Mapping V2 to FHIR

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

We have been involved with FHIR since 2014, have tested our V2 mappings on > 7 Connectathons, and have them running in production environments





Scenario

Mapping a V2 ADT_A01 message

http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=Version_2_- FHIR_Mapping_Scenarios

```
MSH|^~\&|LegacyEHR||SPARK||20150502090000||ADT^A01|00000002|P|2.5

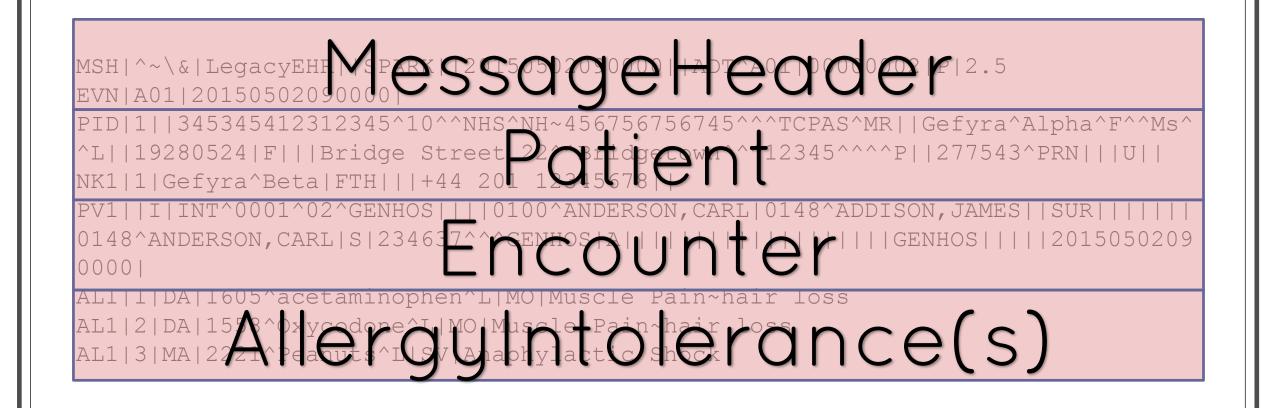
EVN|A01|20150502090000|

PID|1||345345412312345^10^^NHS^NH~456756756745^^^TCPAS^MR||Gefyra^Alpha^F^^Ms^^L||19280524|F|||Bridge Street 22^Bridgetown^^12345^^^P||277543^PRN|||U||

NK1|1|Gefyra^Beta|FTH|||+44 201 12345678||

PV1||I|NT^0001^02^GENHOS|||0100^ANDERSON,CARL|0148^ADDISON,JAMES||SUR||||||
0148^ANDERSON,CARL|S|234637^^^GENHOS|A||||||||||||||||GENHOS||||2015050209
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AL1|1|DA|1605^acetaminophen^L|MO|Muscle Pain~hair loss
AL1|2|DA|1558^Oxycodone^L|MO|Muscle Pain~hair loss
AL1|3|MA|2221^Peanuts^L|SV|Anaphylactic Shock
```







...so, it's a Bundle of Resources!

Yes. But there are multiple types of Bundles. Is it a message, a batch, a transaction or a document...?

http://build.fhir.org/bundle.html

ame	<u>Flags</u>	Card.	Туре	Description & Constraints
Bundle	ΣΙ		Resource	Contains a collection of resources FullUrl must be unique in a bundle, or else entries with the same fullUrl must have different meta.versionId entry.request only for some types of bundles entry.response only for some types of bundles total only when a search or history entry.search only when a search
type	Σ	11	code	document message transaction transaction-response batch batch-response history searchset collection BundleType (Required)
total	ΣΙ	01	unsignedInt	If search, the total number of matches
ink link	Σ	0*	BackboneElement	Links related to this Bundle
relation	Σ	11	string	http://www.iana.org/assignments/link-relations/link-relations.xhtml
url	Σ	11	uri	Reference details for the link
entry	ΣΙ	0*	BackboneElement	Entry in the bundle - will have a resource, or information fullUrl cannot be a version specific reference must be a resource unless there's a request or response The fullUrl element must be present when a resource is present, and n present otherwise
🛜 link	Σ	0*	see link	Links related to this entry
fullUrl	Σ	01	uri	Absolute URL for resource (server address, or UUID/OID)
🏐 resource	Σ	01	Resource	A resource in the bundle
🛅 search	ΣΙ	01	BackboneElement	Search related information
mode	Σ	01	code	match include outcome - why this is in the result set SearchEntryMode (Required)
score	Σ	01	decimal	Search ranking (between 0 and 1)
📴 request	ΣΙ	01	BackboneElement	Transaction Related Information
method	Σ	11	code	GET POST PUT DELETE HTTPVerb (Required)
url	Σ	11	uri	URL for HTTP equivalent of this entry





A message, obviously!

True, but which event? Which structure? What's the logic associated with the event? Does the server know all this? Do we really want to re-implement V2 messaging with FHIR?





So what do we do?

We (the integration engine) know what the events mean and which actions we expect the server to perform. So we can *tell* the server what to do.

Let's try Transactions!

		<u></u>	_		<u></u>		
=		<u>entry</u> Σ		0*	BackboneElement	Entry in the bundle - will have a resource, or information must be a resource unless there's a transaction or transaction response The fullUrl element must be present when a resource is present, and not present otherwise	
	ි <u>link</u>		Σ	0*	see <u>link</u>	Links related to this entry	
	[<u>fullUrl</u>	Σ	01	<u>uri</u>	Absolute URL for resource (server address, or UUID/OID)	٠ا ـ ـ ـ ـ
	··· 鄮 <u>resource</u>		Σ	01	Resource	A resource in the bundle	what
	E	<u>search</u>	ΣΙ	01	BackboneElement	Search related information	
		<u>mode</u>	Σ	01	<u>code</u>	match include outcome - why this is in the result set SearchEntryMode (Required)	
	score		Σ	01	<u>decimal</u>	Search ranking (between 0 and 1)	
	6	request	ΣΙ	01	<u>BackboneElement</u>	Transaction Related Information	
		<u>method</u>	Σ	11	<u>code</u>	GET POST PUT DELETE	
		<u>url</u>	Σ	11	<u>uri</u>	HTTPVerb (Required) URL for HTTP equivalent of this entry	
		··· <u>ifNoneMatch</u>	Σ	01	string	For managing cache currency	now
		<u>ifModifiedSince</u>	Σ	01	<u>instant</u>	For managing update contention	110 11
		·· <u>ifMatch</u>	Σ	01	string	For managing update contention	
		<u>ifNoneExist</u>	Σ	01	string	For conditional creates	

MSH|^~\&|LegacyEHR||SPARK||20150502090000||ADT^A01|00000002|P|2.5

EVN|A01|20150502090000|

PID|1||345345412312345^10^^NHS^NH~456756756745^^^TCPAS^MR||Gefyra^Alpha^F^^MS^^L||19280524|F|||Patientt_^^eteate/Update?

^L||19280524|F|||Patientt_^^eteate/Update?

NK1|1|Gefyra^Beta|FTH||+44 201 12345678||

PV1||I|INT^0001^02^GENHOS|||0100^ANDERSON, CARL|0148^ADDISON, JAMES||SUR||||||

0148^ANDERSON, CARL|S|2 4 1 COUNTER | Create

GENHOS||||2015050209

0000|

ALT|||DA||605^acetaminophen^L||MO||Muscle Pain~hair loss

AL1|2|DA||68^SYULE TO RECE(S)ck > purge/create





Now, let's REST-ify that!





How do I update/create?

We need to check if the Patient already exists. If it does, we want to PUT, if it doesn't we want to POST.

Enter the "Conditional UPDATE"!

http://build.fhir.org/http.html#2.42.0.10.2

2.42.0.10.2 Conditional update

The conditional update interaction allows a client to update an existing resource based on some identification criteria, rather than by logical id. To accomplish this, the client issues a PUT as shown:

```
PUT [base]/[type]?[search parameters]
```

When the server processes this update, it performs a search using its standard search facilities for the resource type, with the goal of resolving a single logical id for this request. The action it takes depends on how many matches are found:

- No matches: The server performs a create interaction
- One Match: The server performs the update against the matching resource
- Multiple matches: The server returns a 412 Precondition Failed error indicating the client's criteria were not selective enough

This variant can be used to allow a stateless client (such as an interface engine) to submit updated results to a server, without having to remember the logical ids that the server has assigned. For example, a client updating the status of a lab result from "preliminary" to "final" might submit the finalized result using PUT path/Observation?identifier=http://my-lab-system|123





So what's the criteria?

The Conditional UPDATE will fail if it matches multiple resources, so our criteria must identify the Patient uniquely.

Sounds like "identifier", right?

http://build.fhir.org/search.html#token

2.42.1.4.10 token

A token type is a parameter that searches on a URI/value pair. It is used against a code or identifier data type where the value may have a URI that scopes its meaning. The search is performed against the pair from a Coding or an Identifier. Matches are literal (e.g. not based on subsumption or other code system features), but not case sensitive. To use subsumption based logic, use the modifiers below, or list all the codes in the heirarchy. The syntax for the value is one of the following:

- [parameter]=[code]: the value of [code] matches a Coding.code or Identifier.value irrespective of the value of the system property
- [parameter]=[system]|[code]: the value of [code] matches a Coding.code or Identifier.value, and the value of [system] matches the system property of the Identifier or Coding
- [parameter]=|[code] : the value of [code] matches a Coding.code or Identifier.value, and the Coding/Identifier has no system property
- [parameter]=[system]| : any element where the value of [system] matches the system property of the Identifier or Coding

Note: The namespace URI and code both must be escaped correctly.

PID|1||345345412312345^10^^NHS^NH~456756756745^^^TCPAS^MR||

urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.4.1 http://www.ghh.org/identifiers





How do I purge/create?

First, we need to DELETE all previously submitted AllergyIntolerances, then POST the new ones. But wait! We need to make sure, we only delete the ones we (the integration engine) created! Enter the "Conditional Delete"!

http://build.fhir.org/http.html#2.42.0.12.1





So what's the criteria?

Somehow we need to be able to recognize the AllergyIntolerances we submitted. This can be achieved by either

- adding tags to the resource metadata (simple) or
- using Provenance resources (not so simple, but more powerful)

http://build.fhir.org/resource.html#Meta http://build.fhir.org/provenance.html

2.42.0.12.1 Conditional delete

The conditional delete interaction allows a client to delete an existing resource based on some selection criteria, rather than by a specific logical id. To accomplish this, the client issues an HTTP DELETE as shown:

```
DELETE [base]/[type]/?[search parameters]
```

When the server processes this delete, it performs a search as specified using the standard search facilities for the resource type. The action it takes depends on how many matches are found:

- No matches or One Match: The server performs an ordinary delete on the matching resource
- **Multiple matches**: Servers may choose to delete all the matching resources, or it may choose to return a 412 Precondition Failed error indicating the client's criteria were not selective enough. A server indicates whether it can delete multiple resources in its Capability Statement (.rest.resource.conditionalDelete). if there are multiple matches, either all must deleted, or the server SHALL return an error

This variant can be used to allow a stateless client (such as an interface engine) to delete a resource on a server, without having to remember the logical ids that the server has assigned. For example, a client deleting a lab atomic result might delete the resource using <code>DELETE /Observation?identifier=http://my-lab-system|123</code>.

So, if we use tags, our criteria is:

GET [base]/AllergyIntolerance?patient.identifier=[?]&_tag=[?]

Name	Flags	Card.	Туре	Description & Constraints
Provenance	Σ		De nainResource	Who, What, When for a set of resources
🗗 target	Σ	1*	These are or	ur resources! usually version specific)
🏐 period	Σ	01	Pod	When the activity occurred
recorded	Σ	11	instant	When the activity was recorded / updated
🏐 reason	Σ	0*	Coding	Reason the activity is occurring PurposeOfUse (Extensible)
🏐 activity	Σ	01	Coding	Activity that occurred ProvenanceEventCurrentState (Extensible)
🗗 location	Σ	01	Reference(Location)	Where the activity occurred, if relevant
policy	Σ	0*	uri	Policy or plan the activity was defined by
🛅 agent	Σ	1*	That	's us!
🏐 role	Σ	11	C Ing	wnat the agents involvement was ProvenanceParticipantRole (Extensible)
ぱ actor	Σ	01	Reference(Practitioner RelatedPerson Patient Device Organization)	Individual, device or organization playing role
🏐 userId	Σ	01	Identifier	Authorization-system identifier for the agent

2.42.1.4.14 Reverse Chaining

The _has parameter provides limited support for reverse chaining - that is, selecting resources based on the properties of resources that refer to them (instead of chaining, above, where resources can be selected based on the properties of resources that they refer to). Here is an example of gthe _has parameter:

```
GET [base]/Patient?_has:Observation:patient:code=1234-5
```

This requests the server to return Patient resources, where the patient resource is referred to by at least one Observation where the observation has a code of 1234, and where the Observation refers to the patient resource in the patient search parameter.

Note the following limitations on the use of the _has parameter:

- There is no support for reverse chaining to more than one level
- Modifiers are not supported (e.g. GET [base]/Patient?_has:Observation:subject:code:in=http://loinc.org)
- Chaining is not supported (e.g. GET [base]/Patient?_has:Observation:subject:device.identifier=foo)

So, in our case:

GET [base]/AllergyIntolerance?patient.identifier=[?]&_has:Provenance:agent:device=[?]

We also need to create a **Device** resource!

Advantage: the **Provenance** Resource also gives us an chance to store the original message for traceability as an **Attachment**. (...yes, we need to create *that* resource, too...)





Does that *really* work?

Well, we *made* it work (at least, with tags) after changing the processing order for Transactions to DELETE > POST > PUT > GET

http://build.fhir.org/http.html#2.42.0.16.2





Now: the field mapping!

Check the "mapping" tab at the top of each resource

There's no "one-size-fits-all" – V2 structures and FHIR server requirements will vary!

- + look at the FHIR mapping language and StructureMap resource!
- + look at ConceptMap resource and the \$translate-Operation!

http://build.fhir.org/mapping-language.html

http://build.fhir.org/structuremap.html

http://build.fhir.org/conceptmap.html

http://build.fhir.org/terminology-service.html#4.6.8





How do I reference a resource that doesn't have a url (yet)?

Assign a UUID to every Bundle.entry.fullUrl
Then reference the associated resource by this uri.
The server must replace UUIDs with the actual urls when processing the Transaction

http://build.fhir.org/bundle.html#references

```
<!-- A patient that doesn't have a persistent home - but it does have
    a UUID assigned for this bundle "locally identified" -->
<entry>
  <fullUrl value="urn:uuid:04121321-4af5-424c-a0e1-ed3aab1c349d"/>
  <resource>
    <Patient>
    </Patient>
  </resource>
<entry>
<!-- reference to a locally identified resource -->
<entry>
 <fullUrl value="http://example.org/fhir/Observation/12"/>
 <resource>
   <Observation>
      <id value="12"/>
      <subject>
        <!-- reference to the second patient above -->
        <reference value="urn:uuid:04121321-4af5-424c-a0e1-ed3aab1c349d"/>
      </subject>
   </Observation>
 </resource>
<entry>
```





But what if I don't want to touch the resource I need to reference?

Conditional Update will update the matching resource, Conditional Create will create a new resource if none matches. Both can get us into trouble, if we don't have permission to create/update specific resources.

Solution: Use Conditional References instead!

http://build.fhir.org/bundle.html#references

Conditional References

When constructing the batch, the client may not know the logical id of a resource, but it may know identifying information - e.g. an identifier. This situations arises commonly when building transactions from v2 messages. The client could resolve that identifier to a logical id using a search, but that would mean that the resolution to a logical id does not occur within the same transaction as the commit (as well as significantly complicating the client). Because of this, in a transaction (and only in a trasaction), references to resources may be replaced by a search URI that describes how to find the correct reference:

```
<Bundle xmlns="http://hl7.org/fhir">
 <id value="20160113160203" />
 <type value="transaction" />
 <entry>
   <fullUrl value="urn:uuid:c72aa430-2ddc-456e-7a09-dea8264671d8" />
    <resource>
      <Observation>
       <subject>
          <reference value="Patient?identifier=12345"/>
       </subject>
       <--! rest of resource omitted -->
     </Observation>
   </resource>
   <request>
     <method value="POST" />
   </request>
 </entry>
<Bundle>
```





Limitations!

- V2 Source will overwrite all changes and additions to Resources on the Server (-> Patch)
- There is no "trigger" to invoke additional actions on the server (-> Message/Operations)
- "Merge" is tricky (-> Operations)
- Doesn't work in the absence of REST Protocol (-> Message)
- Is it PV1 actually an Encounter or rather an EpisodeOfCare?





What if the server doesn't support Transactions?

Basically, the Transaction Bundle constitutes a list of individual, atomic REST interactions. We can run them through "post processing" and split them up.

But remember: we have to handle the replacing of the UUIDs with the actual URLs ourselves!

We can even split the Conditional interactions up into a GET and PUT/POST/DELETE interaction,

But then we have to deal with the errors on our side.





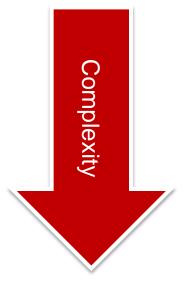
You can move complexity around, but you can't make it go away

Grahame Grieve

Client

Server





Message

Transaction

Plain REST







What next?

- Tell us about your use case and join the Hands On
- Give feedback
- Join the discussion on how to handle merge
- Join the next connectathon in San Antonio and help us to evaluate Subscription and _history interactions to transfer Resources from a FHIR server back to a V2 system

http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=201701_Resource_Subscription_Track



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