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What is an Educational Summit?
An HL7 Educational Summit is a two-day educational event where live tutorial sessions, specially selected by the HL7 Educational Work Group, 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 (CDA®) 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
Denver, CO – The Embassy Suites Denver-Aurora is conveniently located by the Aurora Town Center, the Northfield Shopping and Dining District, Aurora Sports Park, Dick’s Sporting Goods Park, Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center, the Stapleton Development Center, the Denver Coliseum, and the Denver Zoo. It is also just minutes away from the Pepsi Center, Invesco Field at Mile High, Coors Field, Elitch Gardens Theme Park, the Colorado Convention Center, and Downtown Denver.

Efficiency
Our concentrated two-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—offering testing on Version 2.6, 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.

Cancellation/Refund Policy
Prepaid registrants who cancel prior to June 27, 2011, will receive a full refund minus 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 or request a refund for the cancelled tutorial only.
Hotel
The Educational Summit will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel Denver-Aurora, 4444 North Havana Street, Denver, Colorado 80239. To reserve your room, please call the hotel directly at +1 (303) 375-0400 or online at: http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/D/DENARES-HL7-20110708/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG. Be sure to mention you are with the Health Level Seven room block. The hotel offers complimentary hi speed wireless Internet in all guest room suites. The HL7 rate is $129 plus tax per night. You must register by end of day June 23, 2011 to receive this rate.

Ground Transportation and Parking
The hotel is located 12 miles from the Denver International Airport. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to and from the Denver International Airport and within a five mile radius from the hotel. Once your plane has landed, please call the hotel directly at +1 (303) 375-0400 to arrange to have the shuttle pick you up.

Self parking is free at the hotel.

Meals
A 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. A full hot breakfast is included with each hotel guest’s stay; therefore, HL7 will not be providing breakfast at this summit.

Networking Reception
The hotel offers a nightly manager’s reception every evening from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the Atrium for hotel guests.

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 US funds drawn on a US bank ONLY) to the following address:

Health Level Seven International
3300 Washtenaw Ave. Suite #227
Ann Arbor, MI 48104 USA

Fax
You may fax registration and credit card information to: +1 (734) 677-6622.

Register Online
Online registration is available until the end of the day ET on July 5, 2011 at 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 June 27, 2011 to receive the special Early Bird rate. Please see the registration form on the inside back page.

Advance Registration/Payment
Advance registrations MUST include payment. Registrations received without payment will not be processed until the time that payment is received.

On-Site Registration
On-site registrations will be accepted July 12-14, 2011. Payment in full is required at the time of registration.

For more information, please contact Mary Ann Boyle at: +1 (734) 677-7777 or maryann@HL7.org
**Introduction to Version 2.x: Part 1**
Tuesday, July 12 / 9:00 am – 12:30 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:* Co-Chair, HL7 Education Work Group; Principal Consultant, Eastern Informatics

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**Introduction to Clinical Document Architecture (CDA)**
Tuesday, July 12 / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

The Clinical Document Architecture is HL7’s specification for standards-based exchange of 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 discusses CDA projects in the United States, Europe and Asia/Pacific; and the tools available for CDA creation, management and distribution. It covers the current work on various implementation guides based upon the CDA standard.

**This Tutorial Will Benefit:**
- Managers considering CDA for local implementation
- Product managers considering support for CDA
- Public health officials and those building information exchange networks
- Implementers beginning to work with CDA

**Prerequisites:**
- Introduction to Version 3 (Part 1) recommended

**Faculty:**
*Calvin Beebe:* Co-Chair, Structure & Semantic Design Steering Division—HL7 Technical Steering Committee; Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents Work Group; Co-Editor, CDA; Technical Specialist, Information Services, Mayo Clinic - Rochester, MN

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**Electronic Health Records (EHR)**
Tuesday, July 12 / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

This informative tutorial provides an in-depth look at the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) approved http://www.hl7.org/ehr/index.asp EHR System Functional Model (EHR-S FM), Release 1. The EHR-S FM includes conformance criteria, along with background information, including an overview of other EHR standards initiatives. The tutorial will also cover ongoing EHR Work Group projects such as the Personal Health Record, EHR Glossary, Functional Profiles, and the EHR Interoperability Model as well as EHR industry-related information such as EHR system certification efforts and healthcare information technology standards selection and usage efforts.

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**HL7 Is Going Green!**

*Bring your laptop to your tutorials*

To reduce HL7’s carbon footprint, its meetings are now largely paperless. HL7 does not provide printed tutorial materials on-site. All materials will be distributed electronically to tutorial participants to either print out themselves or load to their laptops. It is important to bring your laptop to this meeting for all tutorials. Free WiFi internet access will also be provided.
This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- Those seeking information on functionality and standardization of electronic health records
- This tutorial focuses on EHR system functionality and will be helpful for those looking to implement EHR systems, those wishing to evaluate EHR systems, or those that have an interest in garnering a bit of EHR system industry background information

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:
- Background and status of the EHR System Functional Model as an ANSI and ISO standard
- Options to use the functional model for conformance and care setting profiles
- Background and status on HL7 and industry projects supporting EHR standards

Note: This tutorial focuses on functionality, not interoperability. While interoperability is a component of functionality, this tutorial is primarily focused on core functionality and not systems integration. The EHR-S is a functional standard and not a records/data standard.

Faculty:
Gora Datta: Corporate Member, HL7; Group Chairman & CEO, CAL2CAL Corporation

Introduction to Version 2, Part 2
Tuesday, July 12 / 1:45 pm – 5:00 pm

This tutorial provides the students with an overview of the Version 2 Orders and Observations messages and major concepts and provides a sampling of the type of information that can be communicated using these messages.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- Those new to HL7 with a need to become familiar with Version 2 messages

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:
- Basic Order and Observation message structures
- Sample messages
- How to start to interpret the Version 2 Orders and Observation standards

Faculty:
Mike Henderson: Co-Chair, HL7 Education Work Group; Principal Consultant, Eastern Informatics

Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) Advanced
Tuesday, July 12 / 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 with CDA and how they are reflected in the CDA model and implemented in the CDA schema. It also covers the CDA RMIM, schema and data types and 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 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:
Calvin Beebe: Co-Chair, Structure & Semantic Design Steering Division—HL7 Technical Steering Committee; Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents Work Group; Co-Editor, CDA; Technical Specialist, Information Services, Mayo Clinic - Rochester, MN
This informative tutorial and review provides an in-depth look at the Personal Health Record System Functional Model (PHR-S FM), the difference between the EHR and the PHR, the relationship between the PHR-S FM and the EHR-S FM, and PHR initiatives around the world.

**This Tutorial Will Benefit:**
- Those seeking information on the functionality and standardization of personal health records
- Those wishing to implement or evaluate PHR systems, or those who have an interest in understanding how PHR-S functionality relates to broader industry discussions related to personal health records, including consumer empowerment

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:
- Background and status of the PHR-S Functional Model as an impending ANSI standard
- The structure and content of functional requirements for PHR systems, as shown by the model
- The differences between the PHR-S FM and the EHR-S FM
- Options to use the functional model for conformance and care setting profiles
- Background and status on HL7 and industry projects supporting PHR standards
- How the PHR-S FM supports broader industry concepts related to the personal health records, such as consumer empowerment

**Note:** This tutorial focuses on functionality, not interoperability. While interoperability is a component of functionality, this tutorial is primarily focused on core functionality, not systems integration. The PHR-S FM is a functional standard, not a records/data standard.

**Faculty:**
*Gora Datta:* Corporate Member, HL7; Group Chairman & CEO, CAL2CAL Corporation

**Version 2 Message Profiles and Conformance**
Wednesday, July 13 / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

This course is designed to explore the concept of conformance within HL7 Version 2 as described in Chapter 2 of Version 2.6. 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:
Mike Henderson: Co-Chair, HL7 Education Work Group; Principal Consultant, Eastern Informatics

Introduction to Version 3: Part 1: Fundamentals
Wednesday, July 13 / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

This tutorial provides a rigorous introduction to HL7’s newly emerging standard. Included in the class is:
• General rationale for Version 3
• Explanation 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 for both messages and documents

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
• Rudimentary knowledge of the Reference Information Model (RIM) with a focus on act, role, act relationship, and participation
• Rudimentary understanding of Version 3 Refined Message Information Models (RMIMs) and the refinement process
• 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:
Virginia Lorenzi: Manager, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital; Associate, Department of Biomedical Informatics, Columbia University

Continuity of Care Document (CCD®)
Wednesday, July 13 / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

This tutorial will cover the HL7 Continuity of Care Document and the Level 3 entries, and related CDA specifications, including the ANSI/HITSP Consumer Empowerment Registration and Medication Summary, IHE Profiles making use of the CCD, and other HL7 specifications making use of CCD constructs (e.g., Health Story).

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
• Implementers of the CCD specification or related specifications will benefit by understanding how to read the CCD specification and related specifications.

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will:
• Know how to implement the CCD
Prerequisites:
• CDA Introduction and Advanced

Faculty:
Calvin Beebe: Co-Chair, Structure & Semantic Design Steering Division—HL7 Technical Steering Committee; Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents Work Group; Co-Editor, CDA; Technical Specialist, Information Services, Mayo Clinic - Rochester, MN

Introduction to Version 3: Part 2: Messaging
Wednesday, July 13 / 1:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Health Level Seven is famous as a provider of messaging standards. That is, providing the standard format and interaction specifications required for two disparate healthcare systems to communicate at the application level. This tutorial builds on the morning Version 3 introduction class by focusing on how messaging is addressed with the Version 3 Standard. It reviews and expands on how Version 3 static models are used to represent messages. The Version 3 dynamic model, which is related to the interactions between systems, is introduced. The tutorial explains how message sets are documented within the standard. Finally, it explores how a simple message is wrapped, transmitted, and acknowledged.

Note that the class is based on the latest Version 3 ballot material. The latest Version 3 ballot publication can be accessed and downloaded from http://www.hl7.org/V3ballot/html/welcome/introduction/index.htm. Students may be interested in reviewing or downloading the ballot material prior to class.

The Tutorial Will Benefit:
• Anyone who needs to read Version 3 messaging publications
• Anyone interested in Version 3 implementation or standards development
• Anyone interested in more advanced classes on Version 3

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Have Obtained the Following:
• Rudimentary understanding of Version 3 static and dynamic models and associated terminology as needed to support Version 3 messaging
• General understanding of the following specific dynamic model concepts: storyboard, application role, trigger event, interaction
• General understanding of the following static model components: DMIM, HMD, and message type
• Summary of all functional areas in the current Version 3 ballot publication and their status
• Ability to read a Version 3 functional domain

Version 2.6 Control Specialist Certification Exam Review
Wednesday, July 13 / 1:45 pm – 5:00 pm

This tutorial reviews the message definition and processing rules and data type definitions of the Control chapters of the HL7 Version 2.6 standard. Upon completion of this tutorial, students will be better prepared to take the HL7 Version 2.6 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 2.6 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: Co-Chair, HL7 Education Work Group; Principal Consultant, Eastern Informatics
Prerequisites:
• Introduction to Version 3, Part 1: Fundamentals

Note: Messaging builds directly on the concepts covered in Part 1 and is designed to be a continuation of the morning class. Most attendees of Messaging also take the Intro class. If you would like to take Messaging without the Intro please contact the instructor.

Note: It is assumed that the attendee has basic familiarity with Version 3 including a general understanding of the RIM and how to interpret the RMIMs. This is covered in the Introduction to Version 3, Part 1 class.

Faculty:
Virginia Lorenzi: Manager, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital; Associate, Department of Biomedical Informatics, Columbia University

W12 CDA Specialist Certification Exam Review
Wednesday, July 13 / 1:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Upon completion of this tutorial, students will be better prepared to take the CDA Certification Exam.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
• Anyone preparing for the CDA Certification Exam
• System Analysts or Clinical Application Developers wanting in-depth understanding of the CDA Release 2 standard

Prerequisites:
• Participants are encouraged to read carefully the CDA Release 2 standard
• Introduction to Version 3 (Part 1) as well as the CDA Introductory and Advanced tutorials are strongly recommended

Faculty:
Calvin Beebe: Co-Chair, Structure & Semantic Design Steering Division—HL7 Technical Steering Committee; Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents Work Group; Co-Editor, CDA; Technical Specialist, Information Services, Mayo Clinic - Rochester, MN

Certification Study Hall
Wednesday, July 13 / 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

HL7 recognizes and applauds the individual efforts required for certification. To help our examinees in their preparations, we will be providing a special study hall. All students signed up for a certification test are invited to attend. After formal tutorials are finished for the day, “crank” with your fellow test takers. HL7 faculty will be on hand to help students with any questions or concerns they may have.

Th13 HL7 Version 2.6 Certification Exam
Thursday, July 14 / 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Health Level Seven is pleased to offer certification testing on HL7 Version 2.6, 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 Version 2.6 Standard (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.

**HL7 CDA Certification Exam**  
Thursday, July 14 / 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Health Level Seven is pleased to offer certification testing on HL7 CDA Release 2. Certification testing is offered to those participants who want to demonstrate that they have a working knowledge of the CDA Release 2 standard. 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 attending HL7 education sessions, by field work dealing with HL7 CDA based applications, or simply by self-study of the HL7 CDA Release 2 standard. 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.

**HL7 Version 3 RIM Certification Exam**  
Thursday, July 14 / 9:00 am – 11:00 am

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 in 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 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.
EARLY BIRD prices are reflected in RED below. EARLY BIRD registrations with payment must reach us by the end of the day, E.T. on June 27, 2011. Advance registration must be received with payment by the end of the day, E.T. on July 5, 2011. After this date, registrations must be made and paid for ON-SITE ONLY. The registration fee includes a buffet lunch and two refreshment breaks each day.

1. Contact Information:

First Name  Last Name  Nickname
Title/Position  Organization  Email
(Address)
City  State  Zip  Country
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2. Registration Fees:

Registrants are eligible for all tutorials on the day(s) for which they’ve registered. However, HL7 Certification Testing is not included in the packages and must be registered for separately.

Options  Members  Non-Members
Single day: (Check One)  Early Bird  Standard Rate  Early Bird  Standard Rate
Dos Tues.  □ $990  □ $1,225  □ $1,425  □ $1,705
Dos Wed.  □ $1,425  □ $1,705  □ $1,845  □ $2,140

HL7 Version 2.6 Certification Exam:
□ $145  □ $145  □ $215  □ $215
HL7 CDA Certification Exam:
□ $145  □ $145  □ $215  □ $215
HL7 V3 RIM Certification Exam:
□ $145  □ $145  □ $215  □ $215

TOTAL  Member:  Non-Member:

3. Payment Information:

Payment must be included in order to process your registration.

Method of Payment: (US Dollars, drawn on US Bank Only)  □ Check (Make check payable to Health Level Seven International)
Credit Card:  □ Visa  □ Master Card  □ Discover  □ American Express

4. Schedule of Tutorials:

IMPORTANT: Check the box(es) next to the classes for which you’re registering. Schedule is subject to change.

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As the largest city in a 600 mile radius, Denver has always been the shopping capital of the Rocky Mountain West. The city features the largest sporting goods store in the world (Gart Brothers Sports Castle) and the largest independent book store in America with over 400,000 volumes (the Tattered Cover).

Lower Downtown (called “LoDo” by locals) on the northern edge of downtown Denver, offers one of the national’s greatest concentrations of Victorian buildings, many of which have been refurbished to house restaurants, art galleries, offices and shops. This is the center of the city’s brew pubs, with six large brew pubs and micro breweries, each brewing six to eight exclusive beers. Downtown is also home of the Auraria Campus where three colleges have over 300,000 students.

With 300 days of sunshine a year, Denver is a sports capital. The city offers over 650 miles of paved, designated bike paths, including two beautiful stretches through downtown along Cherry Creek and along the South Platte River. There are over 70 golf courses in the area, and more than 143 free tennis courts.