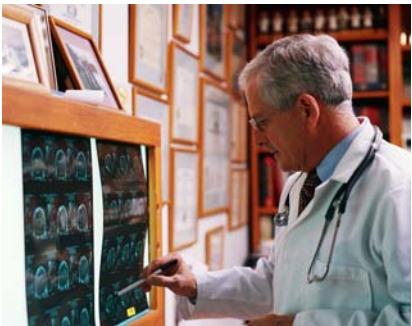




# The Management of *openEHR* Archetypes for Semantically Interoperable Electronic Health Records

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# Ziele

- ✖ Analysieren der **funktionalen Anforderungen** an ein web-basiertes System, das die **internationale Zusammenarbeit** bei der **Erstellung und Wartung von Archetypen** ermöglicht, sowie das systematische Management von Archetypen unterstützt (**Domain Knowledge Governance**).
- ✖ Präsentieren einer prototypischen Umsetzung eines solchen **Archetype Repositories** zur Unterstützung von Domain Knowledge Governance



## Problem as defined by a clinician: EVALUATION

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Concept description:	Identification:	Information structure:
A problem, condition or issue defined by the clinician which is deemed summative of a range of symptoms or concerns of the person and a useful label of these.	<p><i>Id:</i> openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.problem.v1 <i>Reference model:</i> EHR</p>	<p><b>Intuitives Modell klinischer Konzepte</b></p>

### Data: TREE

Concept	Description	Type	Cardinality	Values
<b>T</b> Problem	The index problem, condition or issue described	<i>Text</i>	mandatory 1..1	<i>Free or coded text</i>
<b>D</b> Date of initial onset	The date that the problem began from the perspective of the clinician	<i>Date_Time</i>	optional 0..1	Partial date yyyy-??-XX
<b>Q</b> Age at initial onset	The age of the at the onset of the problem	<i>Quantity</i>	optional 0..1	<i>Property = TIME</i> <i>Units:</i> yr, (0..200) wk, (0..52) mth, (0..36) day, (0..56)
<b>S</b> Severity	The severity of the index problem	<i>Ordinal</i>	optional 0..1	1, Mild 4, Moderate 7, Severe
<b>T</b> Clinical description	Description of the clinical aspects of the problem	<i>Text</i>	optional 0..1	<i>Free or coded text</i>
<b>D</b> Date clinically recognised	Date the problem was recognised by clinicians	<i>Date_Time</i>	optional 0..1	Partial date yyyy-??-XX

**L** Location, Location of the problem in terms of body site. *Cluster* (0..\*) optional, repeating

Concept	Description	Type	Cardinality	Values
<b>T</b> Body site	The body site affected	<i>Coded_text</i>	optional 0..1	<i>Terminology</i> Any term that describes a body site





```
archetype
    openEHR-EHR-OBSERVATION.blood_pressure.v1

concept
    [at0000]      -- blood pressure measurement
description
    author = <"Sam Heard <sam.heard@oceaninformatics.biz>">
    submission = <
        organisation = <"openEHR Foundation">
        date = <2004-05-18>
    >
    version = <"version">
status = <"draft">
revision = <"1.0">
description("en") = <
    purpose = <"Describe systemic blood pressure measurement result and protocol">
    use = <"">
    misuse = <"">
>
adl_version = <"1.2">
rights = <"">

definition
    OBSERVATION[at0000] matches {      -- blood pressure measurement
        data matches {
            HISTORY[at0001] matches {      -- history
                events cardinality matches {1..* ; ordered} matches {
                    EVENT[at0002] matches {      -- baseline reading

```

**Formales Modell  
klinischer Konzepte**



Archetype file name:

openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.problem-diagnosis.v1



Header Entry model Terminology Display Interface Description |

 Protocol Person State with EventSeries

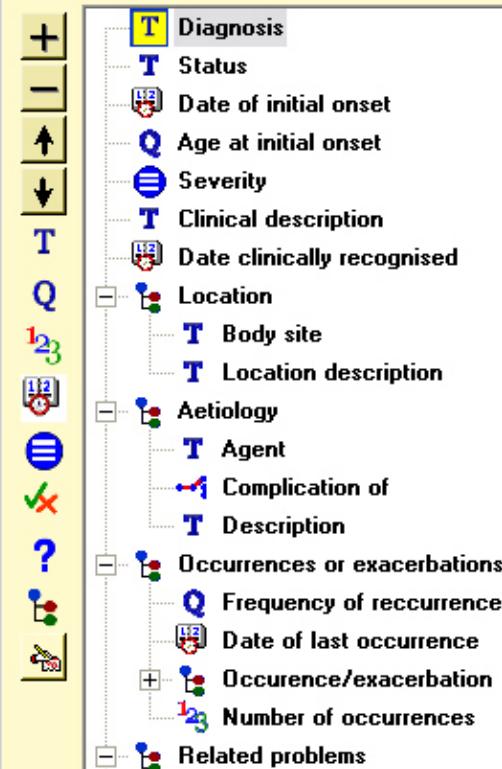
Data | Protocol |

 Event EventSeries Person State

Tree

 Ordered

at0002.1



## Flexibles Modell klinischer Konzepte

Occurrences

Min: Max:  Unbounded

Description: The index diagnosis

Runtime name constraint:

 Free text or coded Internal codes Terminology

Constraint:

Any term that 'is\_a' diagnosis

Description:

Any term that is a diagnosis in an accepted terminology



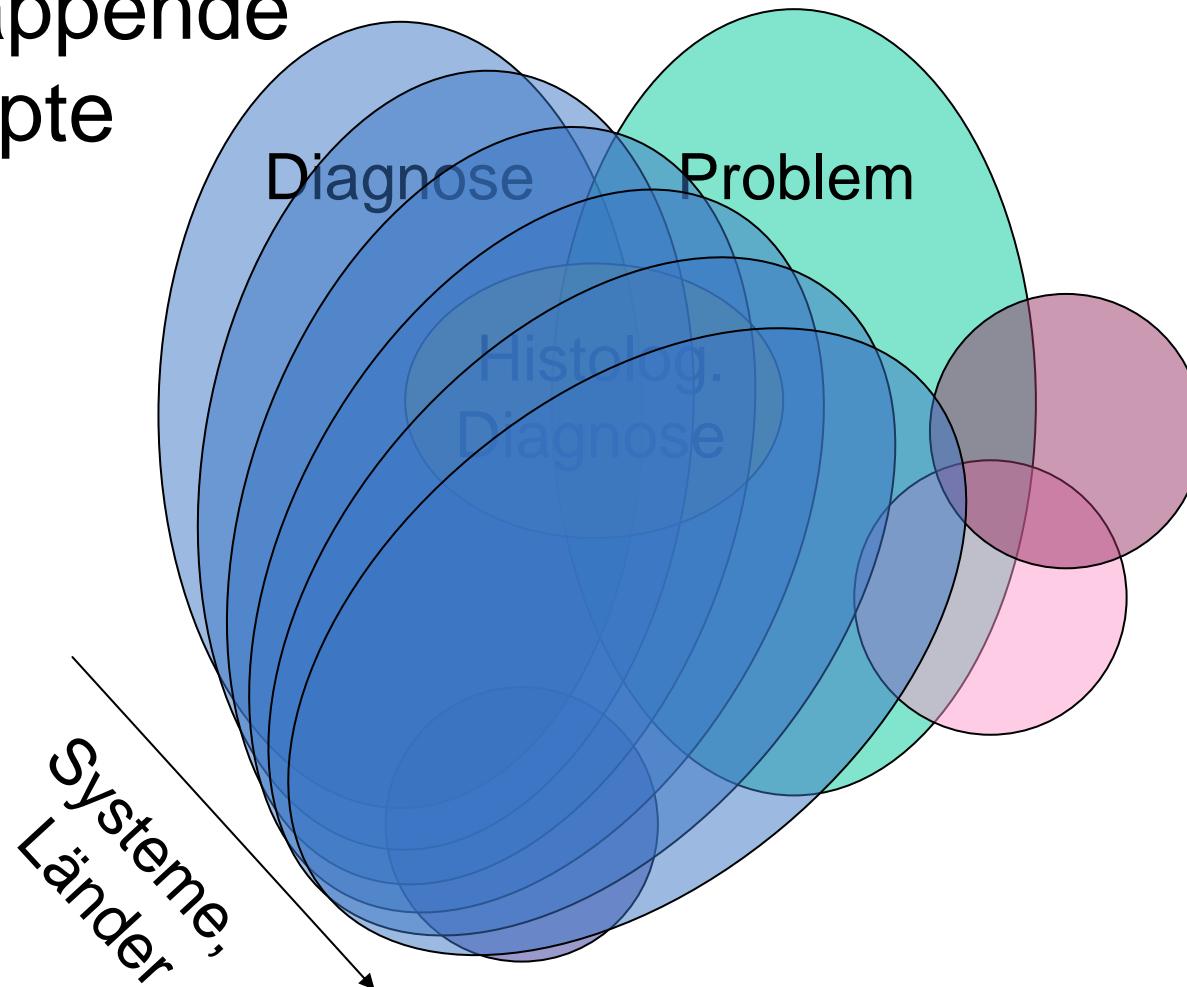
# Warum brauchen wir ein "Archetype Repository"

**Undisciplined creation and application of archetypes threatens the goal of semantic interoperability.**



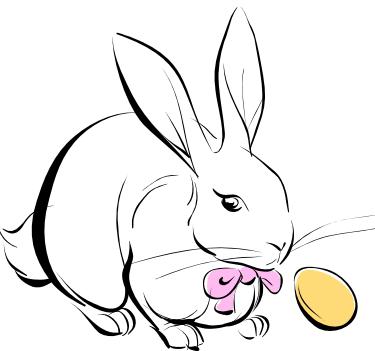
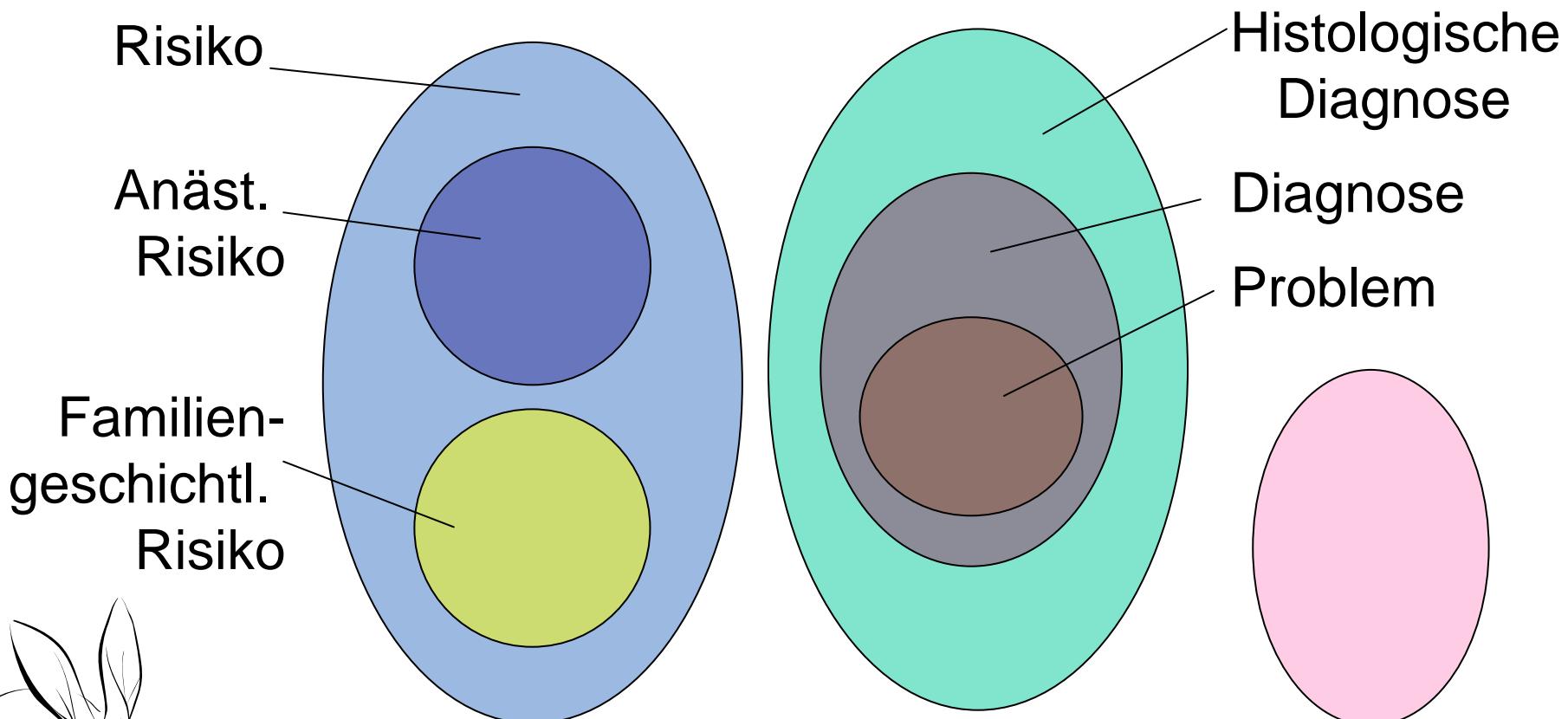
# Undiszipliniertes Design von Archetypen

## ✖ Überlappendende Konzepte





# "Gutes" Archetypen Design



Easter-Egg-Approach



# Domain Knowledge Governance

...umfaßt alle Aufgaben, die sich mit der Etablierung, und Beeinflussung formaler sowie informeller organisationsbezogener Mechanismen und Strukturen befassen, ...  
...um das Erstellen, Verbreiten, Warten von Wissen innerhalb und zwischen Domänen systematisch zu beeinflussen.

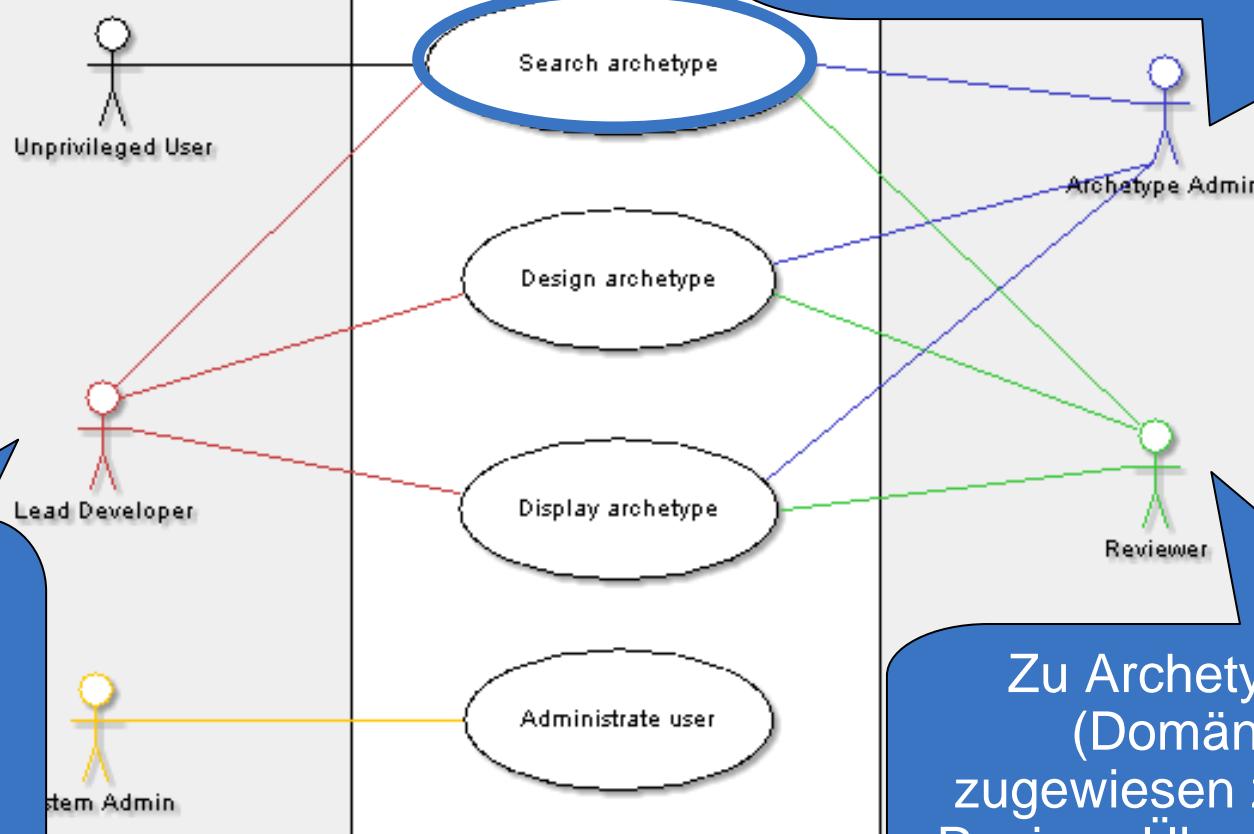
\*Übersetzt aus: Garde S, Heard S, Hovenga E. Archetypes in Electronic Health Records: Making the case and showing the path for domain knowledge governance. Health Informatics Conference Australia, Melbourne August 2005



Anschauen, Herunterladen,  
unverbindliches  
Kommentieren von  
Archetypen (auch in der  
Entwicklung)

# Archetype G mit

- Identifiziert zu erstellende Archetypen(- Domänen) für Entwicklung und Review
- Weist Archetypen Hauptentwickler und Reviewer zu

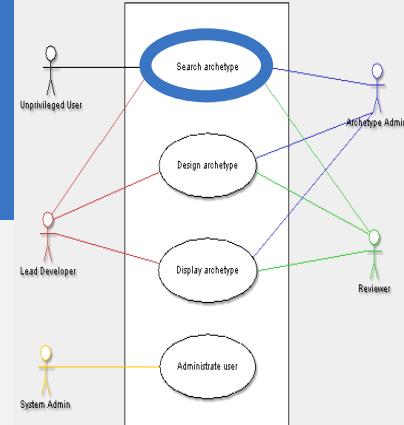


Koordiniert  
die  
Entwicklung  
und Review  
von  
Archetypen  
(-Domänen)

Zu Archetypen-  
(Domäne)  
zugewiesen zwecks  
Review, Übersetzung

Vgl. Wikis und Wikipedia vs. Archetype Repository und Archetypen





# Anwendungsfall Suche Archetypen: Archetypefinder

Mehrsprachig;  
Ontologie-basiert

Find Archetypes

Search for archetypes

Archetypes
Archetype-Suche
Arketipleri bul
جستجوی الگوهای پاافتون

Arketip
Tanımlı
مأخذ
بیمار
کشور
شرح بالینی
شرح الگو
الگو

Arctyp
Konzept
Concept

Suchzweige v.
oder
und

Suche
Zurück

Change Language
Erstellt in Kooperativer Weise

Connected
or
and

Search
Reset

Change Language
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جستجو
باز نشاندن
نگران کردن

**Arketipleri ara**

**Arketip Tanımlı**

**Sağlık Alanı:**

- Sağlık b.
- Hemşire
- Yardımcı
  - Uğra
  - Fizyc
- Hasta
  - Hast
  - Direl

Arama kriterlerini şun kullanarak bağla:

veya

ve

**Ara** **Sıfırla**

**Change Language /**

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**هدف:**

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- مراقبت پزشکی
- موارد استئنا
- معاینات پزشکی
- بیرونی
- پزشکی در خانه
- پرسنل
- آمایشگاهی
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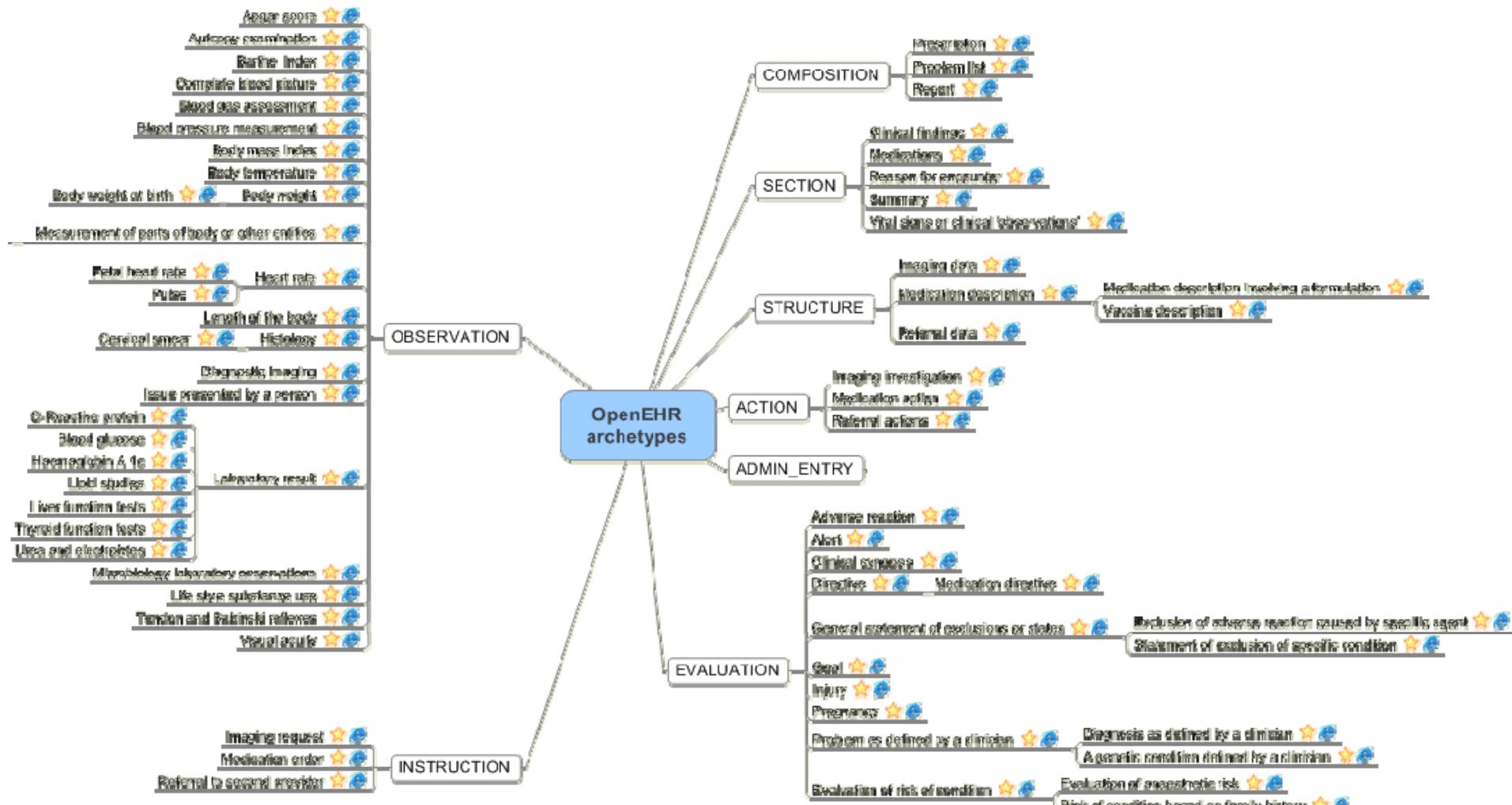
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# Anwendungsfall Suche Archetypen: Mindmap



<http://oceaninformatics.biz/archetypes/MindMap/ArchetypeMap.html>



# Diagramm: Archtypen

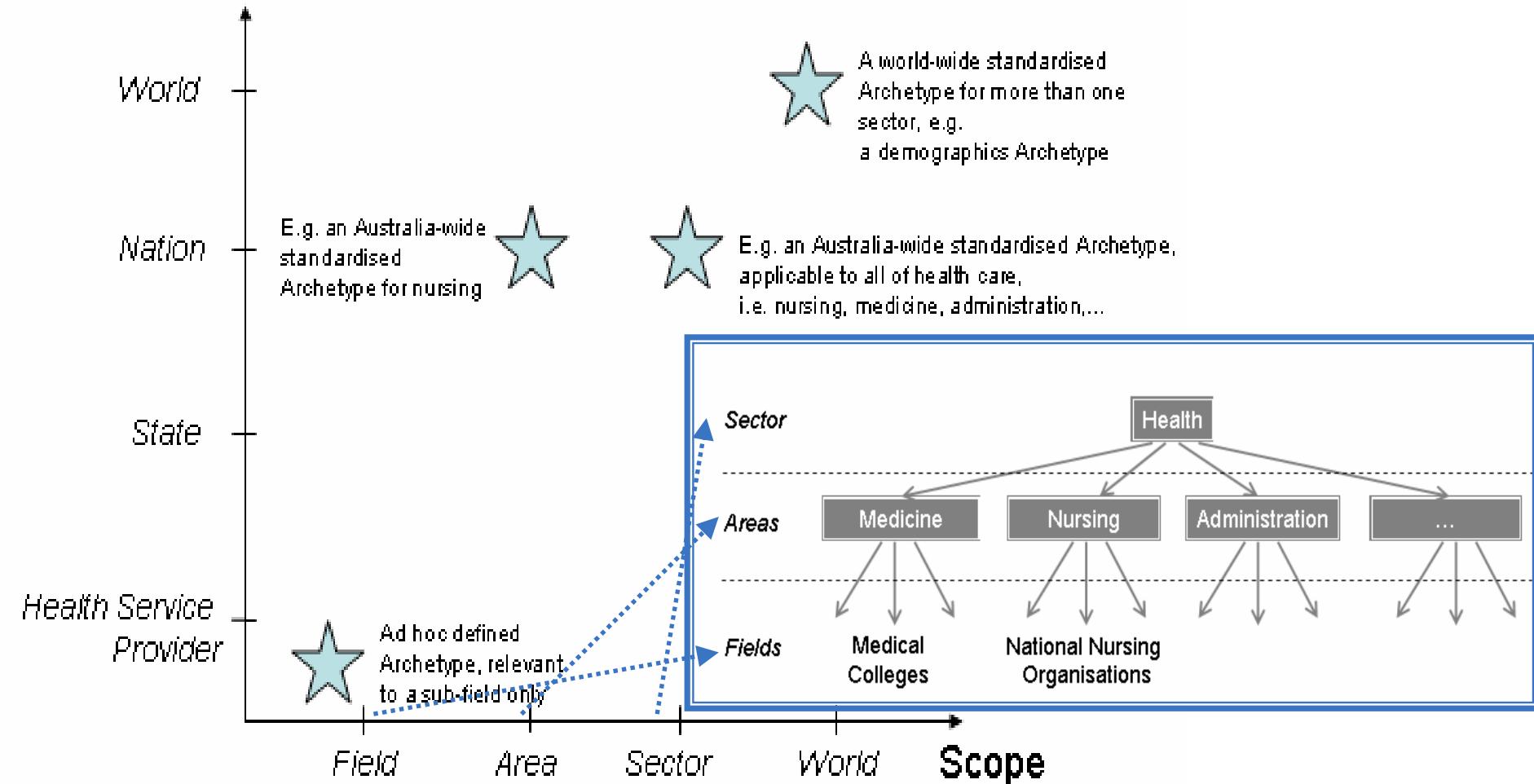
The diagram illustrates the Ocean Informatics architecture and workflow for archetype management, featuring several components:

- Archetype Editor [Medication order]:** A screenshot of the Ocean Archetype Editor showing the "Search archetype", "Design archetype", "Display archetype", and "Edit archetype" paths.
- Activity Diagram:** A UML activity diagram showing the flow from "Search archetype" to "Edit archetype" and "Translate archetype". It also shows parallel paths for "Design archetype" and "Display archetype".
- Archetype Admin Diagram:** A separate diagram showing the "Archetype Admin" role interacting with the "Archetype" object.
- Ocean Informatics ADL 1.4 Workbench:** A screenshot of the workbench showing the "composition" tree and the detailed structure of the "apgar(v1)" archetype. The structure includes sections like "action", "observation", and "instruction", with specific fields such as "apgar score", "history", "events", "structure", and "items".
- User Roles and Permissions:** A legend defining the roles and their permissions:
  - Unprivileged User: Can search archetypes.
  - Lead Developer: Can design, display, and edit archetypes.
  - System Admin: Can administer users.
  - Reviewer: Can publish and review archetypes.



# Erstellen der Archetypen: Region und Bereich

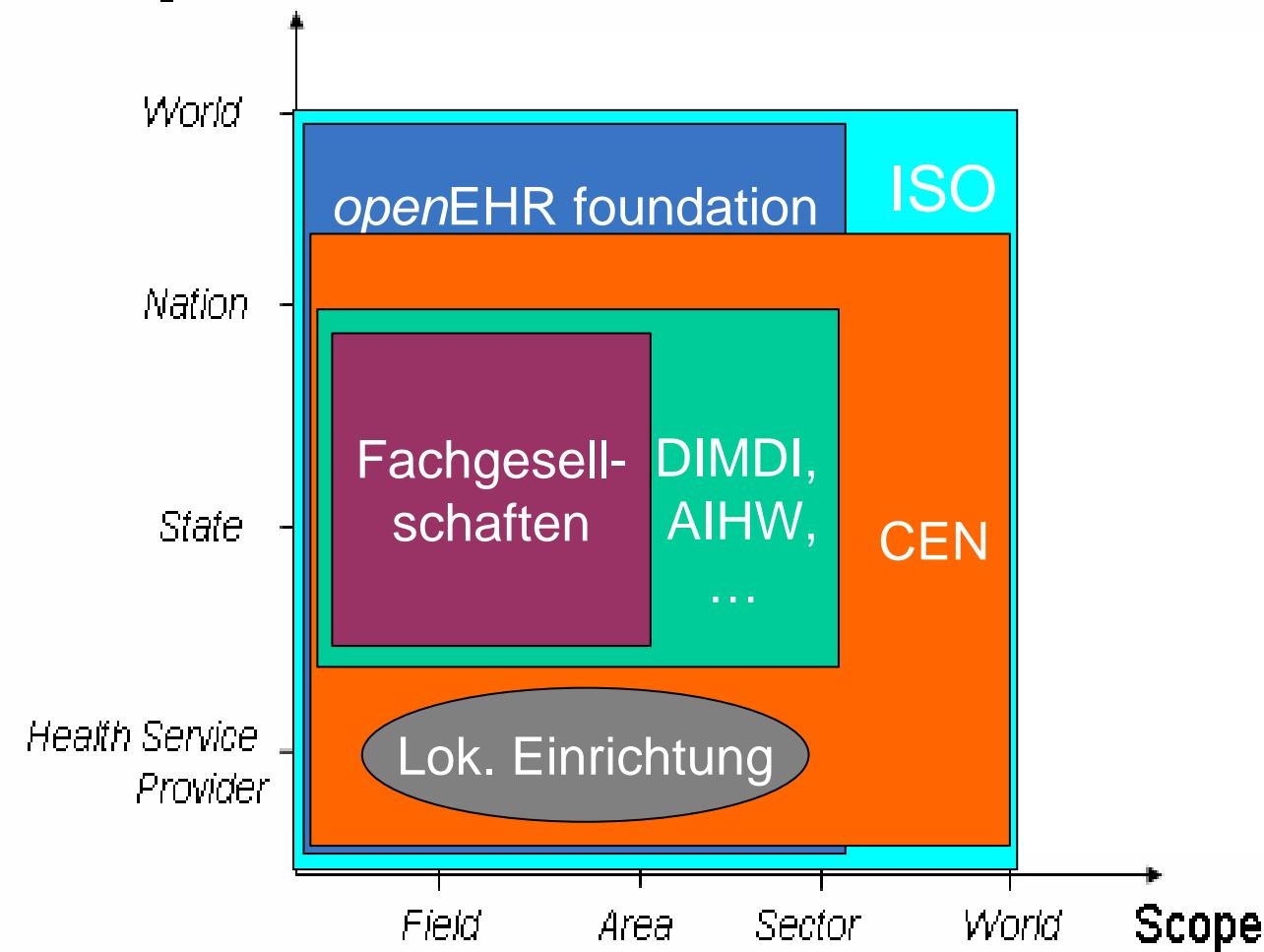
## Region of Standardisation





# Erstellen von Archetypes: Prozesse?

## Region of Standardisation



Die Vision ist  
*international...*  
...finanzielle  
Unterstützung aus  
*nationalen Töpfen?*



# Snomed und Archetypen: Wie paßt das zusammen?

**Schritt 1**

The screenshot shows the Ocean Archetype Editor interface with the title bar "Ocean Archetype Editor [Diagnosis as defined by a clinician]". The "Header" tab is selected. The "File" menu includes "Edit", "Publish", "Language", "Terminology", and "Help". The "Archetype file name:" field contains "openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.problem-diagnosis.v1". A blue circle highlights the "Occurrences" section on the right, which shows "Min: 0" and "Max: 1". The "Description" field contains "The body site affected". Below it, under "Paradigm name constraint:", there are three radio button options: "Free text or coded" (selected), "Internal codes", and "Terminology". The "Constraint" field contains "Any term that describes a body site". The "Description" field below contains "An anatomical structure with qualifiers". On the left, a tree view shows the structure of the archetype, with "Body site" highlighted. Other visible nodes include "Diagnosis", "Status", "Date of initial onset", "Age at initial onset", "Severity", "Clinical description", "Date clinically recognised", "Location", "Aetiology", "Agent", "Complication of", "Description", "Occurrences or exacerbations", "Related problems", "Related problem", "Related problem", and "Clinical description".



# Snomed und Archetypen

The screenshot shows the CLUE - SNOMED CT (Core 0601core[Prerelea]) application window. The search bar at the top contains 'entire index finger'. The left pane displays a list of search results under the heading 'finger', including various terms like 'finger structure', 'finger joint synovium', and 'fingernail'. The center pane shows the 'Hierarchy' tree, which starts with 'SNOMED CT Concept' and branches into categories such as 'body structure', 'anatomical concepts', and 'physical anatomical entity'. The right pane, titled 'Detail', provides specific information about the selected concept, including its 'ConceptStatus' (Current), 'Primitive' status (Is a 'entire finger'), 'Partonomy' (part of 'entire hand'), 'Has parts' (index finger structure), 'Qualifiers' (Laterality, side), and 'Legacy codes' (SNOMED: T-D8825, CTV3ID: 7NB0J).

## Schritt 2

Zu komplex!



# Snomed und Archetypen

A Ocean Archetype Editor [Diagnosis as defined by a clinician]

File Edit Publish Language Terminology Help

Archetype file name:  
openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.problem-diagnosis.v1

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Header | Entry model | Terminology | Display | Interface | Description |  
Terms | Term Bindings | **Constraints** | Languages & Terminologies |

Constraint definitions

Code	Text	Description
ac0.1	Any term that 'is_a' diagnosis	Any term that is a diagnosis in an accepted terminology
► ac0000	Any term that describes a body site	An anatomical structure with qualifiers
*		

Constraint statements

Terminology	Query or Group
► SNOMED-CT	<a href="http://openEHR.org/body_site">http://openEHR.org/body_site</a>

Add constraint binding

Alternativ-Schritt 2

ember 2006



# Snomed und Archetypes

Constraint statements	
Terminology	Query or Group
SNOMED-CT	<a href="http://openEHR.org/body_site">http://openEHR.org/body_site</a>

## Alternativ-Schritt 3: Neue vordefinierte Anfrage

- [AllBacteria](#)
- [SelectLeafNodes](#)
- [InfectiousAgent](#)
- [New Query](#)

AllBacteria  
>  
**Bacterium**  
>  
**Aerobic bacteria**  
>  
**Bacillus (organism)**  
Aneurinibacillus  
(organism)

### Aneurinibacillus (organism)

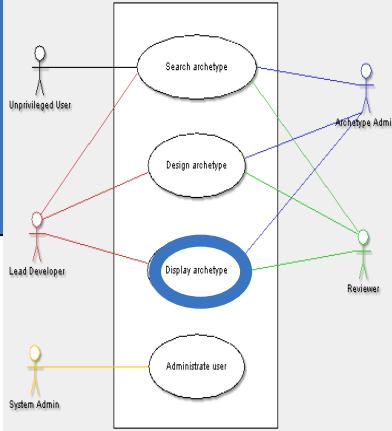
- Aneurinibacillus aneurinilyticus
- Aneurinibacillus aneurinilyticus (organism)
- Aneurinibacillus migulanus
- Aneurinibacillus migulanus (organism)
- Aneurinibacillus species
- Aneurinibacillus species (organism)
- Aneurinibacillus thermoaerophilus
- Aneurinibacillus thermoaerophilus (organism)
- Bacillus aneurinolyticus
- Bacillus migulans
- Bacillus thermoaerophilus

H

Terms Total: 11

z.B. Body site:

Definiert exakt die Navigation für die SNOMED-Subsets,  
die benutzt werden können, um eine Körperstelle zu beschreiben



# Anwendungsfall: Archetypen anzeigen

Prinzipiell erfüllt durch Archetype Editor Workbench and Finder.

**Ocean Archetype Editor [Diagnosis as defined by a clinician]**

File Edit Publish Language Terminology Help

Archetype file name:  
openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.problem-diagnosis.v1

Header Entry model Terminology Display Interface Description |

Protocol Person State with EventSeries

Data Protocol | Event EventSeries Person State

Tree

Ordered

- + T Diagnosis
- + T Status
- + Date of initial onset
- + Q Age at initial onset
- + E Severity
- + T Clinical description
- + Date clinically recognised
- + Location
  - + Body site
  - + Location description
  - + Aetiology
  - + Agent
  - + Complication of
  - + T Description
  - + Occurrences or exacerbations
  - + Related problems
    - + Related problem
    - + Related problem
    - + Clinical description
  - + Date of resolution

Occurrences  
Min: 0 Max: 1  
Description: The body site a  
Runtime name constraint:  
Free text or coded Internal codes

Constraint  
Any term that describes a body:

Description  
An anatomical structure with qu

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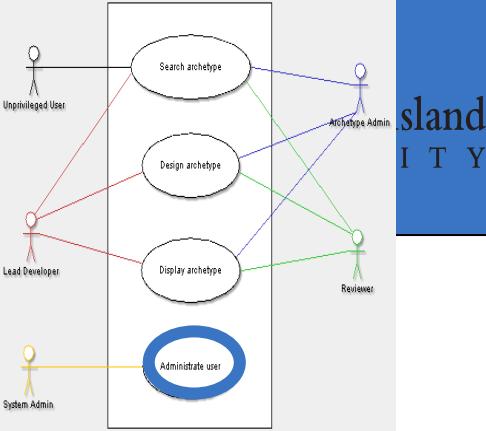
**Generic problem as defined by a clinician.**

Archetype ID	openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.problem-generic.v1
Description	A generic problem, condition or issue defined by the clinician which is deemed summative of a range of symptoms or concerns of the person and a useful label of these.
EHR Class	Evaluation
Links	
Parent Archetype	openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.problem.v1
HTML	openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.problem-generic.v1.html
ADL	openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.problem-generic.v1.adl

**Problem as defined by a clinician: EVALUATION**

Data: TREE

Concept	Description	Type	Cardinality	Values
T Problem	The index problem, condition or issue described	Text	mandatory 1..1	Free or coded text
Date of initial onset	The date that the problem began from the perspective of the clinician	Date_Time	optional 0..1	Partial date 9999-??-XX
Q Age at initial onset	The age of the at the onset of the problem	Quantity	optional 0..1	Property = TIME Units: yr, (0..200) wk, (0..52) mth, (0..36) day, (0..56)
E Severity	The severity of the index problem	Ordinal	optional 0..1	1, Mild 4, Moderate 7, Severe
T Clinical description	Description of the clinical aspects of the problem	Text	optional 0..1	Free or coded text
Related problem	Date the problem was recognised by	Date	optional	Partial date



# Anwendungsfall: Benutzer verwalten

Dieser Anwendungsfall wird erst relevant bei einem weitgehend integriertem Archetype Repository...



# Diskussion: Für ein Archetype Repository...

- ✖ ...existieren bereits viele Komponenten
  - Einige benötigen Erweiterung/Verfeinerung (\$\$\$)
- ✖ ...ist mehr Integration nötig
  - Web Services
- ✖ ... müssen klare Prozesse definiert und eingehalten werden
  - Eine gemeinsame Web-Plattform wird benötigt
- ✖ ...benötigen wir eine internationale Vision für umfassende semantische Interoperabilität
  - Basierend auf nationalen Business-Cases?!



# Schlußfolgerung

- ✖ Domain Knowledge Governance ist essentiell, um semantische Interoperabilität zu erreichen
  - NEHTA\*: ‘Undisciplined creation and application of archetypes threatens the goal of semantic interoperability’
- ✖ Eine umfassendes (internationales) Archetype Repository ermöglicht Domain Knowledge Governance
  - Mit klaren Prozessen und Zuständigkeiten
- ✖ Hoch-qualitative Archetypen sind der Schlüssel zu semantischer Interoperabilität klinischer Systeme

# Fragen?

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## ✖ Patient-centred

- EHR relates to one subject of care, not to an episode of care at an institution

## ✖ Longitudinal

- EHR is a long-term record of care, possibly birth to death

## ✖ Comprehensive

- Includes a record of care events from all types of carers and provider institutions tending to a patient

## ✖ Prospective

- Not only record of previous events
- Also: decisional and prospective information (orders, goals, plans, ...)

➡ Archetypes are the building blocks for EHRs

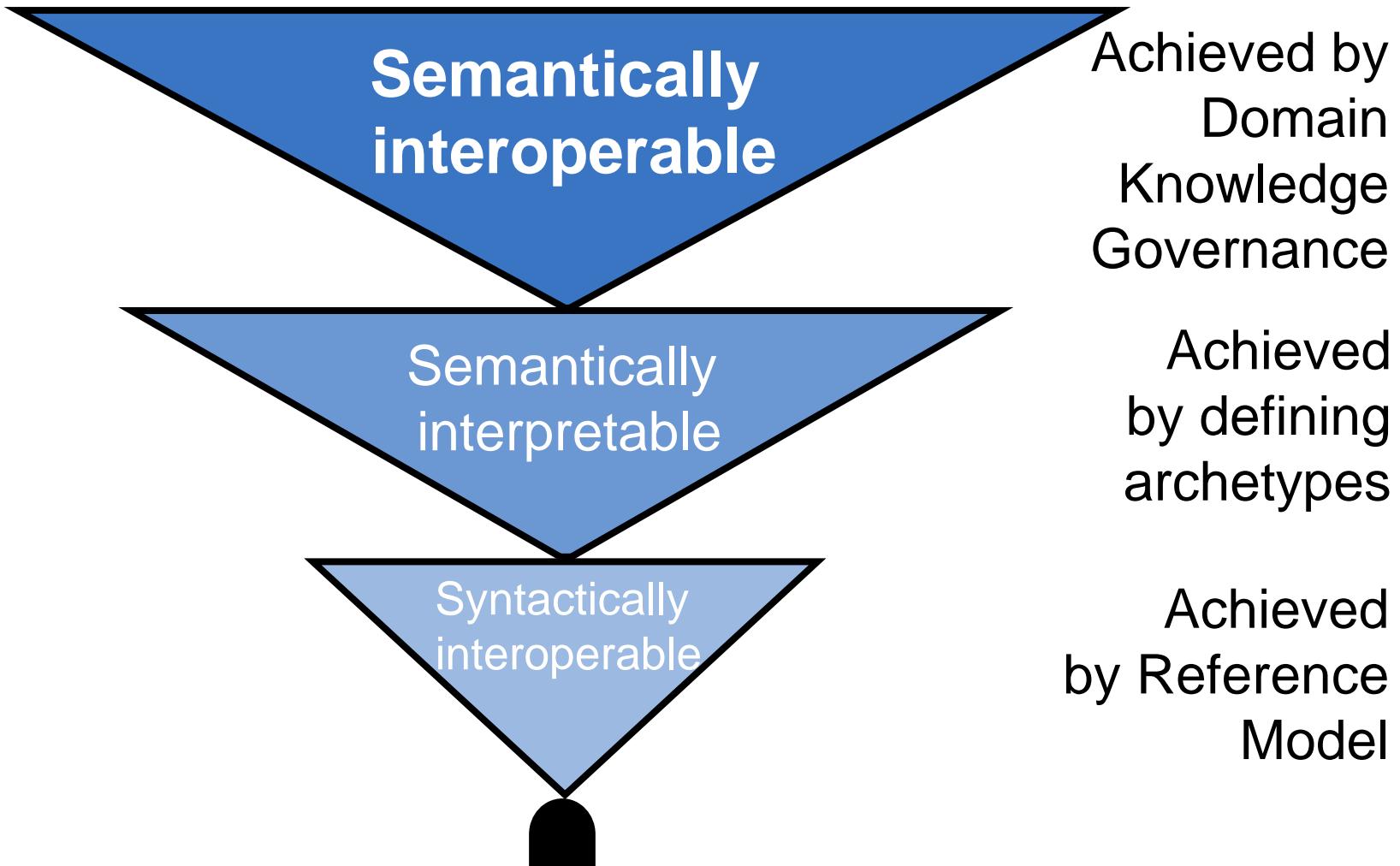


# Archetype Repository: Actors

- ✖ **Lead Developer:** Responsible for coordination of the development/maintenance of a set of archetypes
- ✖ **Reviewers:** Assigned to sets of archetypes to review, translate, etc. archetypes
- ✖ **Unprivileged User:** View or otherwise access published archetypes (drafts) & submit comments
- ✖ **Archetype Admin:** Identify archetypes that are due for review or for other reasons need to be reviewed and assign appropriate Lead Developers and Reviewers to archetypes.
- ✖ **System Admin:** User administration etc.



# A closer look: Syntax and Semantics





# Domain Knowledge Governance

## ✖ Some archetypes need to be standardised

- Region
- Scope
- Concept overlaps between domains (redundancy)

## ✖ Archetypes need to be:

- Easily accessible and discoverable
- Evidence-based where applicable
- Maintained and systematically updated

## ✖ Domain experts need basic understanding

...comprises all tasks related to establishing or influencing formal and informal organizational mechanisms and structures in order to systematically influence the building, dissemination, and maintaining of knowledge within and between domains.\*

## ► Domain Knowledge Governance

\* Garde S, Heard S, Hovenga E. Archetypes in Electronic Health Records: Making the case and showing the path for domain knowledge governance. HIC 2005





# Why Domain Knowledge Governance?

Because it is the



to

**semantic interoperability**



# Governance Framework\*

- ✖ Clear process for authoring, updating, managing, disseminating & version control
- ✖ Maintain documentation of archetypes at 3 levels:
  1. Meta-data for safe use, local editing and identification of archetypes
  2. Meta-data in archetype repository to assist clinicians to locate correct archetype for purpose
  3. Meta-data explaining design issues & referencing best practice to be published on the Internet



## ✖ OWL – Ontology Web Language

- facilitates greater machine interpretability of Web content than that supported by XML or RDF

## ✖ Protégé

- Ontology Editor and Knowledge Acquisition System



## ➡ Archetype OWL-Ontology

- Characteristics of Archetypes to facilitate domain knowledge governance



ArchetypeFinderOntology Protégé 3.1 beta (file:D:\openEHR\ArchetypeFinderOntology.pprj, OWL Files (.owl or .rdf))

File Edit Project OWL Code Window Tools Help

OWLClasses Properties Forms Individuals Metadata

**CLASS BROWSER**  
For Project: ArchetypeFinderOntology

Class Hierarchy

- owl:Thing (11)
  - Archetype
    - ClassifiedArchetypes
    - DefinedArchetype (55)
    - NonClassifiedArchetypes
- Category
- EHRClass
  - A\_Entry
    - Evaluation (1)
    - Instruction (1)
    - Observation (1)
  - B\_Section (1)
  - C\_Composition (1)
- HealthArea
  - A\_Medicine (1)
  - B\_NursingMidwifery (1)
  - C\_AlliedHealth (1)
- PatientCohort
  - AgeGroup
    - AdultAgeGroup
    - PediatricAgeGroup (1)
  - Gender (2)
- Purpose
  - ChronicDiseaseManagementPurpose (1)
  - FindingPurpose (1)
  - LaboratoryInvestigationPurpose (1)
    - SpecialisedLaboratory (3)
    - MedicationManagementPurpose (1)
- Source
  - CIP\_Model (1)
  - HL7\_V3\_Model (1)
  - HL7\_v2\_Model (1)

**INSTANCE BROWSER**

For Class: DefinedArchetype

Asserted Inferred

## :NAME

- openEHR-EHR-COMPOSITION.prescription.v1
- openEHR-EHR-COMPOSITION.Report-autopsy.v1
- openEHR-EHR-COMPOSITION.Report.v1
- openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.adverse.v1
- openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.alert.v1
- openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.clinicalSynopsis.v1
- openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.directive-medication
- openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.directive.v1
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- openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.excluded-condition.v1
- openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.excluded.v1
- openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.goal.v1
- openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.injury.v1
- openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.problem-diagnosis-I
- openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.problem-diagnosis-V
- openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.problem-genetic.v1
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## Types

- DefinedArchetype

**INDIVIDUAL EDITOR**

For Individual: openEHR-EHR-OBSERVATION.blood\_gases.v1 (instance of DefinedArchetype)

Name SameAs DifferentFrom

openEHR-EHR-OBSERVATION.blood\_gases.v1

rdfs:comment

## ArchetypeConcept

Language	Value
en	Blood gas assessment
de	Blutgasbestimmung

## hasEHRClass

- ObservationEHRClass

## hasPurpose

- BiochemicalInvestigation

## ArchetypeDescription

Language	Value
de	Die Bestimmung von Blutgaskon...
en	The assessment of blood gas c...

## archetypeID

enEHR-EHR-OBSERVATION.blood\_gases.v1

## parentArchetypeID

 isClassified isObsolete

## isRelevantForGender

+ - F T

## Annotations

Property Value Lang

## refersToAgeGroup

## refersToHealthArea



# Archetype Repository

✖ OWL – Ontology Web Language

✖ Protégé

➡ Archetype OWL-Ontology

✖ Java-Servlet

✖ Tomcat – Servlet Container

➡ Archetype-Repository/Archetype-Finder



Find Archetypes

## Search for archetypes

Archetype    Archetype Description    **Clinical Description**    Country    Patient    Source

**Health Area:**

- Medical care
- Nursing
- Allied Health
- Consumer health

**Purpose:**

- Chronic disease management
- Statements of exclusion
- Physical examination finding
- Investigation
  - Imaging investigation
  - Laboratory investigation
    - Biochemical investigation
    - Histological investigation
    - Haematological investigation
  - Medication management

Connect search items using:

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# The Health Problem Space

- ✖ Mobile population
- ✖ More providers
- ✖ More complex treatments
- ✖ Increasing health costs
- ✖ Lifelong records (100 yrs!)
- ✖ Preventable harm to patients
- ✖ Increasing knowledge
- ✖ Maximum privacy





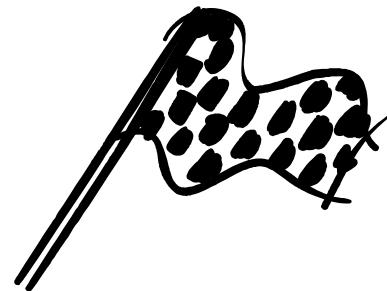
# The Problem

- ✖ Items of clinical patient information are all over the place, in different formats
- ✖ No single *patient-centred* view is available
- ✖ Consequences of fragmented information:
  - Repeated tests & questions (\$\$\$)
  - Workflow & resource management difficult
  - Clinical errors due to lack of ability to see *relevant* information in a *timely* fashion
  - Decision support limited to local episodes
- ➡ Cost of care is higher, quality lower than it should be



# Or in other words...

- ✖ If the patient is a racing car driver, she makes pit-stops at each health care facility
- ✖ Each pit-stop has a video camera, recording what is done to her
  - ➡ local pit-stop records, all different, all disconnected
  - ➡ no one has a picture of the whole race (= patient's life!)



(Analogy by Thomas Beale,  
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## ... or in other words

- ✖ Our patient now has a video camera in her racing car, taking pictures no matter where the car goes, *and* broadcasting them to pit-stop crews
  - ➡ The stream from this camera is the longitudinal, patient-centred EHR...
- ✖ The pit-stops may still have their own cameras
  - ➡ Electronic Patient Records (EPRs) – local detail
- ✖ Patient can have a navigator/co-driver
  - ➡ Local GP (care team)
  - ➡ Continuity of care

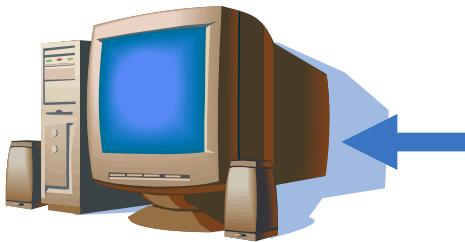


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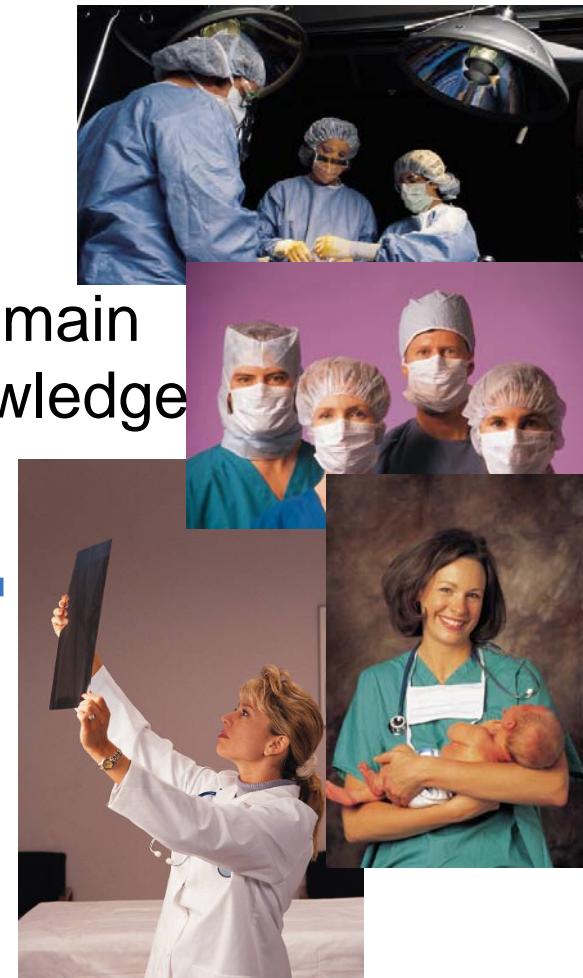
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# However...

- ✖ Both the total number of concepts and the rate of change is high
  - SNOMED medical termset codes some 366,170 atomic concepts and 1.46 million relationships
- ✖ Not only is health care big, it is open-ended\*:
  - *In breadth*, because new information is always being discovered or becoming relevant
  - *In depth*, because finer-grained detail is always being discovered or becoming relevant
  - *In complexity*, because new relationships are always being discovered or becoming relevant



- ✖ A new way of **structuring**, **storing** and **managing** patient data so that it can be **shared** and **exchanged** between different healthcare providers and other stakeholders in a **safe** and **secure** manner
- ✖ The *openEHR* foundation develops free tools and specifications for Electronic Health Records

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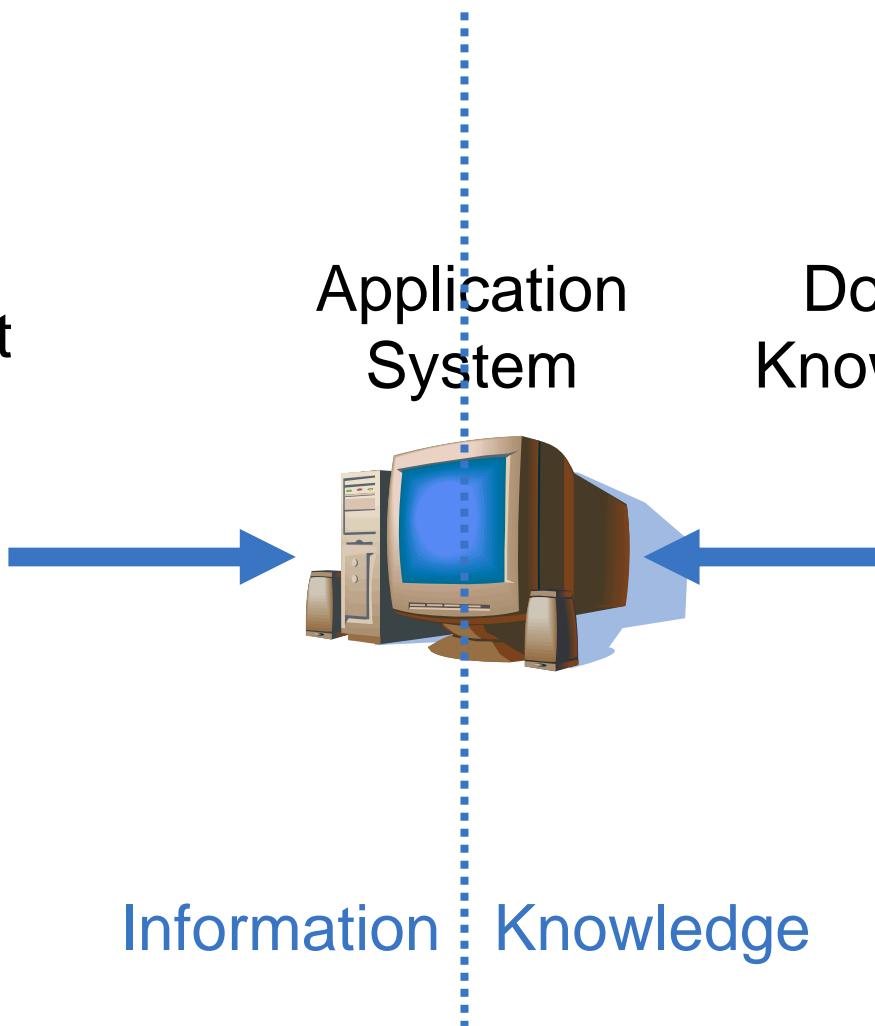


# Two Level *openEHR*-Approach

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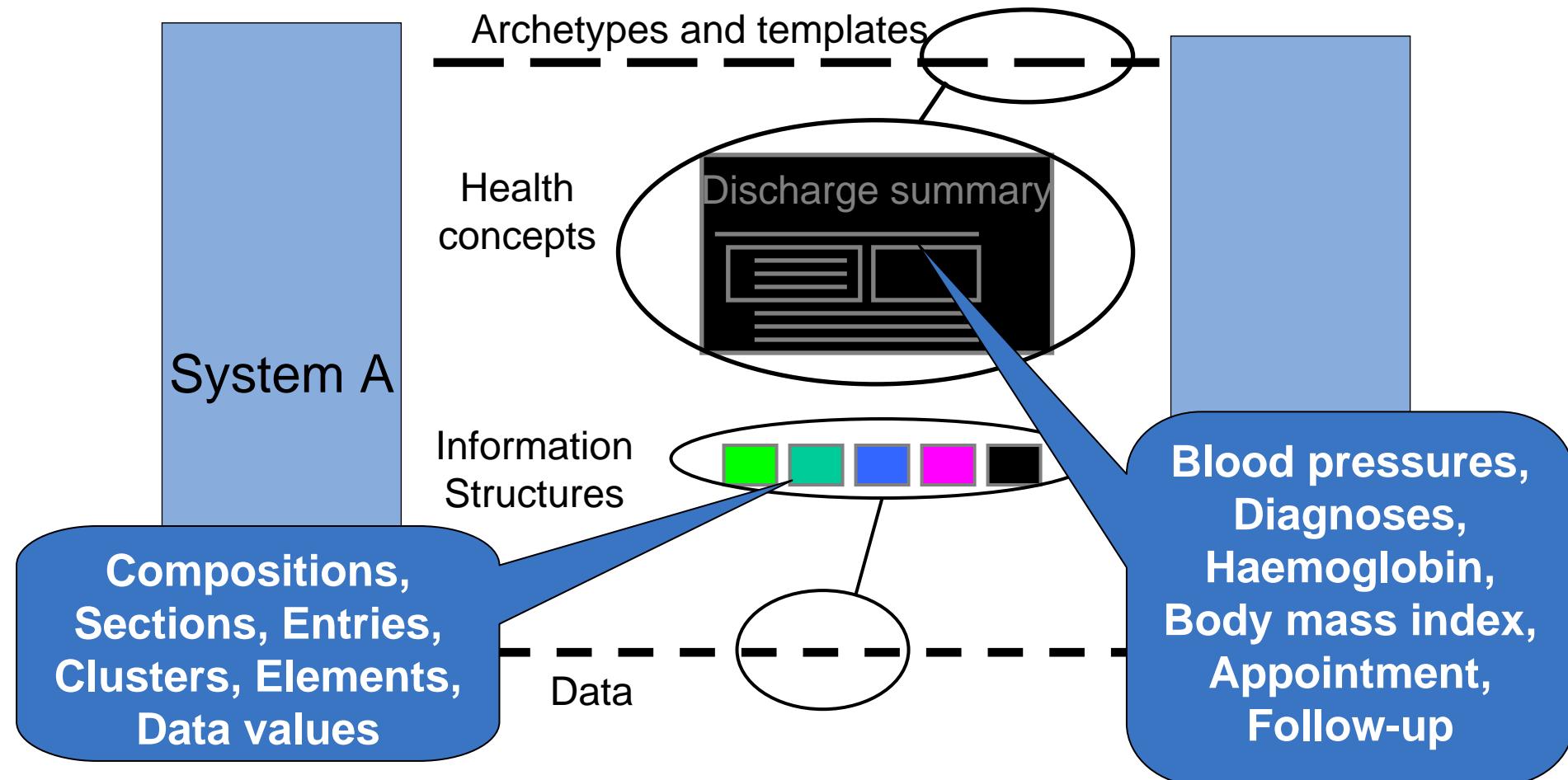


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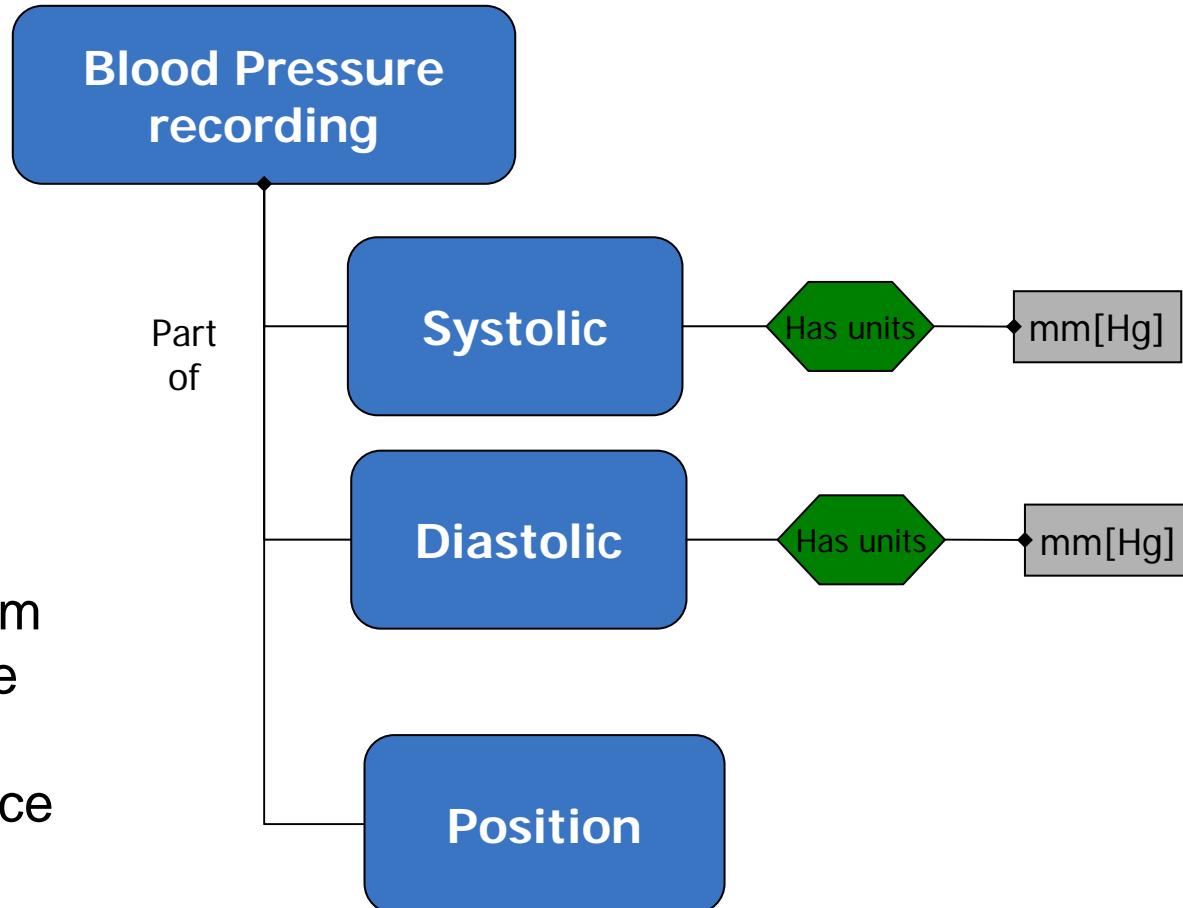




# A simple Archetype

## Archetype:

- A formal model of a clinical concept
- Separate from the reference model used for persistence

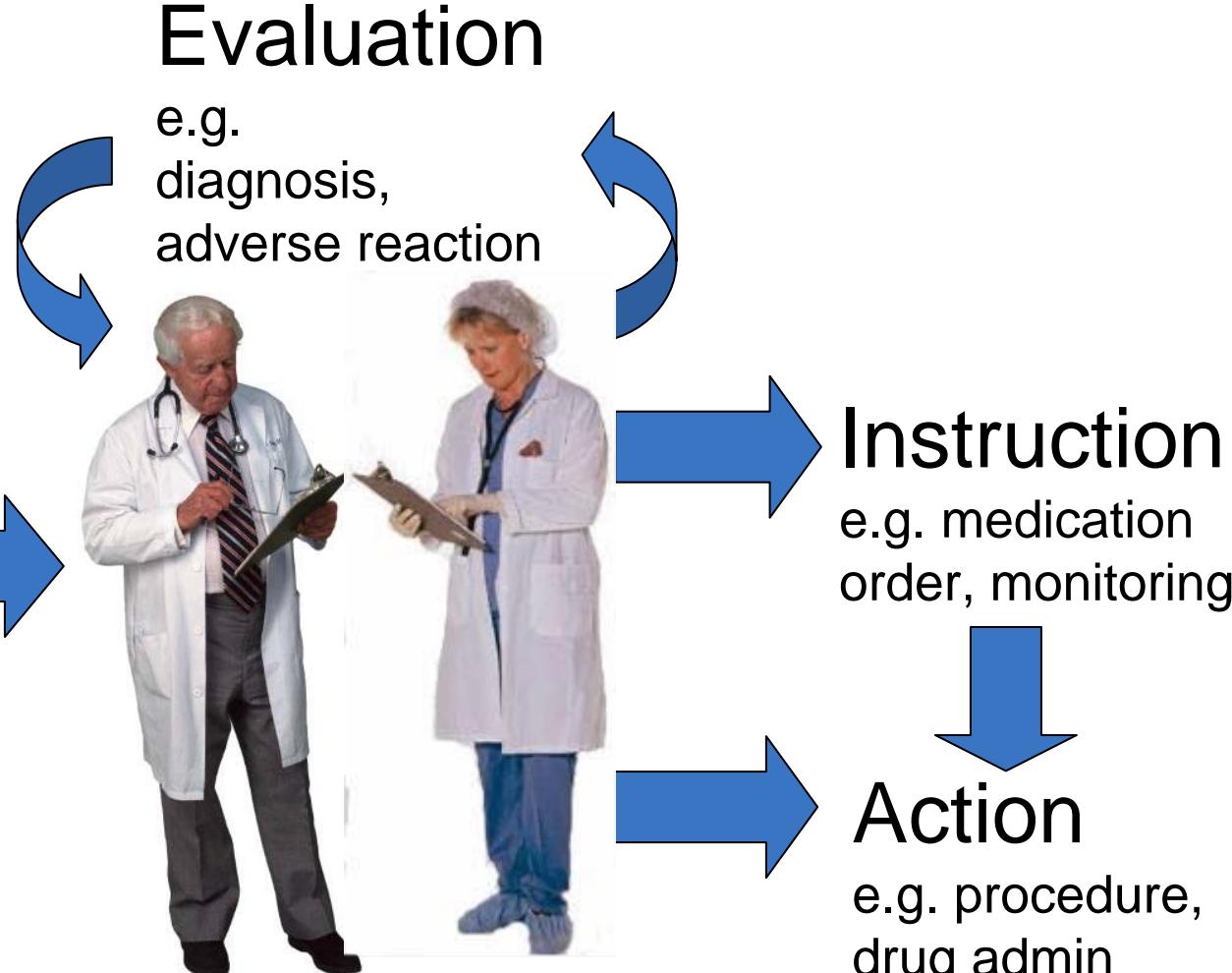




# Archetype "Entry" types

## Observation

e.g. weight,  
effectiveness  
of anti-emetics,  
lab results





# Clinicians define domain knowledge

- ✖ Empowerment of domain experts: The domain experts create & change the knowledge on their own
- ✖ Standardisation of archetypes helps to maximise the use of information
  - Document data once – use multiple times!
  - Data aggregation when reporting
  - Semantic interoperability between systems
  - Enable lifelong electronic records

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# Ocean Archetype Editor [General Oral Care Evaluation]

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Development



Archetype file name:

openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.GeneralOralCare.v1draft

Header **Entry model** Terminology Display Interface

Protocol

**Data** Protocol |

Event History

Person State

**List** Person state |



Ordered

Fixed

Occurrences -Min:

1

Max:

1

Unbounded

Description:

\*

Runtime name  
constraint:

- + Voice
- Swallow
- ↑ Lips
- ↓ Tongue
- M Mucous
- G Gingiva
- T Teeth/dentures



Ordinal

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	2	Deep or raspy
	3	Difficulty talking/painful
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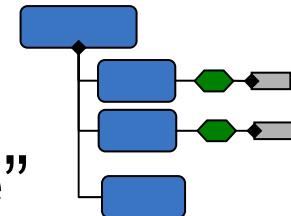


# Summary

## ✖ Archetypes

= Formal model of a clinical concept “in-use”

- ✖ The definition of archetypes is an important step for the realisation of EHRs and semantic interoperability
- ✖ Archetypes empower the clinician and ensure that the information clinicians need is in the EHR and can be exchanged



# Questions?



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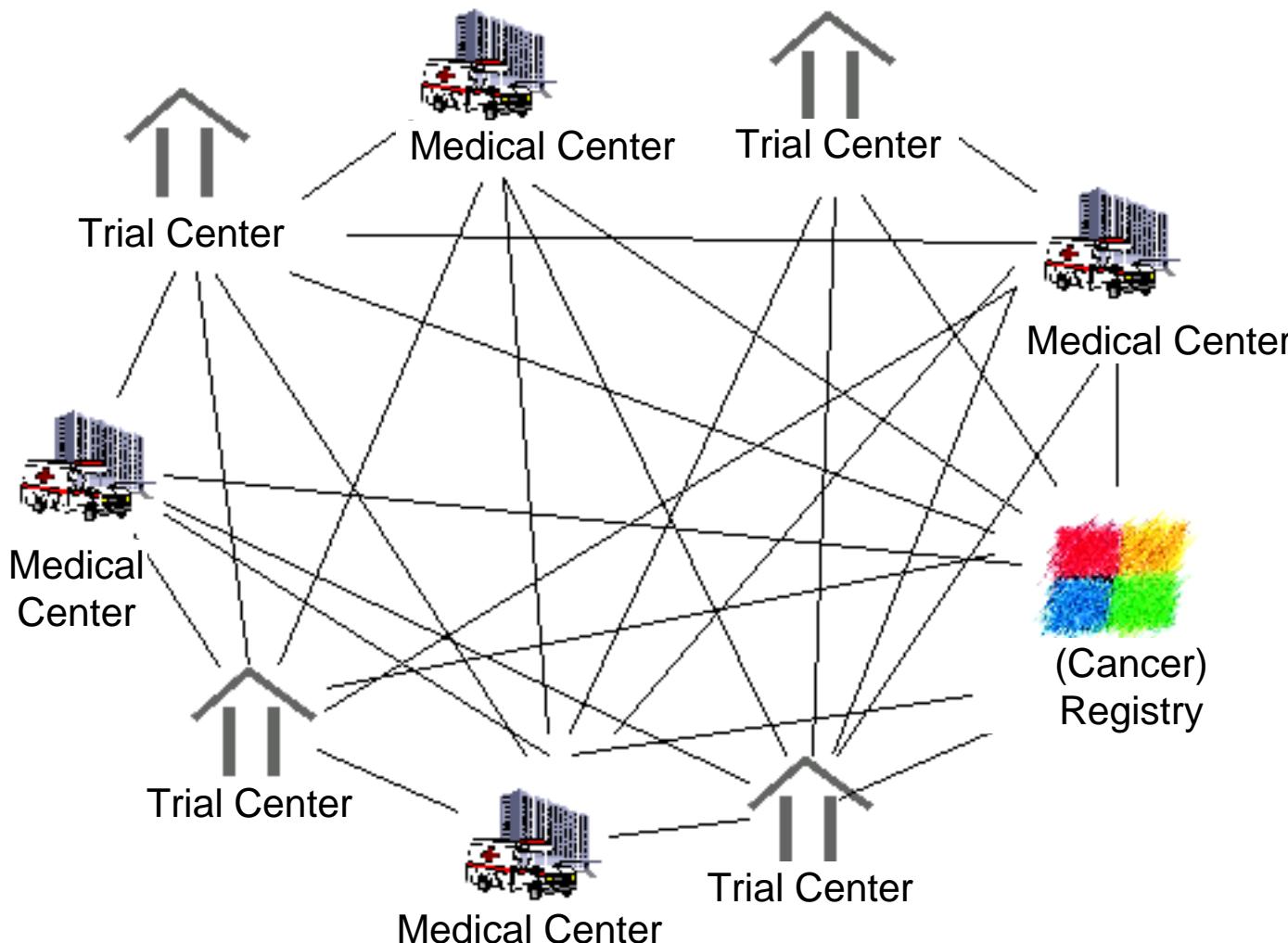
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# Multi-Centre Clinical Trials:\*

## The example of Paed. Onc.



- ✖ Highly integrated
  - Vertical
  - Horizontal

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Submitted by [glennw](#) on Thu, 2005-06-30 16:18.

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### Sample form



The same archetype or two archetypes defining the same concept differently from two perspectives?



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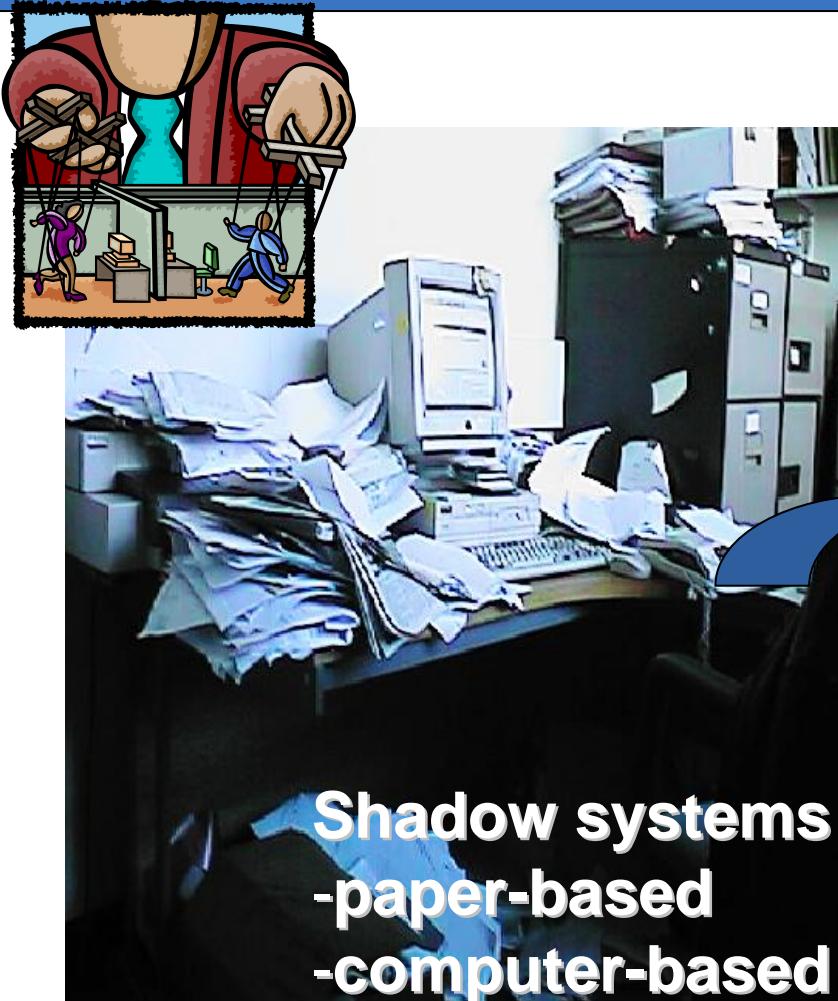
- Archetypes to define the clinical knowledge
- *openEHR* as the “structure behind the scenes”

## ✖ Nehta Review of Electronic Health Record Standards (<http://www.nehta.gov.au>)

- *Benefit: Significantly greater* where EHR information can be *shared* and used by all involved in an individual’s care
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# Conclusion: How it is and how it should be

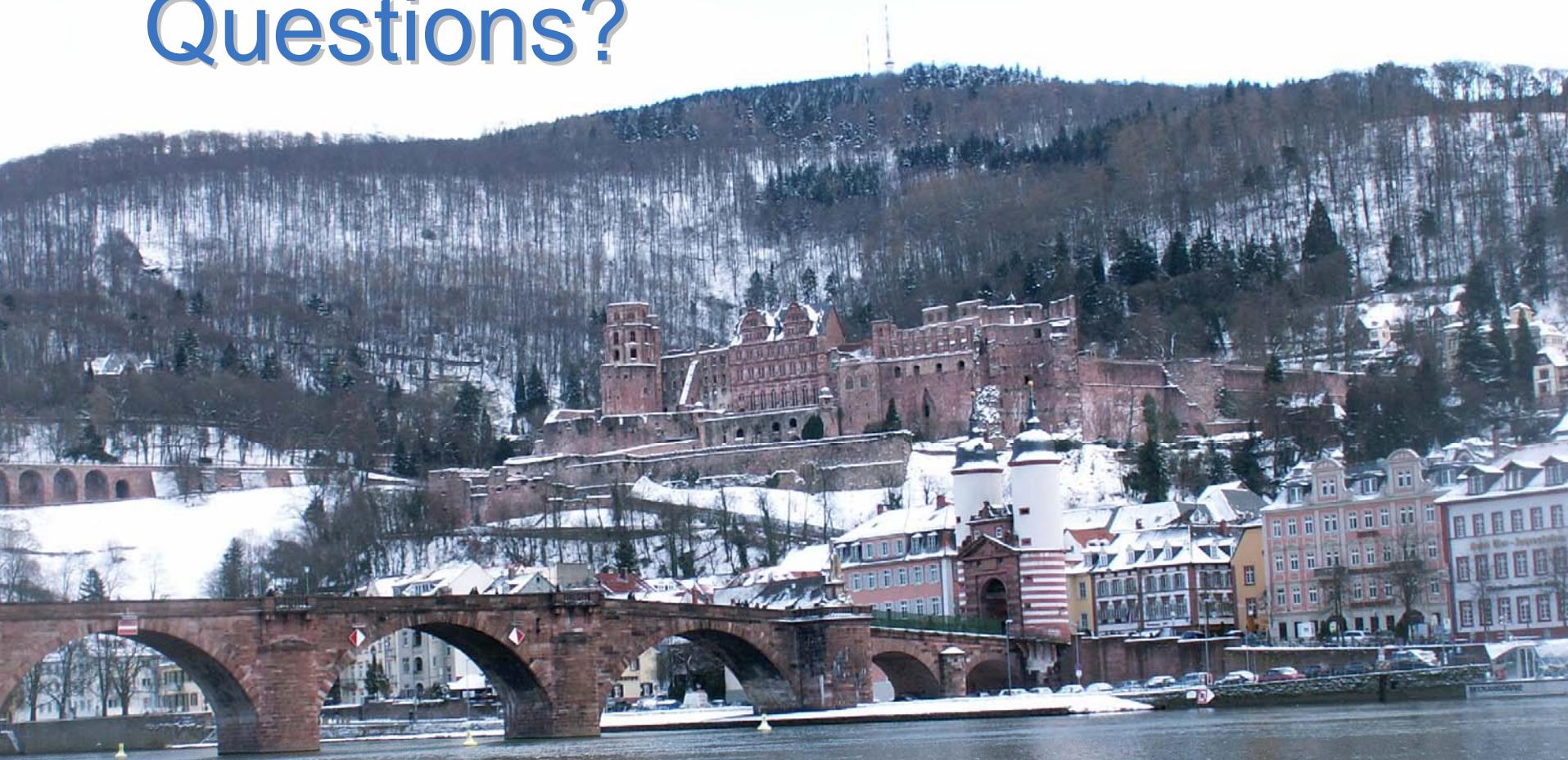


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**To avoid the chaos,  
we need to give clinicians  
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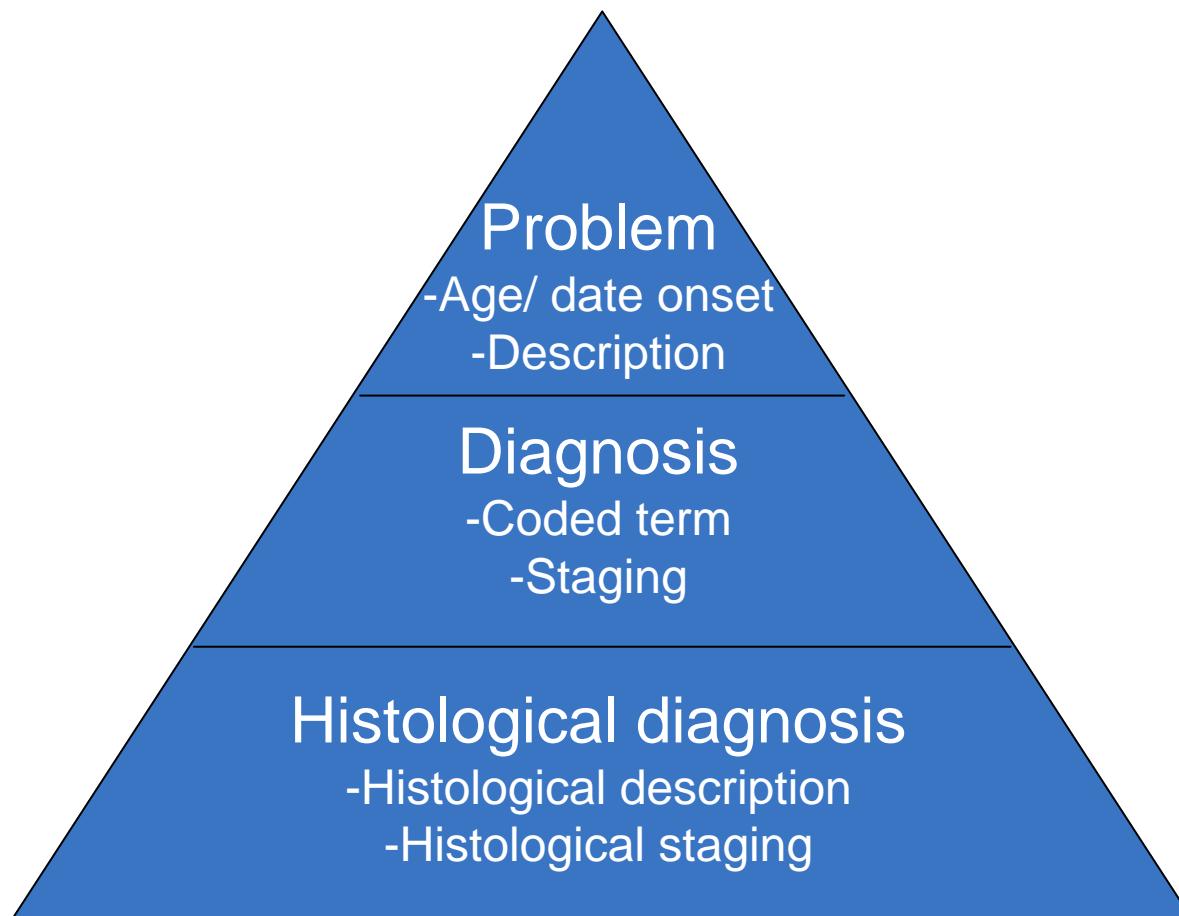
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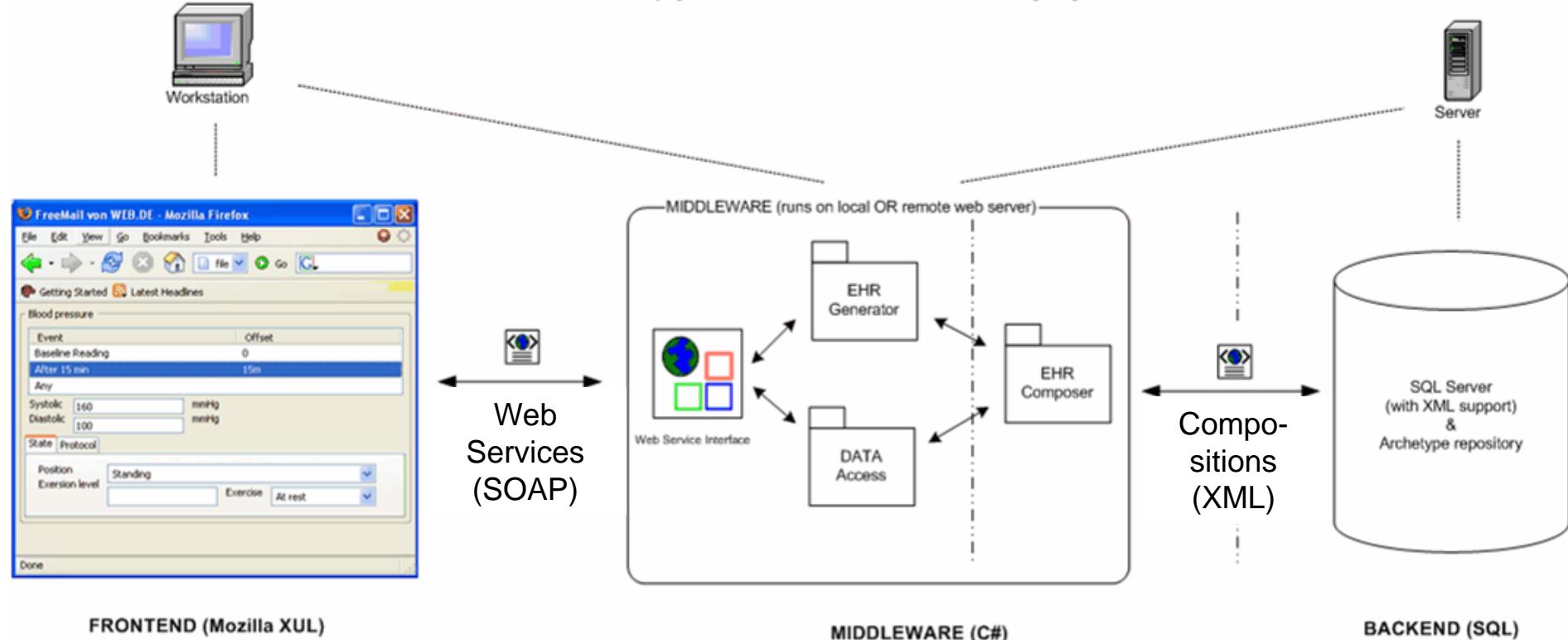




# Scenario 3: EHR (User Interface) Generator

**High-level overview: “One way to implement an openEHR system”**

Features: automatically generated, customizable, multi-language web frontend



Automatically generate the user interface from archetypes:  
Consistent, inexpensive, easy to change, fulfils clinician's needs.



# Edit and view a blood pressure

## ✖ Edit a blood pressure

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Blood pressure

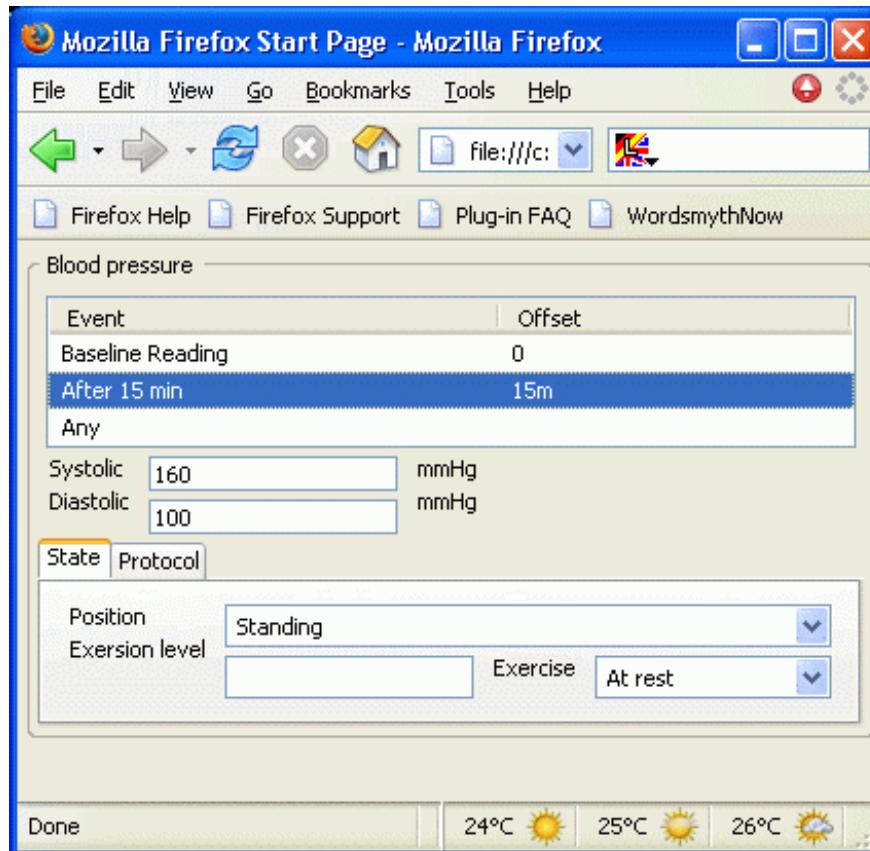
Event	Offset
Baseline Reading	0
After 15 min	15m
Any	

Systolic: 160 mmHg  
Diastolic: 100 mmHg

State Protocol

Position	Standing
Exersion level	Exercise At rest

Done 24°C ☀ 25°C ☀ 26°C ☀



## ✖ View a blood pressure

Firefox Help Firefox :

EP: 120 / 80

**State**

Position: Sitting

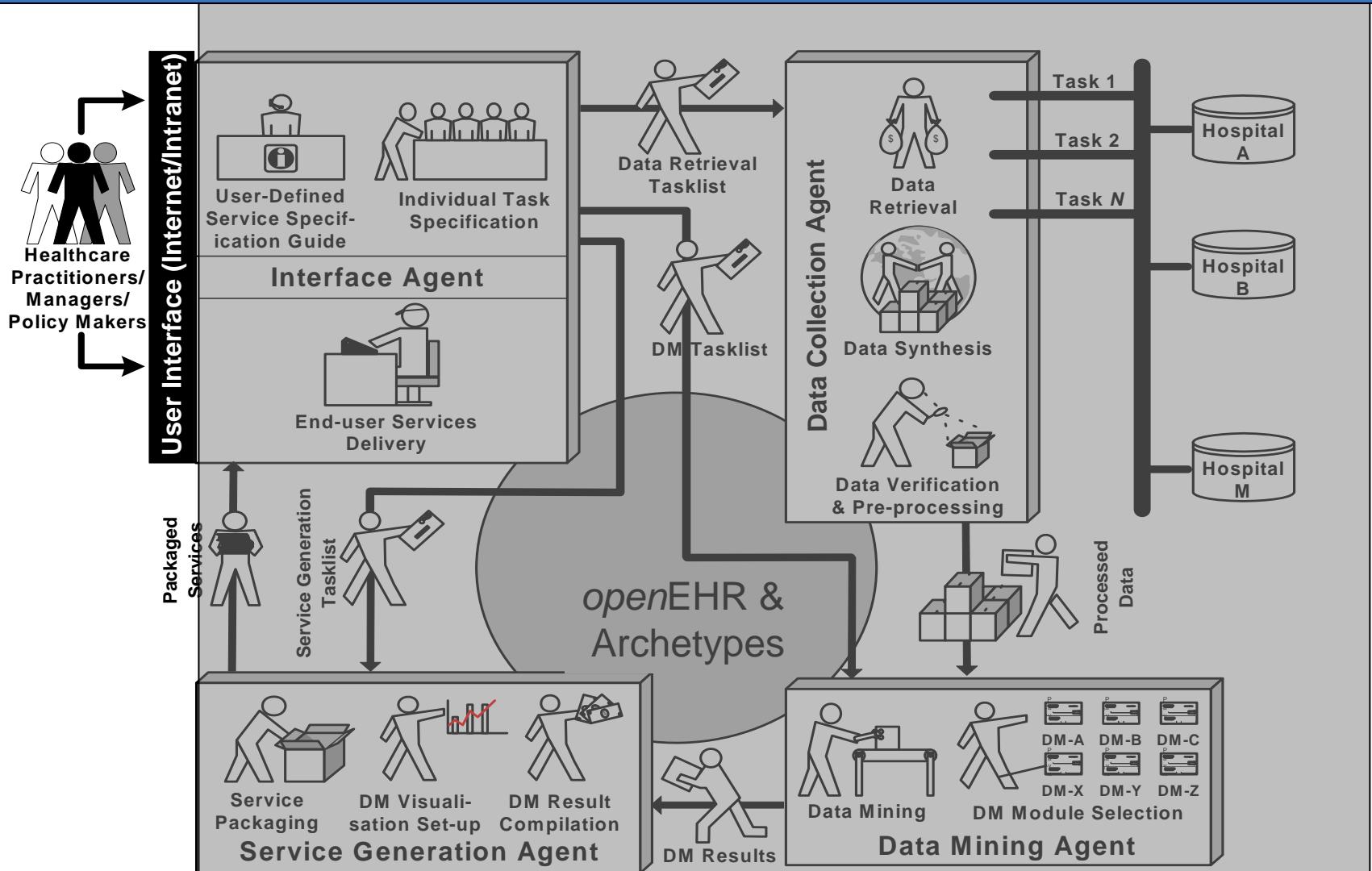
Exersion level:

Exercise: At rest





# Scenario 4: Data Mining





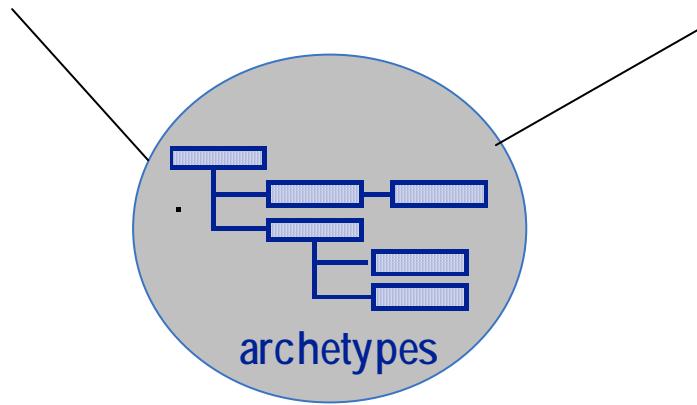
# States and Protocols

**State:**

Data about person  
which is required for  
safe interpretation

e.g.

Patient sitting or  
standing when  
measuring blood  
pressure



**Protocol:**

Data about  
everything else,  
not required for  
safe interpretation

e.g.

*type of instrument*  
used.



## ✖ Information

- Statements about specific entities
- For example, the statement “**Gina Smith (2y) has an atrial septal defect, 1 cm x 3.5 cm**” is a statement about Gina Smith, and does not apply to other people in general.

## ✖ Knowledge

- Statements which apply to all entities of a class
- For example, the statement “**the atrial septum divides the right and left atrial chambers of the human heart**”, which might be found in a medical knowledge-base.



## ✖ Different levels:

- Descriptive (Entry types)
  - Observation (*e.g. blood pressure measurement*)
  - Evaluation (*e.g. adverse event*)
  - Instruction (*e.g. medication order*)
  - Action (*e.g. drug administration*)
- Organisational
  - Section (*Document Headings*)
- Thematic
  - Composition (*Documents*)

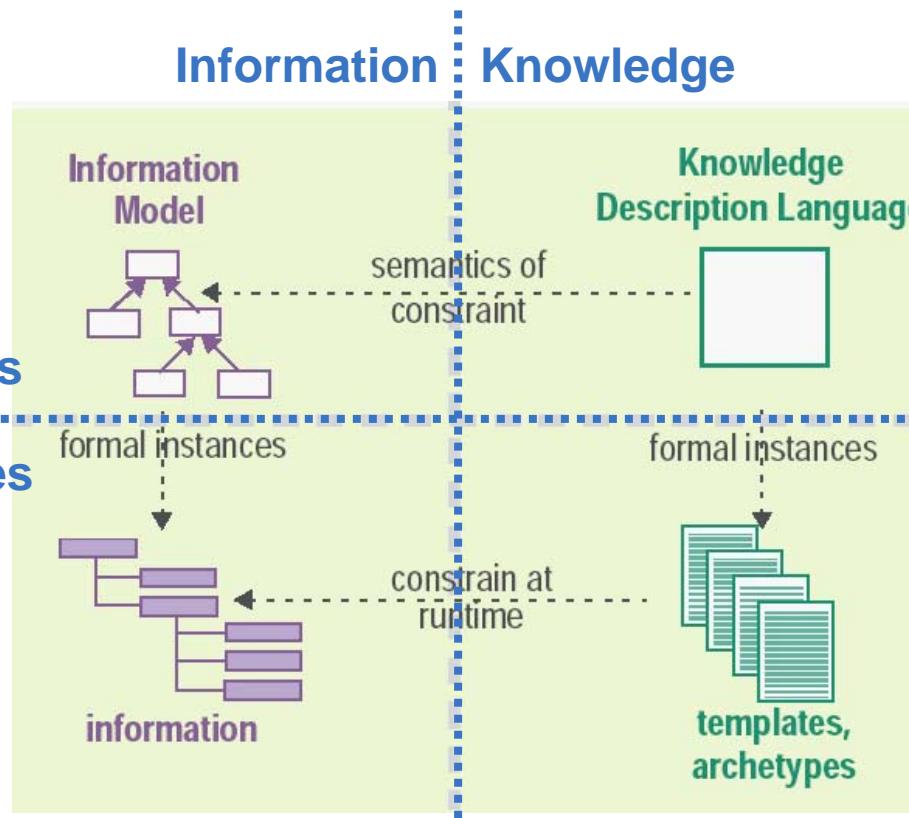


# Archetypes and Two-Level Modelling\*

What kind of information can be stored in the EHR?

Models

What is actually stored in the EHR?



How do we describe what makes sense to store in the EHR?

What makes sense to store in the EHR?



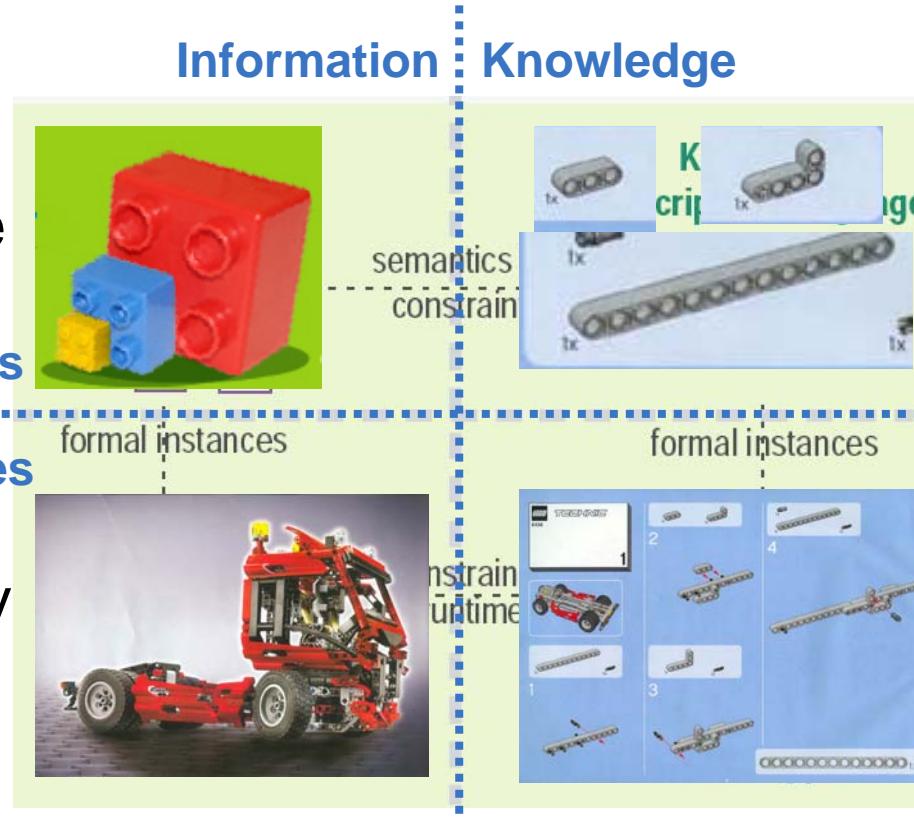
# Archetypes and Lego®

What could be put together?

**Models**

**Instances**

What is actually put together?



How do we describe what makes sense to put together?

What makes sense to put together (design plan)?

What happens if you do not have this?



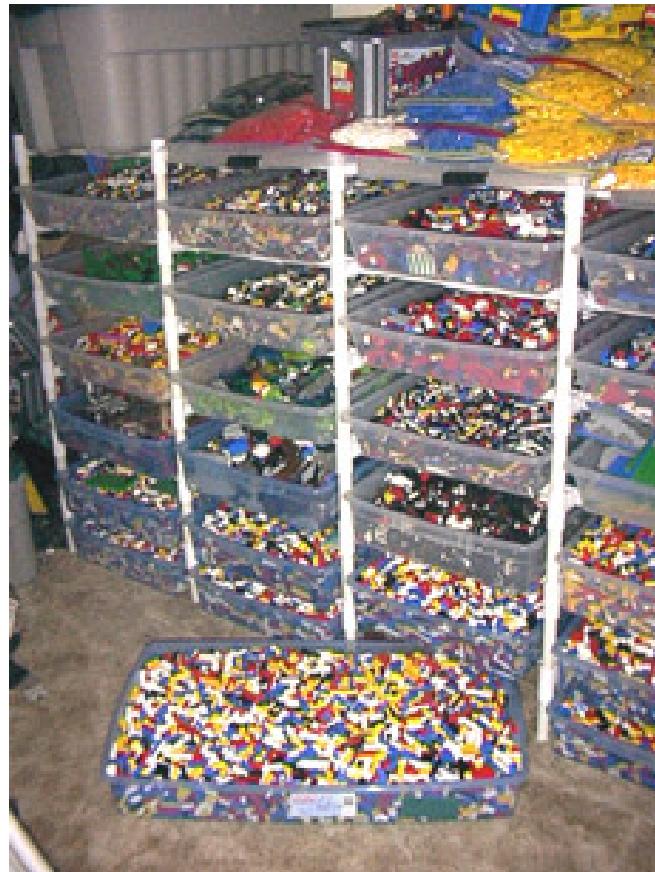
# Archetypes and Lego®

What could be put together?

**Model:**

.....  
**Instance**

What is actually put together?



How do we describe what makes sense to put together?

What makes sense to put together (design plan)?



Interoperability:  
There must be an easier way?

# Expectations



Timely information  
for ALL professions  
with a minimum of trouble



Customizable and  
maintainable without too  
much effort – even when  
knowledge changes;  
No vendor lock-in



The information that is  
relevant to me  
in the structure I need it





# But clinicians don't want to learn this...

```
archetype
    openEHR-EHR-OBSERVATION.blood_pressure.v1

concept
    [at0000]      -- blood pressure measurement

description
    author = <"Sam Heard <sam.heard@oceaninformatics.biz">>
    submission = <
        organisation = <"openEHR Foundation">
        date = <2004-05-18>
    >
    version = <"version">
status = <"draft">
revision = <"1.0">
description("en") = <
    purpose = <"Describe systemic blood pressure measurement result and protocol">
    use = <"">
    misuse = <"">
>
adl_version = <"1.2">
rights = <"">

definition
    OBSERVATION[at0000] matches {      -- blood pressure measurement
        data matches {
            HISTORY[at0001] matches {      -- history
                events cardinality matches {1..*; ordered} matches {
                    EVENT[at0002] matches {      -- baseline reading

```

## Archetype Definition Language (ADL)



# Archetype Editor

...uses the abstract archetype model  
to develop archetypes

