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An HL7 Educational Summit is a three-day educational event where live tutorial sessions, specially selected by the HL7 Educational Committee, are taught to those interested in learning more about and implementing the HL7 standards and related work products. These tutorials focus on HL7-specific topics such as Version 2, Version 3 and Clinical Document Architecture as well as general interest industry topics such as Electronic Health Records and Vocabulary.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?
This is an invaluable educational opportunity for the healthcare IT community as it strives for greater interoperability among healthcare information systems. Our classes offer a wealth of information designed to benefit a wide range of HL7 users, from beginner to advanced. You’ll take away valuable HL7 knowledge and skills that you’ll be able to apply immediately in the real world.

AMONG THE BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE HL7 EDUCATIONAL SUMMIT ARE:

Location
Baltimore, MD – The Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel Baltimore is located just eight miles from the Baltimore/Washington International Airport. The Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel is ideal for business and leisure travelers. Connected to the Convention Center and a brief walk from the magnificent Inner Harbor and Oriole Park at Camden Yards, the hotel is close to everything that makes Baltimore the “charm city.”

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Efficiency
Our concentrated three-day format provides maximum training with minimal time investment.

Quality
Our high-quality training in a small classroom setting promotes more one-on-one learning.

Expert Instructors
You’ll get HL7 training straight from the source. Our instructors are not only HL7 experts—they are the people who help produce the HL7 standards.

Certification Testing
Become HL7 Certified. HL7 is the sole source for HL7 certification testing—now offering testing on Version 2.5, Clinical Document Architecture (CDA), and Version 3 Reference Information Model (RIM).

Economical
Educational Summits offer a more economical alternative for companies who want the benefits of HL7’s on-site training but have fewer employees to train.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Cancellation/Refund Policy
Prepaid registrants who cancel prior to July 1, 2008 will receive a full refund less a $50 processing fee. After that date no refunds will be given. Tutorials that
do not meet minimum attendance requirements may be cancelled. In this event, registrants may attend an alternate tutorial of their choosing.

**Hotel**
The Educational Summit will be held at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel Baltimore, 300 S. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. To reserve your room, please call the hotel directly at +1 (410) 962-8300 or toll free at +1 (800) 325-3535. Be sure to mention you are with the Health Level Seven block. The special HL7 rate is $209 plus tax per night. You must register by July 1, 2008 to receive this rate. You can also register online at [http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0712104579&key=BD2EB](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0712104579&key=BD2EB)

**Ground Transportation and Parking**
Taxi fare from the Baltimore/Washington International Airport to the hotel is approximately $20 each way. The charge for parking at the hotel is $23 per day self parking with in and out privileges. You may also choose valet parking for $30 per day with in and out privileges. Another option is to travel using the BWI Super Shuttle. The charges for the shuttle are $12 one way or $19 roundtrip from the airport to the hotel.

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**Meals**
A continental breakfast and buffet lunch is included with each day’s tutorial registration fee. Lunch is from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm each day. Refreshment breaks will also be provided each day at 10:30 am and 3:00 pm.

**Networking Reception**
Don’t miss the HL7 Networking Reception, Tuesday, July 29, 2008 from 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm.

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**HOW DO I REGISTER?**

**Mail**
Please complete the registration form on the inside of this brochure and mail it (along with credit card information or a check payable to Health Level Seven in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank ONLY) to the following address:

Health Level Seven
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104 USA

**Fax**
You may fax registration and credit card information to: +1 (734) 677-3128.

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Online registration is available until midnight E.T. on July 15, 2008 at [www.HL7.org](http://www.HL7.org). For your convenience, you can pay via credit card directly on the website, or print the registration form and mail it with payment.

**Early Bird Registration**
Registrations and payment must reach us by the end of the day, ET on July 1, 2008 to receive the special Early Bird rate. Please see the registration form on the inside back cover.

**Advance Registration/Payment**
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**On-Site Registration**
On-site registrations will be accepted July 29-31, 2008. Payment in full is required at the time of registration.

For more information, please contact the HL7 Registration Center at: +1 (734) 677-3126 or reginfo@HL7.org.
**T1 Introduction to Version 2.x: Parts 1 & 2**

Tuesday, July 29 / 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

This tutorial introduces students to HL7 and the basic concepts of Version 2. It covers some of the standard’s fundamental chapters including Control, Patient Administration, Order Entry and Results Reporting.

**This Tutorial Will Benefit:**
- Those new to HL7

**Faculty:**
*Mike Henderson:* Principal Consultant, Eastern Informatics

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**T2 Introduction to Clinical Document Architecture (CDA)**

Tuesday, July 29 / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

The Clinical Document Architecture is HL7’s specification for standards-based exchange of electronic clinical documents. CDA is based on the concept of scalable, incremental interoperability and uses Extensible Markup Language (XML), the HL7 Reference Information Model (RIM) and controlled terminology for structure and semantics. This tutorial presents the business case for CDA, its primary design principles and an overview of the technical specification. The session describes CDA projects in the United States, Europe and Asia/Pacific; the tools available for CDA creation, management and distribution; and the current CDA implementation guides including the Continuity of Care Document (CCD), the History and Physical, and other document types under development.

**This Tutorial Will Benefit:**
- Those seeking an overview to terminology in HL7, LOINC, and SNOMED in particular

**Faculty:**
*Liora Alschuler:* Co-Editor, CDA; Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents Work Group; HL7 Board of Directors; Principal, Alschuler Associates, LLC

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**T3 Introduction to Vocabulary**

Tuesday, July 29 / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Brief topics include vocabulary use in information models, the CDA, and templates. This tutorial will give a short overview of terminology concepts and some frequently used terminologies in HL7, as well as an introduction to Common Terminology Services. Some of these topics are dealt with more comprehensively in the Application of Vocabulary Tutorial.

**This Tutorial Will Benefit:**
- Healthcare providers and exchange network architects considering CDA implementation
- Product managers considering support for CDA
- Public health officials and those with structured information reporting requirements
- Implementers of all kinds beginning to work with CDA

**Faculty:**
*W. Ted Klein, MS:* Co-Chair, HL7 Vocabulary Work Group; Ted Klein Consulting

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**T4 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) Advanced**

Tuesday, July 29 / 1:45 pm – 5:00 pm

CDA implementation requires understanding the CDA refinement of the RIM (the CDA RMIM), the Version 3 data types and how these combine with controlled vocabularies to form “clinical statements.” This tutorial reviews the principles of semantic interoperability and how these are reflected in the CDA model and implemented in the CDA schema. It also reviews the CDA RMIM, schema and data types. In addition, the tutorial gives a detailed walkthrough of samples of CDA documents, coded using clinical statements.
This Tutorial Will Benefit:
• Those needing to learn more about CDA, Release 2, its derivation from the RIM and issues relevant to implementing CDA 2.0 solutions
• Implementers needing to work with CDA, and wanting a review of the details

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will:
• Have an overview of CDA's components
• Have insight into the XML markup required to implement solutions
• Have a better understanding of the issues surrounding semantic interoperability using CDA

Prerequisites:
• Completion of the Introduction to the Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) tutorial recommended, but not required
• Basic knowledge of the Version 3 standards (as can be obtained from the Introduction to Version 3 tutorial series)

Faculty:
Liora Alschuler: Co-Editor, CDA; Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents Work Group; HL7 Board of Directors; Principal, Alschuler Associates, LLC

Application of Vocabulary in HL7

Tuesday, July 29 / 1:45 pm – 5:00 pm

This Tutorial Will Cover the Following Topics:
• The need for using standard coded terminologies in HL7 messages
• Why the Vocabulary Work Group was created and its current role and mission within HL7
• A brief summary of Version 2.x terminology strategy
• An overview of the Version 3 coded data types
• How coded terminologies are represented in Version 3 messages
• How to register terminologies for use in HL7 messages
• A brief overview of knowledge systems and terminology ontologies
• A brief summary of the purpose of the Common Terminology Services (CTS) specification

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
• People who want to participate in the work of the Vocabulary Work Group, and people who are planning to implement Version 3 messages

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:
• The history of the Vocabulary Work Group
• How to look up codes in the Version 2 tables
• How coded data is represented in Version 3 messages
• How to register a terminology for use in HL7 messages
• Who to ask if they have questions

Prerequisites:
• Introduction to Vocabulary

Faculty:
W. Ted Klein, MS: Co-Chair, HL7 Vocabulary Work Group, Ted Klein Consulting

Introduction to Version 3: Parts 1 & 2

Wednesday, July 30 / 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

This class provides a general overview and introduces fundamental concepts required to understand Health Level Seven's newly emerging Version 3 family of standards.

Included In the Class Is:
• The general rationale for Version 3
• Overview of Version 3’s two key concepts—messaging and documents (CDA).
• Overview of the Version 3 publication (ballot and standard)
• Essential concepts and terminology necessary to understand the static models of Version 3 used by all Version 3 objects (messages, documents, etc.)
• Introduction to the Version 3 dynamic model for message interactions
• How a simple message is wrapped for transmission

A walkthrough of a simple example will be provided.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- Anyone interested in Version 3 implementation or standards development
- Anyone interested in more advanced Version 3 classes on messaging and CDA

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Have Obtained the Following:
- General understanding of the purpose, function, and format of Version 3 messaging and documents
- Proficiency in Version 3 terminology including the RIM, RMIM, and all messaging components
- Knowledge of scope, contents, and organization of the Version 3 publications

Prerequisites:
- Experience with healthcare interfacing would be helpful
- Experience or training with systems (development, integration, and/or implementation) required
- It is assumed that the student has some familiarity with the HL7 organization and its processes (balloting procedures, etc.)

Faculty:
Mead Walker: Member, HL7 Architectural review Board; Health Data and Interoperability, Inc.

Version 2.5 Control Specialist Certification Review
Wednesday, July 30 / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

This tutorial reviews the message definition and processing rules and data type definitions of the Control chapters of the HL7 Version 2.5 Standard. Upon completion of this tutorial, students will be better prepared to take the HL7 Version 2.5 Control Specialist Certification Exam. Note that students are also expected to prepare for the exam by previous study of Chapter 2 (Control) and Chapter 2A (Data Types) of the HL7 Version 2.5 Standard.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- Anyone preparing for the HL7 Control Specialist Certification Exam
- Interface analyst specialists and managers who need to understand the technical aspects of HL7 interfaces

Faculty:
Mike Henderson: Principal Consultant, Eastern Informatics

Introduction to Messaging Workbench
Wednesday, July 30 / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

This tutorial will introduce the main features of the Messaging Workbench (MWB) tool. The MWB facilitates many aspects of HL7 Version 2 messaging development including specification production, analysis and testing. The MWB leverages its integrated libraries of all HL7 Version 2 artifacts to maximize productivity in the interface development process. The following topics will be covered as they relate to the features of the MWB:

- Building HL7 conformance profiles (a.k.a. message specifications)
- Reporting
- Interoperability
- Reverse engineering of profiles from message instances
- Testing services:
  - Message instance validation
  - Message instance generation

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- Analysts, developers and project managers responsible for production and/or maintenance of HL7 Version 2 interfaces

Faculty:
Peter Rontey: VHA Developer of the Messaging Workbench

Version 2 Message Profiles and Conformance
Wednesday, July 30 / 1:45 pm – 5:00 pm

This course is designed to explore the concept of conformance within HL7 Version 2 as described in Chapter 2 of Version 2.5. Additionally, this tutorial will demonstrate how we can apply message profiling to interoperability by improving clarity, simplifying implementations and streamlining testing. Participants will be introduced to tools that facilitate analysis and interoperability while, at the same time, fully documenting HL7 conformance.
This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- Anyone interested in HL7 interoperability

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:
- How to measure conformance using messaging profiling
- How vendors can document their applications’ implementations
- How providers can improve their RFP results by using message profiling
- How to use message profiles developed for specific domains
- The tools available to facilitate HL7 Version 2.x conformance efforts (Messaging Workbench and the Global Profile Library)
- More about HL7 conformance certification
- How to develop HL7 conformance documentation for Version 2

Prerequisites:
- Working knowledge of HL7 or other EDI standards (ASTM, X12)

Faculty:
Abdul-Malik Shakir: Co-Chair, HL7 Education Work Group; Member, HL7 Architectural review Board; Principal Consultant, Shakir Consulting

W10 Messaging Workbench Advanced Applications
Wednesday, July 30 / 1:45 pm – 5:00 pm

This course reinforces and builds upon the knowledge gained in the Messaging Workbench (MWB) Introductory class. It will familiarize the student with the options, infrastructure maintenance, and advanced features available in the MWB, enabling the student to make the most productive use of the tool.

The Following Topics Will Be Covered:
- Setting MWB options for enhanced productivity
- Advanced profile construction and management including:
  - Manipulation of message tree elements
  - Profile comparison and reconciliation
  - Application and setup of localized table library
  - Consistency checking for implementable profiles
- Advanced reporting topics
- Building, maintaining, importing and effective use of the integral Version 2.x and localized artifact libraries listed below:
  - Message
  - Segment
  - Data type
  - Table
- Introduction to Message Instance Validation Service
  - Validation of messages from a TCP/IP or file stream
  - Validation of messages against a single profile
  - Validation of instances against message Instance specified profiles
  - Generation/delivery of acknowledgment messages reflecting validation results
  - Use of the MWB validation service as pass through agent or ‘sniffer’
- Introduction to Test Message Instance Generation
  - Automated creation of semantically correct message instances for use in testing
  - Delivery of generated test message instances over TCP/IP
  - Delivery of existing test messages from a file over TCP/IP
  - Receipt and storage of acknowledgement messages
  - Creation/manipulation of values repositories to manage test message content
  - Creation of value sets to ensure data consistency in test message generation
  - Setting/optimizing message generation options

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:
- How to optimize the MWB to maximize productivity
- How to effectively build and maintain message profiles
- How to build, manage, apply and maintain version-specific HL7 artifact libraries
- How the MWB may be used in interface testing and validation
- How to effectively harness some of the less well known MWB features and capabilities
**Prerequisites:**
- Familiarity with the MWB as established in the MWB Introductory tutorial or the Version 2 Message Profile Tutorial
- Familiarity with HL7 Version 2.5 conformance concepts will be helpful as will general familiarity with HL7 Version 2.x Chapter 2 Infrastructure and Messaging (Control Query)
- In order to follow along with the instructor, students need to come prepared with a laptop on which the latest MWB release (6.6 or higher) has been installed. The MWB is available for download from the HL7 Conformance Documents page: http://www.hl7.org/Special/committees/conformance/docs.cfm

**Faculty:**
Peter Rontey: VHA Developer of the Messaging Workbench

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**HL7 Version 2.5 Control Specialist Certification Exam**

**Wednesday, July 30 / 5:15 pm – 7:15 pm**

Health Level Seven is pleased to offer certification testing on HL7 Version 2.5, Chapter 2: Control. Certification testing is offered to those industry participants who are expected to have a working knowledge of the HL7 Messaging Standard. Interface analysts, healthcare systems analysts, medical software programmers, and medical informatics faculty and students are all potential candidates. The knowledge required to pass the exam can be obtained by participation in the HL7 working group meetings, by attending HL7 education sessions, by field work dealing with HL7 interfaces, or simply by self-study of Chapter 2 and 2A of the HL7 Standard Version 2.5 (the standard may be obtained via HL7 membership or non-member purchase on www.HL7.org).

Note: Simply taking the courses offered at this summit will most likely not be sufficient to pass the test. We strongly recommend a combination of the aforementioned to fully prepare yourself for the exam.

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**NEW! HL7 Version 3 RIM Certification Exam**

**Wednesday, July 30 / 5:15 pm – 7:15 pm**

Health Level Seven is pleased to offer certification testing on the HL7 Version 3 Reference Information Model (RIM) 2.11 (the version of the RIM on Version 3 Normative Edition 2006). Note that the RIM is the foundational base of all Version 3 artifacts. Certification testing is offered to those industry participants who are expected to have a working knowledge of the HL7 Version 3 Reference Information Model (RIM) or its derived artifacts. Interface analysts, healthcare systems analysts, medical software programmers, and medical informatics faculty and students are all potential candidates.

The knowledge required to pass the exam can be obtained by self study of the RIM and its associated normative structural vocabulary as well as through participation in the HL7 working group meetings, HL7 education sessions, and field work implementing HL7 Version 3 artifacts. Please refer to the Study...
Guide on the HL7 Training and Certification page of the HL7 website for details on the content covered by the test.

Note: Simply taking the courses offered at this summit will most likely not be sufficient to pass the test. We strongly recommend a combination of the aforementioned to fully prepare yourself for the exam.

**Version 3 Messaging Implementation Analysis and Specification**

*Thursday, July 31 / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm*

The use of HL7 Version 3 to implement interfaces within a particular application context can have hidden complexities. While Version 3 has been designed to reduce the amount of required site-specific negotiation, it is not possible to simply pull the message specification(s) “out of the box” and install it. This tutorial guides the student through the analysis process, and addresses issues necessary for building robust interface solutions.

**This Tutorial Covers:**
- Documentation of message specifications
- Implementation considerations for data types
- Managing vocabulary from the implementation perspective
- Procedures to address refinement and localization of the standard
- Tips and strategies for successful implementation

This class also provides a lead-in for Version 3 Implementation Part 2: Implementation Mechanics.

**This Tutorial Will Benefit:**
- Analysts and architects who need to map HL7 Version 3 messages to or between computer applications
- Project managers responsible for Version 3 implementation projects
- Anyone considering Version 3 early adoption

**Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:**
- How to develop and carry out a plan for creating Version 3 interfaces
- How to read and write Version 3 message specifications
- How to design tips and strategies

**Prerequisites:**
- A basic understanding of Version 3 is a requirement (such as the Introduction to Version 3 Tutorials).
- More advanced tutorials (XML ITS and Wrappers) are encouraged as well. Previous experience in Version 2 implementations will be of value

**Faculty:**
*Mead Walker:* Member, HL7 Architectural review Board; Health Data and Interoperability, Inc.

**HL7 Version 3 Reference Models**

*Thursday, July 31 / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm*

This tutorial provides an in-depth review of the HL7 Version 3 reference models (RIM, Data Type, and Vocabulary). The HL7 Version 3 Reference models are the foundation of HL7 Version 3. They are the models from which all Version 3 domain specifications are derived. This tutorial will expose the student to the details of the Reference Information Model (RIM), data types and vocabulary specifications.
This Tutorial Will Benefit:
• HL7 Version 3 specification developers and implementers
• Anyone interested in the HL7 RIM

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:
• The HL7 RIM
• The HL7 Version 3 Data Type Abstract Specification
• HL7 Version 3 vocabulary principles and specifications

Prerequisites:
• None, however exposure to HL7 V3 methodology is helpful

Faculty:
Abdul-Malik Shakir: Co-Chair, HL7 Education Work Group, Member, HL7 Architectural review Board; Principal Consultant, Shakir Consulting

NOTE: This is a system functional standard, not a messaging, document, or data standard.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
• Those seeking information on standards for EHR system functionality and its relationship to certification of EHR systems, as well as to Personal Health Record (PHR) systems

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:
• The difference between the CPR, EMR, EHR, EHR-S, and the PHR
• How to interpret the conformance criteria of the EHR-S Functional Model
• How to use the Functional Model to develop conformance and care setting profiles
• How the industry can use/is using the Functional Model for EHR product development, system selection, and product certification
• Some background and status of HL7 and other industry projects supporting EHR standards

Faculty:
John Ritter: Co-Chair, HL7 EHR Work Group; Co-Facilitator, PHR Work Group
**MEETING REGISTRATION FORM**

EARLY BIRD prices are reflected in RED below. EARLY BIRD registrations with payment must reach us by the end of the day, ET on July 1, 2008. Advance registration must be received with payment by the end of the day, ET, on July 15, 2008. After this date, registrations must be made and paid for ON-SITE ONLY. The registration fee includes a continental breakfast, a buffet lunch, and two refreshment breaks each day. In addition, Tuesday’s registration fee includes a networking reception.

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### 2. Registration Fees:

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Baltimore is a perfect, contemporary blend of traditional and modern, a vibrant waterfront metropolis with small-town character. Baltimore is a colorful city on the water that allows visitors to let go and explore at their own pace. Whether exploring its unique neighborhoods, arts and culture scene, family-friendly attractions or historical treasures, Baltimore makes it easy to get around and easy to enjoy.

Baltimore is a destination that is ever-evolving with new and expanding attractions and one-of-a-kind offerings. There are more than 130 attractions to visit in Baltimore — from high art to crazy kitsch, from interactive to entertaining. Where else can visitors explore the beginnings of the American railroad, or visit the fort (Fort McHenry) that inspired Francis Scott Key to pen the National Anthem during the War of 1812?

Inner Harbor visitors can explore world famous attractions such as Harborplace and The Gallery. Enjoy shopping, dining, casual cuisine, or strolling along the waterfront promenade. Witness the mystery and majesty of underwater life at the world renowned National Aquarium. And, get a panoramic view of Baltimore from 27 stories high at the Top of the World Observation Level and Museum. Marvel at the unique hands-on exhibits at the Maryland Science Center and thrill to a movie on the five-story screen of its IMAX Theatre. Enjoy the ambiance of the dramatic Power Plant, home of the Hard Rock Cafe, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, and the first ever Disney collaborated ESPN Zone, a sports-themed entertainment restaurant. Families can enjoy the new Port Discovery children’s museum, with exhibits and educational devices designed by Disney.

Just minutes away from the harbor’s many attractions is evidence of the city’s diverse, charming neighborhoods. Hop aboard a water taxi, twirl pasta in Little Italy, or enjoy an array of nightlife in historic Fell’s Point. In addition, art, music, and theater enthusiasts can enjoy Baltimore’s wide range of cultural activities.

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