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## openEHR - history

- Started in 2000
- Focussed on semantically enabled EHR architecture
- Produces specifications for interoperable EHR
  - <u>http://www.openehr.org/programs/specification/releases/currentbaseline</u>
  - Technical basis for ISO 13606
  - Archetype Definition Language (ADL) used by CIMI
- Introduced the archetype paradigm (FAQ)
  - enabling development of content models and terminology bindings that specify EHR content
- Developed around 400 clinical content models
- Growing adoption by European vendors
- Used in several national programmes

## openEHR – technical paradigm

- Key elements
  - Reference model generic information model of EHR, data types, demographics etc
  - Content models ('archetypes') developed outside software, primarily by clinical professionals – form a library of data points and data groups
    - Including Terminology bindings
  - Data set models ('templates') created from composing specific elements of relevant archetypes
    - Including Terminology bindings
  - Query Language (AQL) enabling querying based only on models, not physical DB schemas
    - First effort to define **portable queries**
  - Service architecture APIs for creating, retrieving and querying content

## openEHR – archetype formalism

- Specialisation and customisation
  - The archetype formalism (ADL/AOM) enables openended specialisation of content semantics
  - Critical for enabling localisation of content and terminology use
- Works with any reference model
  - openEHR / ISO 13606
  - FHIR resource definitions
  - CDISC BRIDG
  - CIMI RM
- Basis for code generation of XSDs and APIs for use by 'normal developers'

## openEHR-based architecture



## openEHR archetype library



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## **Emerging service APIs**

#### FHIR API layer (coming)



operational environment

## openEHR & JASON



# openEHR & JASON

- What openEHR may be able to contribute:
  - General paradigm and methodology ideas
  - Content modelling language (ADL)
  - Portable query language (AQL)
  - Methods for channelling content models into a FHIRbased API architecture
  - Ideas on remote web 2.0 engagement of clinical professionals to do modelling
  - 400 content models, plus various national models sets could be transformed into e.g. CIMI and/or FHIR structures