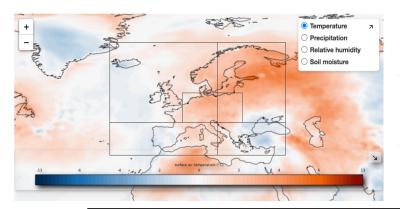


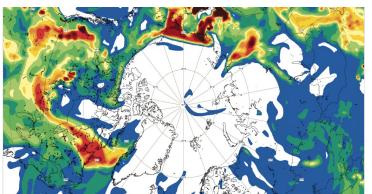


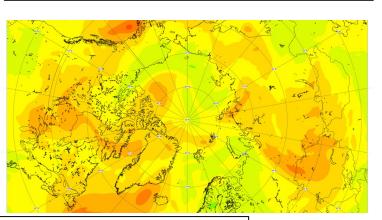
Monthly Copernicus climate monitoring

Carbon monoxide forecast

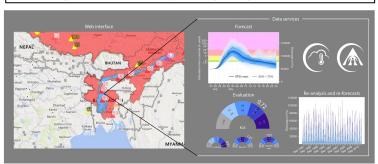
Ozone forecast



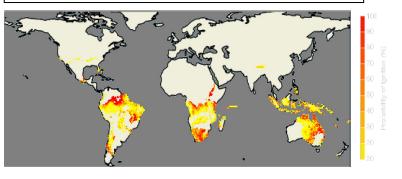




Using NWP to drive hydrological global forecasts



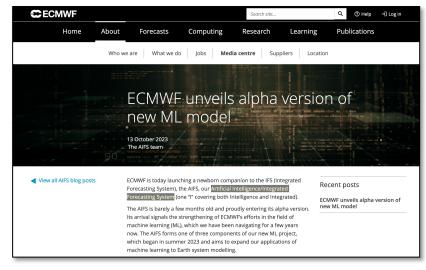
Probability of ignition by lightning 2016-02-01

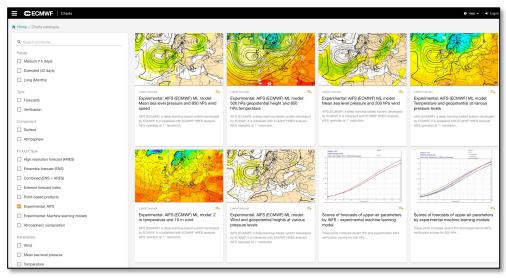




Artificial Intelligence/Integrated Forecasting System

- Alpha version of new machine learning model AIFS
 - ~110 km (T_{CO}95 / O96)
 - 13 pressure levels U, V, W, T, Q and Z
 - Surface MSL, SP, 10U, 10V, 2D, 2T
- Launched 13 October 2023
- Utilises the grid-flexibility and parameter efficiency of Graph Neural Networks
- Graphical products available
 - Charts catalogue
 - ecCharts

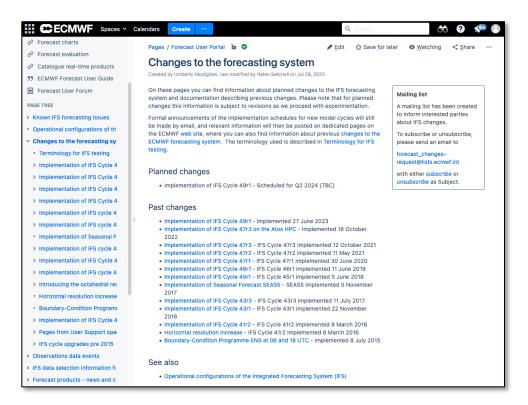


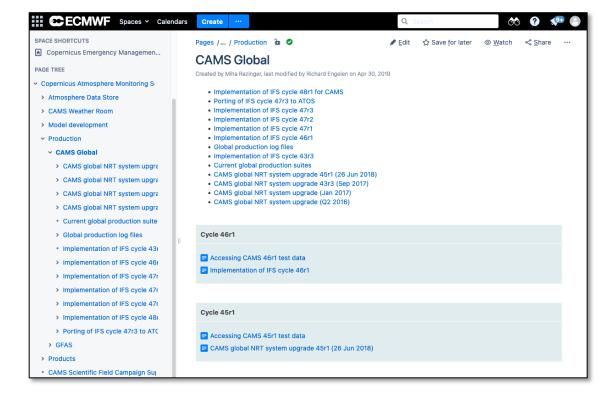




Changes to the operational forecast systems

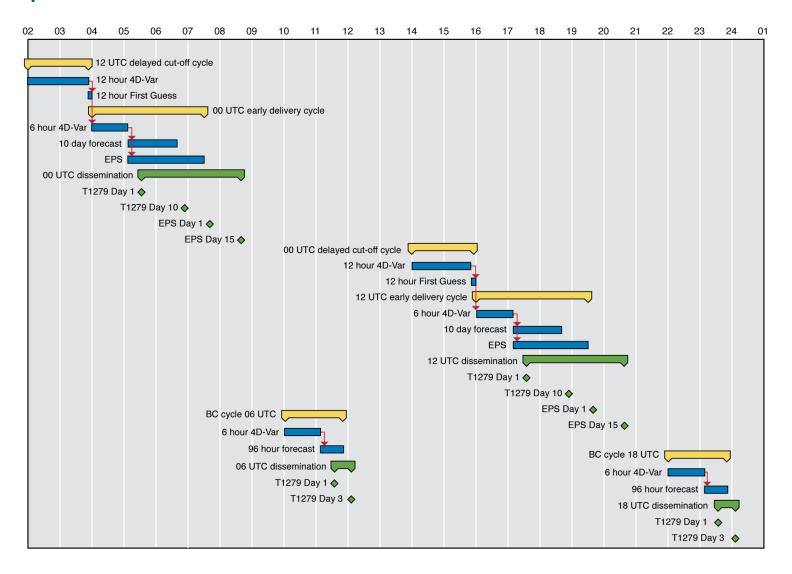
- ECMWF operational forecasts
 - https://confluence.ecmwf.int/display/FCST/Changes+to+the+forecasting+system
- CAMS global forecasts
 - https://confluence.ecmwf.int/display/COPSRV/CAMS+Global



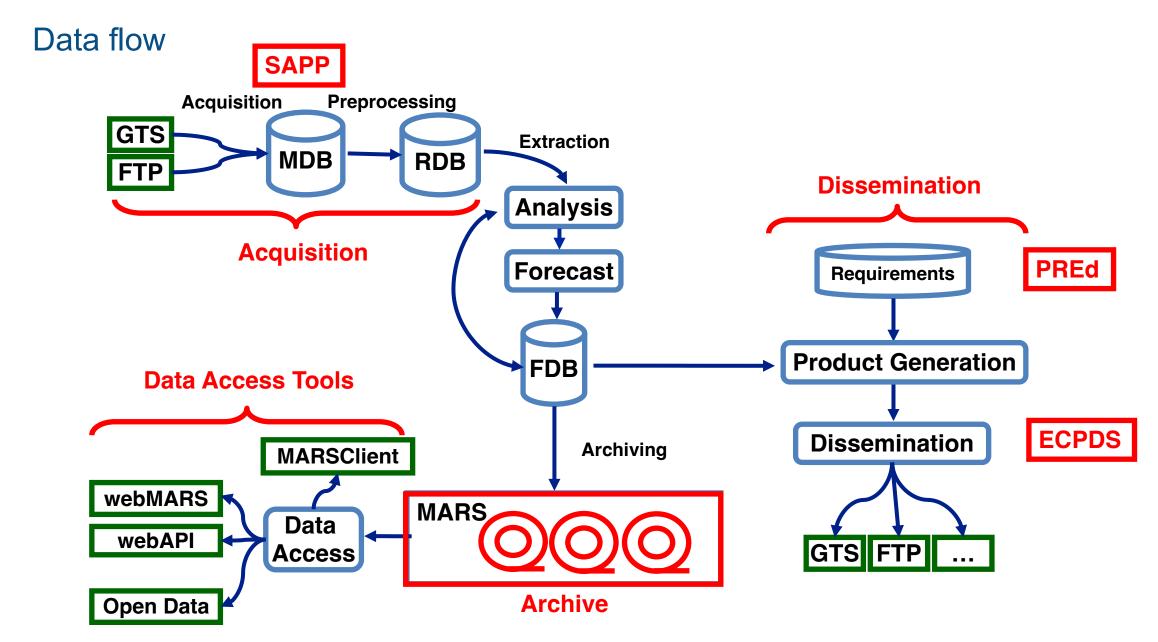


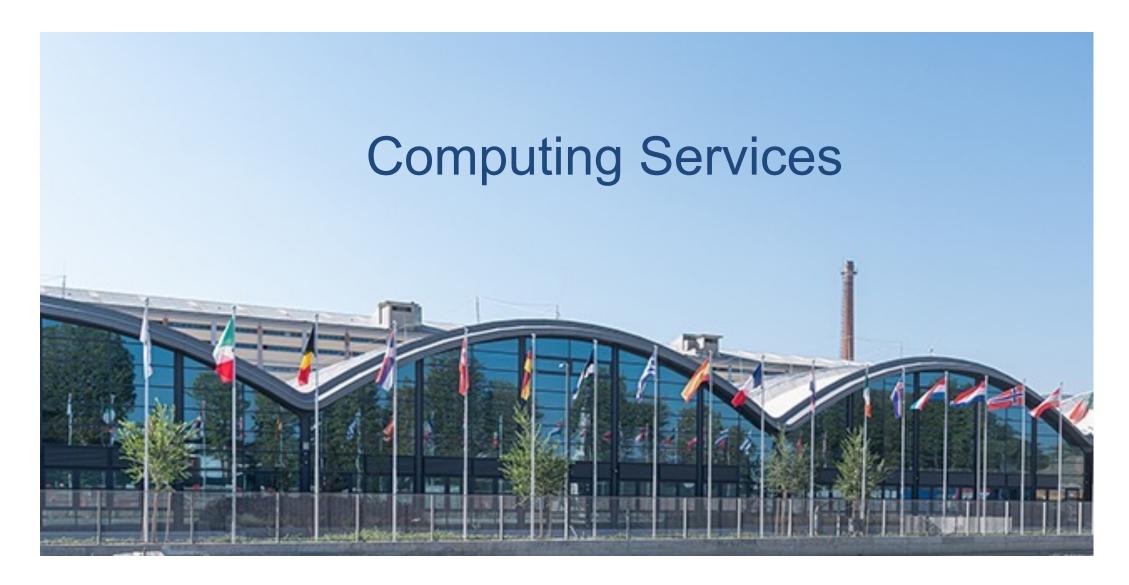


The main operational suites on ECMWF's HPCF











The Atos HPC Facility

- 4 Atos complexes (AA, AB, AC, AD)
 - HPC
 - ECS
- For serial and parallel workloads
- Slurm batch system (sbatch, squeue, scancel)
- Multiple storage options for different needs
 - HOME, PERM, HPCPERM, SCRATCH
- Software environment via modules



Atos Sequana XH2000 Clusters (AA, AB, AC, AD) Total number of compute nodes 7,680 Total number of GPIL nodes 448 **Processor type AMD EPYC Rome** 64 cores / socket Cores 128 cores / node 2.25 GHz (compute) **Base frequency** 2.5 GHz (GPIL) 256 GiB (compute) Memory/node 512 GiB (GPIL) **Total memory** 2.1 PiB **Total number of cores** 1,040,384 **Operational storage - SSD** 1.3 PiB **Operational storage - HDD** 12 PiB Research storage 77 PiB



HPFC – purpose

Batch submission

- Slurm
- ECaccess Tools
- ecinteractive

Data transfer

- ftp / sftp
- ectrans

Time-critical applications

- Option 1
- Option 2
- Option 3



Access to archives

- MARS
- ECFS

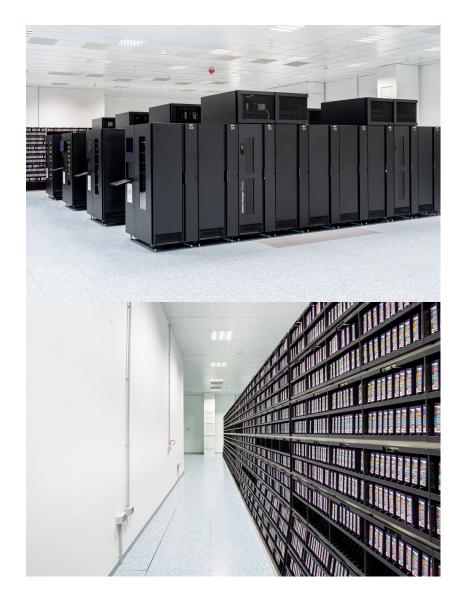
Running meteorological models

- Member State models
- ECMWF's IFS



Data Handling System

- Total amount of primary data: 628 PB
- Secondary data: 206 PB
- ~500 TB added per day
- Number of tapes:
 - 22,300 primary
 - 24,500 secondary
- Number of tape libraries: 10
- Number of Linux servers: 290
- Number of IBM 3592 tape drives: 396
- Number of LTO drives: 50
- Total amount of usable disk space: 28 PiB





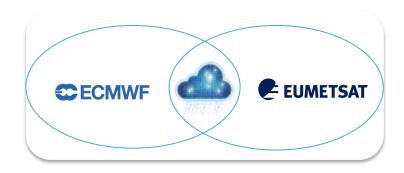
Data Handling Services

- MARS Meteorological Archive and Retrieval System
 - Data is accessed via a meteorological meta-language interface
 - Bulk of the data, few files (but holding billions of fields in total)
 - Relies upon excellent tape drive performance when retrieving lots of small parcels of data from tape
- ECFS ECMWF File System
 - HSM-like (Hierarchical Storage Management) service for "ad-hoc" files that are not suitable for storing in MARS
 - Data is accessed via an rcp-like interface
 - Millions of files, many very small
- HPSS High-Performance Storage System
 - Both MARS and ECFS rely on HPSS as the underlying data management system that is used to store the data
 - Users do not have direct access to HPSS, only via MARS and ECFS



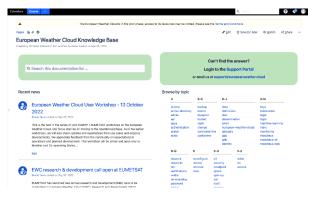
European Weather Cloud

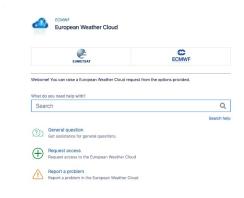
- Pilot project started in 2019 by ECMWF and EUMETSAT
- Operational since 26 September 20





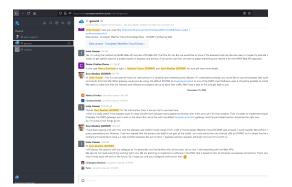






User Support Portal

Main Website



Knowledge Base



Discussion Platform

Accounting Platform



www.europeanweather.cloud

EWC – Operational Infrastructure







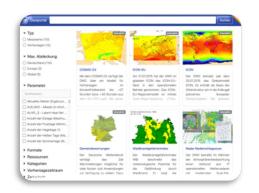
Cores	3830
Memory	30.7 TB
Storage	3.8 PB usable
GPUs	240 VGPUs (10 GB partitioning)

Cores	5632
Memory	53 TB
Storage	4.2 PB usable
GPUs	32 x A100 80 GB

- Hosted externally with 10 Gbps link to EUM
- Sizing may increase in future based on demand
- New Cloud Infrastructure ready in Bologna
- 2 Production clouds one on each computer hall
- Resources allocated to each Member and Co-operating State
- Managed by Computing Representatives



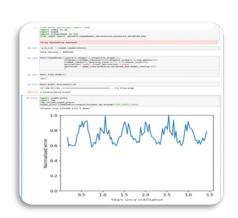
EWC: What could you do with it?



OGC web map services integrating maps in DWD's Geoportal



Forecast and climatology of cloud cover for Energy and Spatial sectors Météo-France Hosted on both ECMWF and EUMETSAT



Oxford University Jupyter notebook environments for ML on weather & climate data sets



Virtual laboratories for training courses and workshops



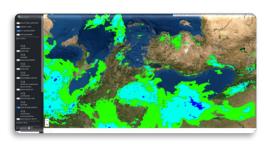
KNMI Climate Explorer setup on EWC



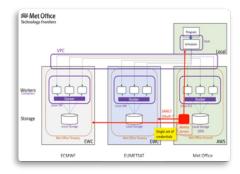
Atmospheric dispersion modelling from RMI



NordSat developing imagery generation tools for satellite products



South-East European Multi-Hazard Early Warning Advisory System Common Interface Platform

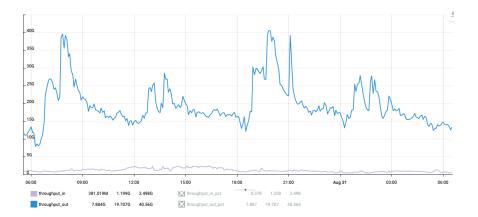


UK Met Office demonstrates Data Proximate Compute use case



Networks

- Internet
 - Dual links to local networks at each of ECMWF's sites
 - Jisc in the UK, GARR in Italy, and DFN in Germany
 - high-speed connections to the rest of the Internet, e.g. GÉANT
 - Bologna: 60Gbit/s uplink to GARR
 - Two routers on our side, each of which has a single connection to a separate GARR router
- RMDCN (Regional Meteorological Data Communications Network)
 - Secured VPN provided through MPSL (Multi Protocol Label Switching)
 - Supplied by Interoute Communications Limited
 - Bandwidth to Member States: 1 100 Mbps
 - Managed by ECMWF for WMO Region VI
- ECMWF is a participating organisation in the eduroam federation

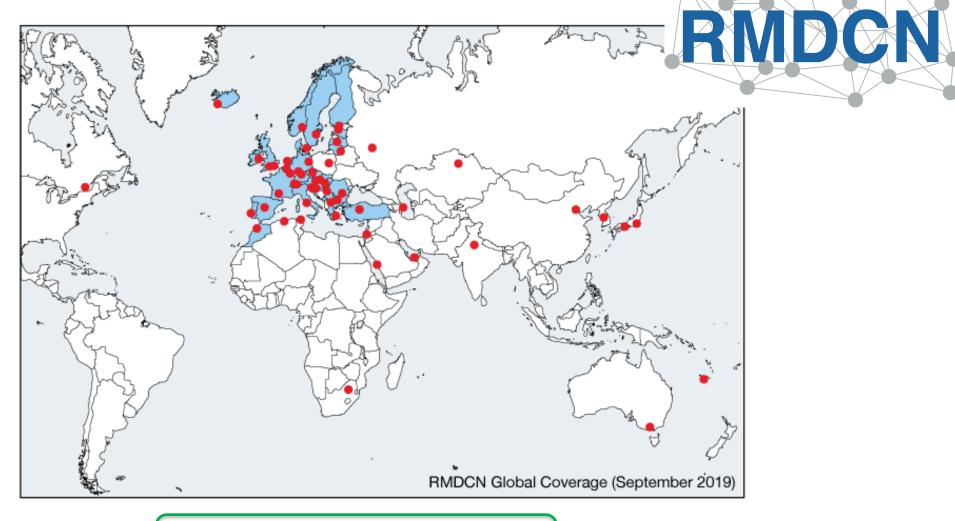








RMDCN connections



53 sites currently connected



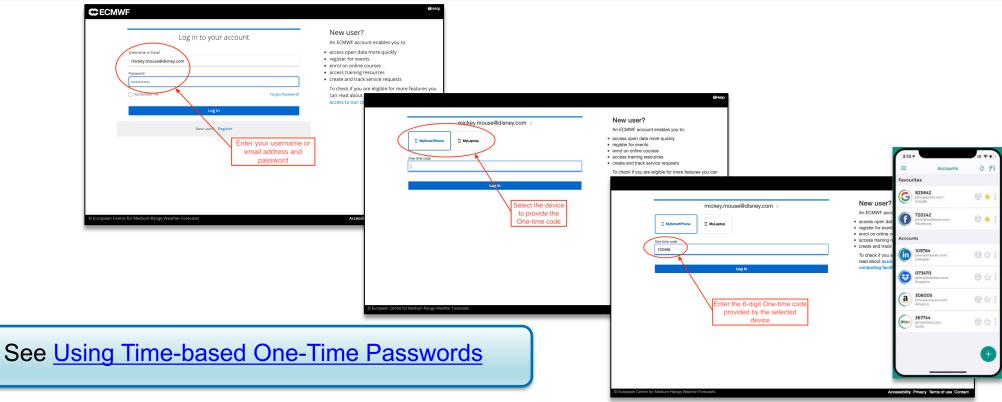
Access to ECMWF resources

All interactive login access to ECMWF's computing system requires Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Password

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One-Time Password provided by a Time-based one-time Password (TOTP) device





Remote access: the SSH service

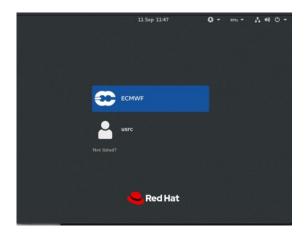






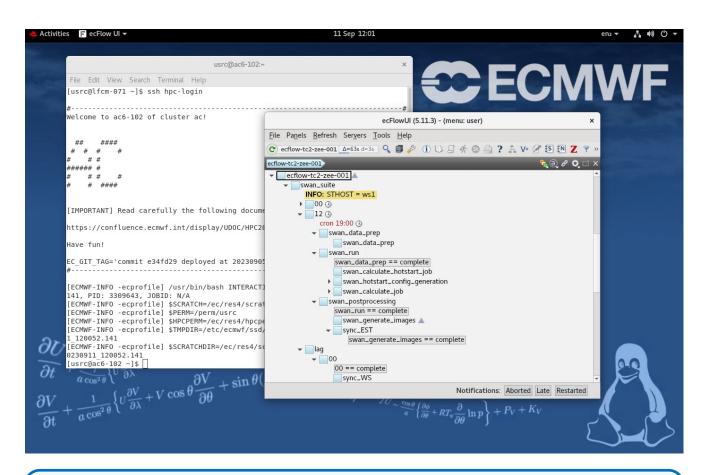
Remote access: the Linux VDI service

https://desktop.ecmwf.int/



Limited software installed

- No MARS
- No ECMWF software
- No 3rd party software
- No addition Python packages





See <u>Linux Virtual Desktop – VDI</u> documentation





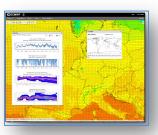


Web services – overview

Key service areas



<u>www</u> Everyone



<u>ecCharts</u> Forecasters



Apps Everyone



Atlassian Everyone



C3S Everyone



<u>CAMS</u> Everyone

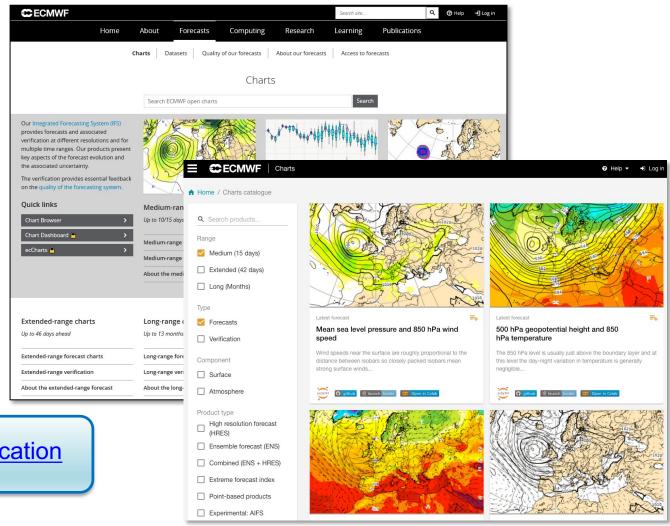


EFAS Partners

Web services – ECMWF Open Charts

https://www.ecmwf.int/en/forecasts/charts

- Charts published under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International (CC BY 4.0)
- Open Charts API can be used to download charts by script



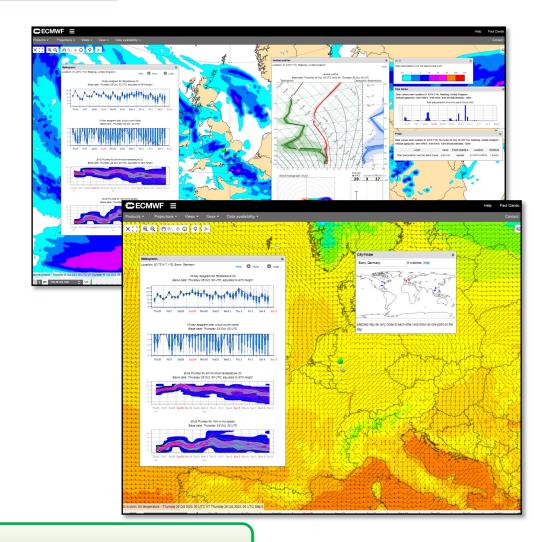


See Changes on web charts application



Web services – ecCharts: http://eccharts.ecmwf.int/

- Highly interactive (products created on-demand)
 - Interactivity (zoom-pan) and animation
 - Layer customisation (e.g. thresholds)
 - Charts with bespoke layers and optional styles
 - HRES, ENS, WAM products
 - Standard and bespoke ENS meteograms
 - Extreme Forecast Indices (EFI)
 - Point probing to explore data
- Highly available and operationally supported (24x7)
- Use of agreed dissemination schedule
- OGC WMS standards for machine-to-machine access

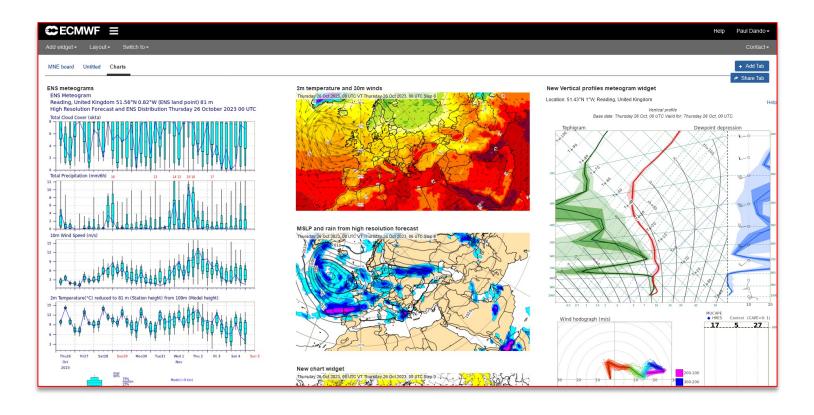


Access requested via your Computing Representative



Web chart dashboard

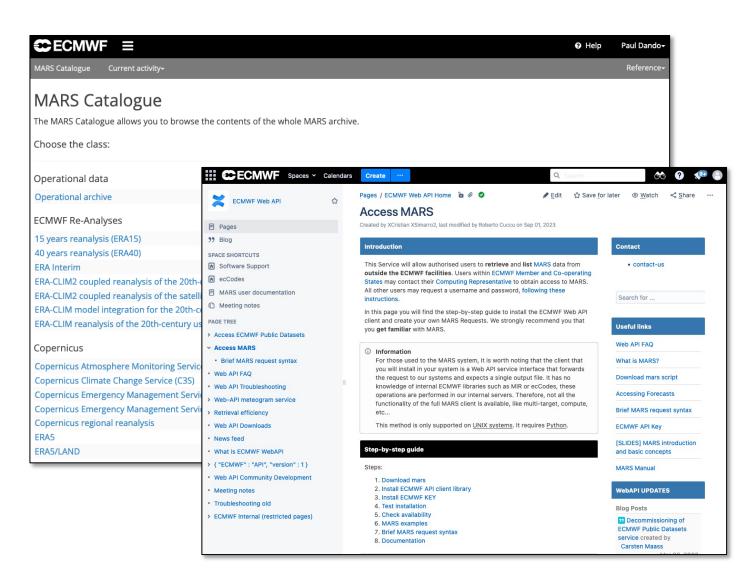
- Documentation: https://confluence.ecmwf.int/display/FCST/Chart+dashboard
- Place to organise regularly accessed charts
- Shared with the ecCharts dashboard





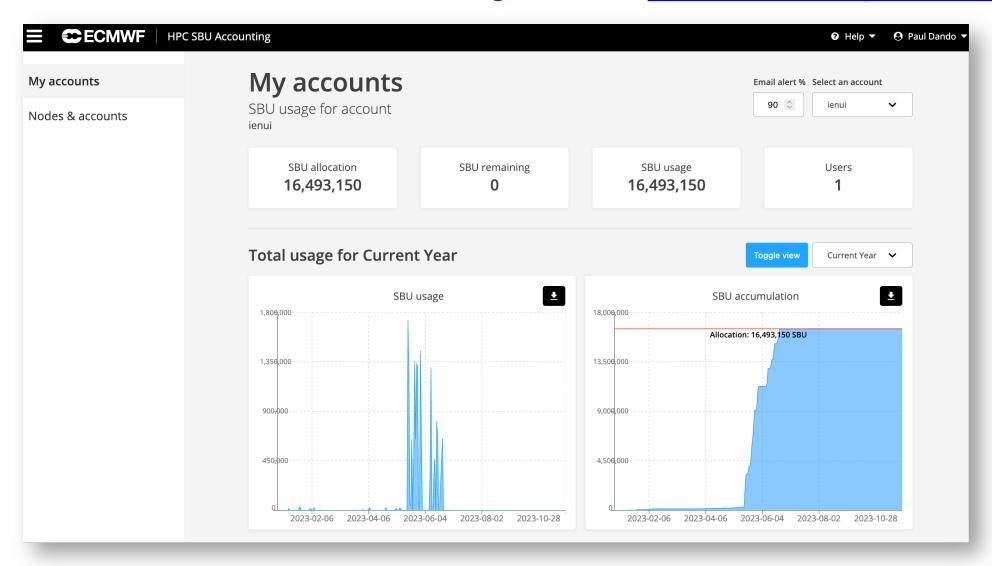
Web Services – MARS http://apps.ecmwf.int/services/mars/catalogue/

- Web based interface to MARS
- Available to registered users only
- Retrievals (GRIB and NetCDF)
- Batch access with WebAPI (Python)
- View current activity
- Access documentation





Web services – HPC SBU accounting interface https://hpc-usage.ecmwf.int/



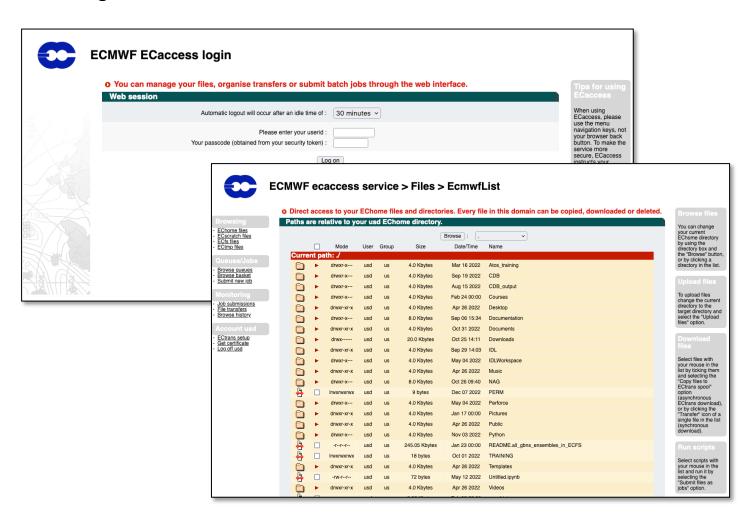


Web Services – https://boaccess.ecmwf.int

- Interface to browsing, transfers, editing, submission of files to ECMWF
- Online help
- TOTP login needed



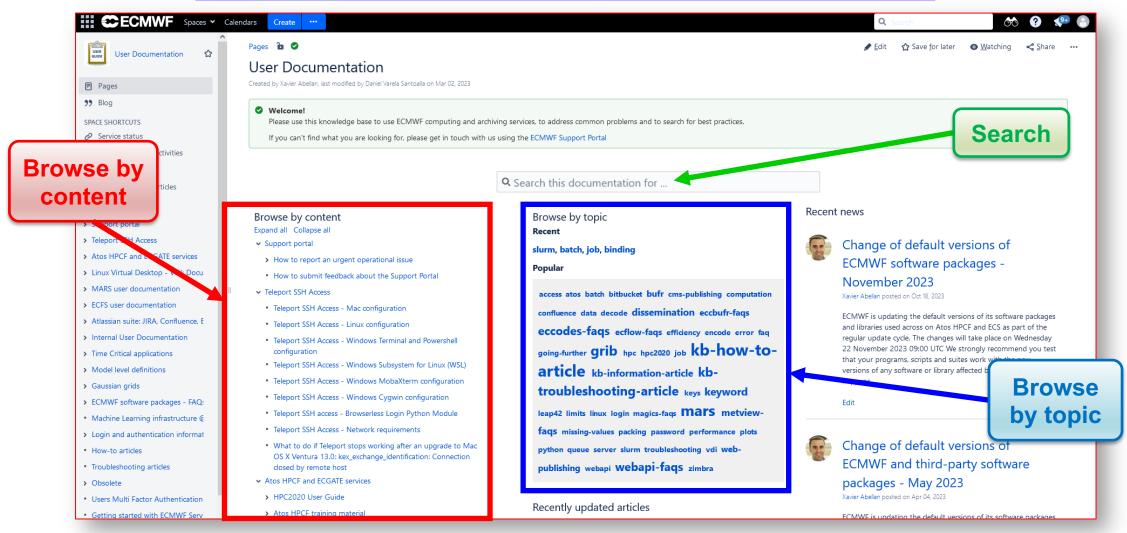
Only the code from the default TOTP device is accepted!





User Documentation

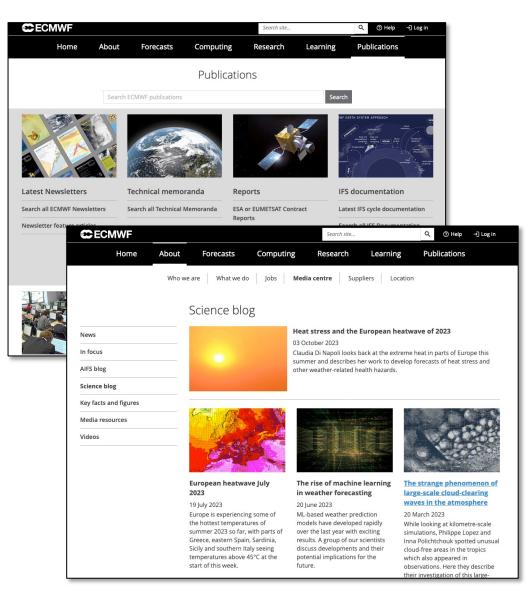
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Web Services – documents and documentation

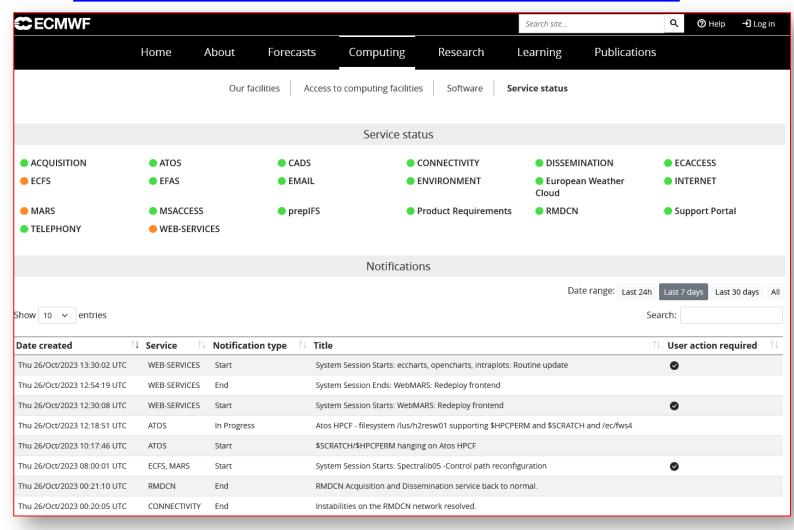
- Official documents (restricted access)
 - https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/who-we-are/governance
- ECMWF publications
 - https://www.ecmwf.int/en/publications
- Research at ECMWF
 - https://www.ecmwf.int/en/research
- Computing Services
 - https://www.ecmwf.int/en/computing
- Science Blog
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- And much more ...



Operational Service Status

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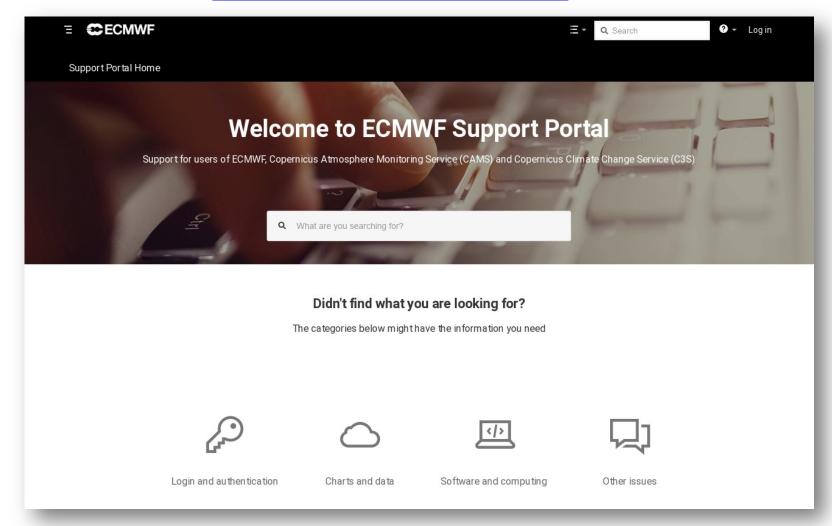
Email sent only when user action is required





Getting help and reporting problems

https://support.ecmwf.int/



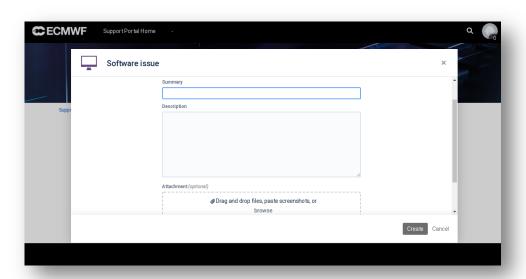


How to provide a good problem report

- Tell us which system you are using
- For problems with software, provide the version used
- Provide a good description of the problem
 - Actual Results: What happened when you got the bug?
 - Expected Results: What was supposed to happen?
 - The exact error message printed
- Provide a small example with data that shows how to reproduce the problem if possible
- For MARS issues, provide your retrieval request and all output



The better the problem report, the faster it will get fixed!



Questions?



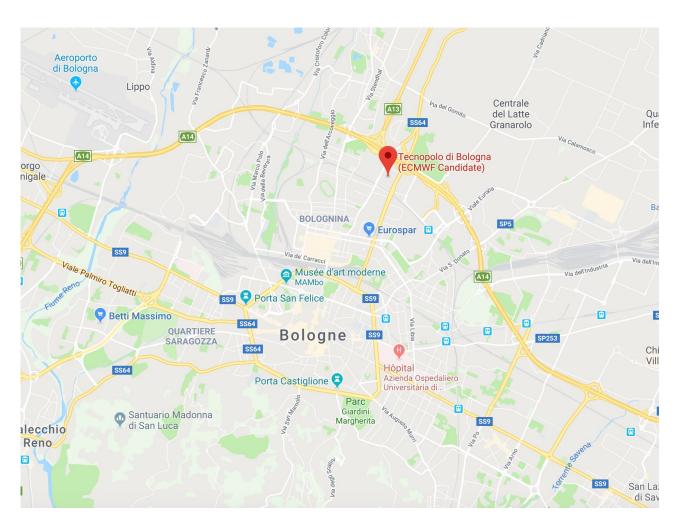


Virtual tour of Data Centre



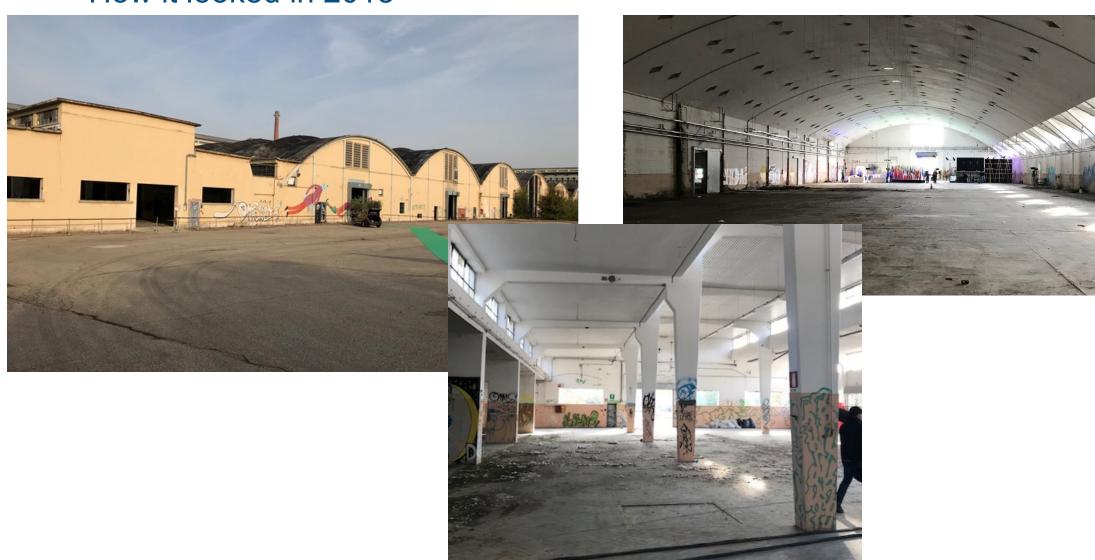


The ECMWF Data Centre in Bologna

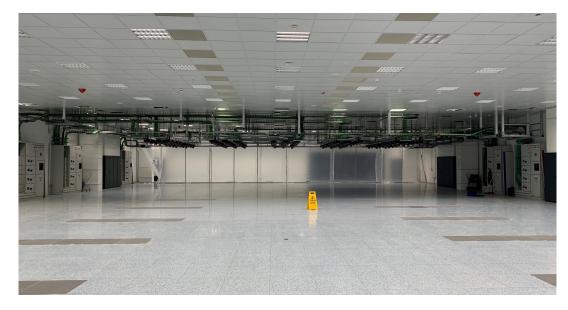


- Located in the Tecnopolo di Bologna
 - a former tobacco factory
 - designed by Pier Luigi Nervi
 - built in 1949 and closed in 1998.

How it looked in 2018



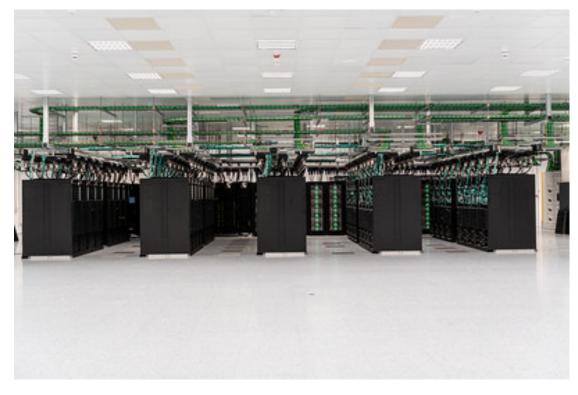
How it looked in 2021







How it looks in 2023







Bologna Data Centre layout

