HL7 FHIR – Connecting the old to the new world



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Health Level 7

- 'Standards Developing Organisation' (SDO)
- International Organisation of Volunteers
- Working Group Meetings, eMail/Chats, ConfCalls, Wiki
- Mission Statement: 'HL7 empowers global <u>health</u> <u>data interoperability</u> by developing <u>standards</u> and enabling their adoption and implementation'







Who we are

"gefyra" is the Greek word for "bridge"



We offer

- FHIR training,
- consultancy for FHIR projects
- professional tooling
- integration services (j/w Health-Comm, based on Infor Cloverleaf[®])







Integrating FHIR is easier than you think!

- FHIR re-uses many artifacts from established standards
- e.G. ValueSets from V2 and V3
- DocumentReference aligns with IHE-XDS metadata
- ImagingStudy aligns with DICOM image metadata
- AuditEvent aligns with DICOM Audit Trail
- Composition aligns with CDA structures
- Datatypes align with ISO-Standards, UCUM units etc.
- FHIR has an API for mapping codes and structures
- FHIR allows the standardized exchange of mappings



Integrating FHIR is also harder than you think!

- Most established standards follow the *event-driven* approach (The server exports data, when an event occurs)
- FHIR follows (mainly) the *query-driven* approach (The client requests the data, when it needs it)
- FHIR *explicitly* links data (through references), while other standards often use *implicit* linkage
- To broker between a V2 System and a FHIR Client, you need a FHIR-Server as an intermediary





Why it is worth it...







Consider the paradigm shift in healthcare

- Online instead of offline
- Mobile devices instead of desktop PCs
- Apps instead of software suites
- Cloud based services instead of local server farms
- open APIs instead of data silos
- flexible analysis instead of static reporting



FHIR has much to offer!

- Integrated support for localization and specialization (Conformance Framework)
- OAUTH2-based autorization and authentification framework (SMART)
- CDS integration framework (CDS-Hooks)
- Terminology services
- Bulk data export ("Flat FHIR")
- Integration with statistics and reporting tools ("R on FHIR")
- Implementation support (code libraries, test scripts and validation tools)
 ...everything you need to build better software faster!



FHIR boldly goes where no few other standards have gone before...

- Genomics
- Precision Medicine
- Nutritional Health
- Data exchange between clinical and research domains
- Clinical Decision Support
- Privacy and Security
- Workflow Management
- Public Health & Research
- Regulatory Data Exchange



FHIR is the future!

- Big global players have adopted FHIR (Apple, Google, Microsoft, SAP, Cerner, McKesson, Infor...)
- Many FHIR-based national healthcare infrastructures are currently in production/in development (US, UK, Denmark, Australia, Canada, Vietnam...)
- The community is thriving in
 - Discussing FHIR
 - Driving the development of the standard
 - Creation of tooling, open source software and libraries





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🆀 Home	880	implementers Representing a Tumor	May 24
🗹 Private messages	1	Orders and Observations Work Group and btw anybody welcome to lob comments on the tracker as follow-ups. :-)	
★ Starred messages		EDITED I am proposing the element name category. 'kind' and 'type ' and 'code' are all intertwined in meaning so I tend to stay away	9:02 PM
@-mentions		from them.	
STREAMS	+0 0	implementers Add an attachment to a /ReferralRequest	
german (d-a-ch)		Tim Berezny	9:48 PM
		Hi, this is my first post here, i see it's very active! I would like to ask a question:	
analytics on FHIR		I'm developing a /ReferralRequest module (to receive eReferrals). One need i have is to send attachments with the payload (e.g.,	
Announcements		PDFs.). I'm trying to figure out the best way to do it, but can't quite figure out what the most accepted approach is. So far I've	
cds-hooks	55	considered:	
cds-hooks-github	35	2) Using ReferralRequest.SupportingInfo to reference a /DocumentMeneference	
committers	412	3) Using referralRequest.SupportingInfo to reference a /Attachment	
conformance	18	4) Adding an extension	
connectation mgmt		5) Other?	
EHIP Pravisworkshop		I want to chose one core way that is the simplest yet flexible approach, so that it could handle one or many documents. What	
fmg (members only)		would be the best way to attach a document to a / Referral Request.	
implementers	817	Any assistance is greatly appreciated!	
netherlands	011	implementers Adding "old" to Identifier.use	
smart social	3	Grahame Grieve	9:54 PM
students	2	I'd like to clarify the definition of 'valid' for all those types while we're at it. An address doesn't become invalid because I no	
terminology	33	longer live there. It's my association with the address that is no longer valid. Same for the other types. I'd like to clarify the	
v2 to FHIR		language on old for all types to make this clear	
		implementers profiling problem with slices	
		Rick Geimer	9:59 PM
		Would be better to get pattern-based slices working in the IG publisher. I love, is this restricted to the IG publisher code, or do you	
		think this is something deeper? If just in the IG publisher I'm happy to take a look early next week and try fixing the bug.	

Basically I worry that we are restricting what can be legally expressed in profiles to what we currently support in the IG publisher.

10:06 PM





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