Open Source Tools in Medical Informatics: The Eclipse Open Healthcare Framework

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Eclipse OHF

- The Eclipse Foundation
  - Open source community whose projects are focused on providing an extensible development platform and application frameworks for building software (www.eclipse.org)
- The Eclipse Open Healthcare Framework (OHF)
  - Project within Eclipse formed for the purpose of expediting healthcare informatics technology
  - Extensible frameworks and tools which emphasize the use of existing and emerging standards in order to encourage interoperable open source infrastructure, thereby lowering integration barriers (www.eclipse.org/ohf)

Eclipse OHF

- Diverse Initial Contributors
  - Mayo Clinic
  - Jiva Medical
  - Inpriva
  - IBM

Eclipse OHF

- Growing a Diverse Community
  - Committers from four companies and four universities
    - Most committers are involved in healthcare specification and standardization bodies
  - User community of close to thirty vendors and universities
    - Mutual help between developers from competing companies
  - Connecting to everyone in many ways
    - Newsgroup, website, wiki, bugzilla, paper publications, joint research efforts, joint standards efforts, presentations, demonstrations, testing events, etc.

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- Diverse Project Components
  - HL7
    Health Level 7 v2.x and v3 toolkit
  - CTS
    HL7 common terminology service built upon LexGrid repositories and technologies
  - STEM
    Spatiotemporal epidemiological modeler to create models of emerging infectious disease
  - SODA
    Service oriented device architecture device integration including Device Kit and SAT

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- Diverse Project Components
  - IHE
    Implementations of Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise profiles
  - Bridge
    Implementations of IHE profiles for use with a Web services wrapper

- Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise
  An initiative by healthcare professionals and industry to improve the way computer systems in healthcare share information

OHF IHE/Bridge User Community

(by year 'joined')

2006
- CapMed
- IBM HIE
- NHIN

2007
- Possibility Forge
- PracticePartner
- Bell Canada
- MedCommons
- MedQuist
- Blueware
- Accenture
- Duke University
- Health@Net (Austria)
- Synapsis (Italy)
- MECIDS

2008
(more coming! – awaiting comfirmation)

Significant OHF IHE/Bridge Events

- IHE 2007 North American Connectathon (Jan ’07)
- US NHIN Phase 1 Demonstration for DHHS (Jan ’07)
- HIMSS 2007 Interoperability Showcase (Feb ’07)
- Healthcare Day at EclipseCon 2007 (March ’07)
- IHE 2007 EU Connectathon (April ’07)
- World of Health IT (Oct ’07)
- IHE 2008 North American Connectathon (Jan ’08)

MECIDS Project Highlight

- Middle East Consortium for Infections Disease Surveillance
  - Regional cooperation on disease surveillance
  - Build capacity to deal with disease outbreaks
  - Build relationships to manage cross-border cases

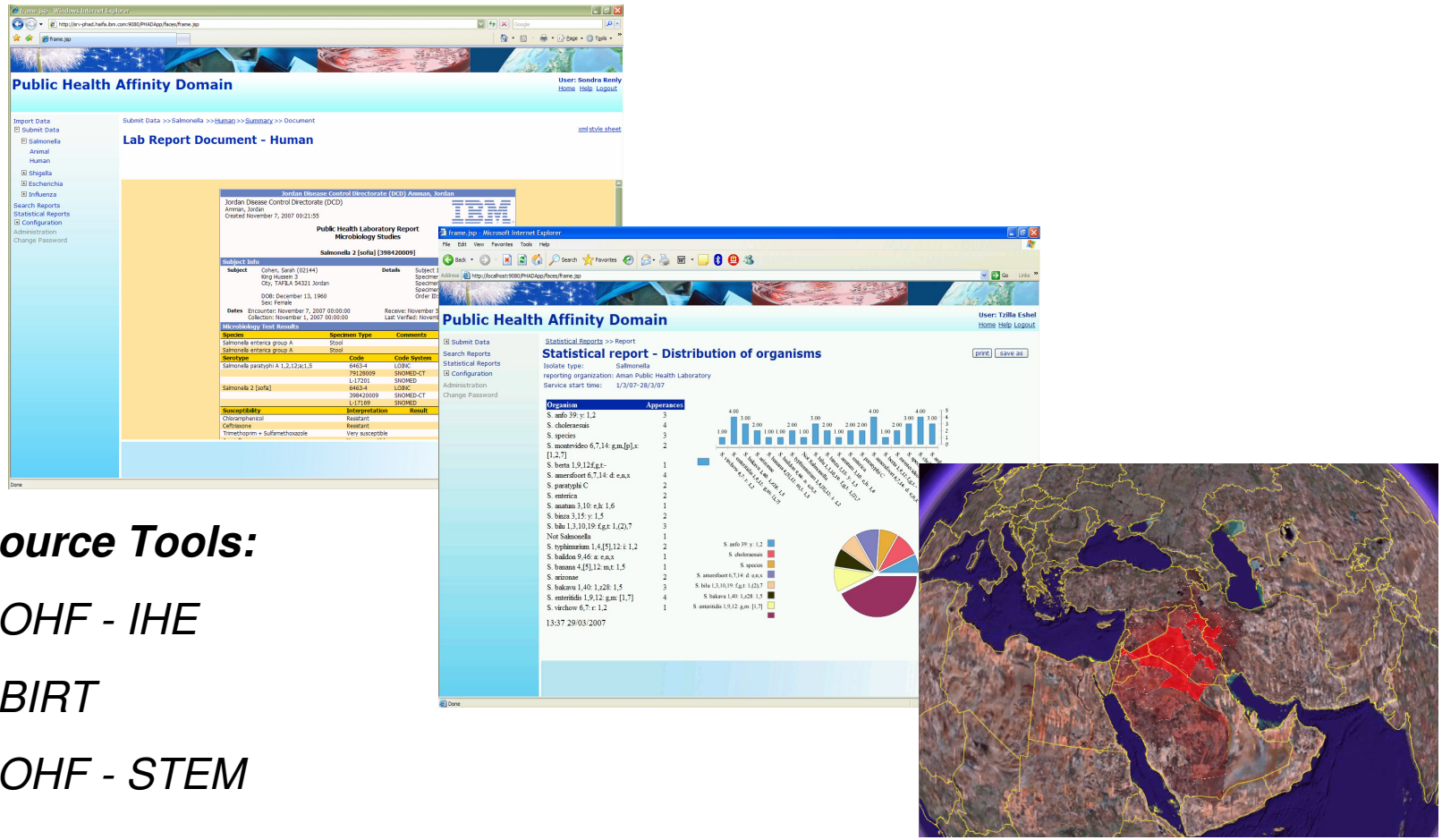
- Adopt OHF

  Leverage the same technical infrastructure and interoperability specifications being created and actively adopted worldwide within the clinical domain (IHE), for public health. The same architecture that serves clinical care can be used to support clinical research, public health and biosurveillance. We have proved this with the MECIDS project.

MECIDS
Middle East Consortium on Infectious Disease Surveillance

www.mecids.net

MECIDS Project Highlight



Open Source Tools:

Eclipse OHF - IHE

Eclipse BIRT

Eclipse OHF - STEM

Get Involved !

http://www.eclipse.org/ohf/

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