



Welcoming Comments

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Standards are a Prerequisite to Functionality

“Well, then,” said Milo, not understanding why each one said the same thing in a slightly different way, “wouldn’t it be simpler to use just one? It certainly would make more sense.”

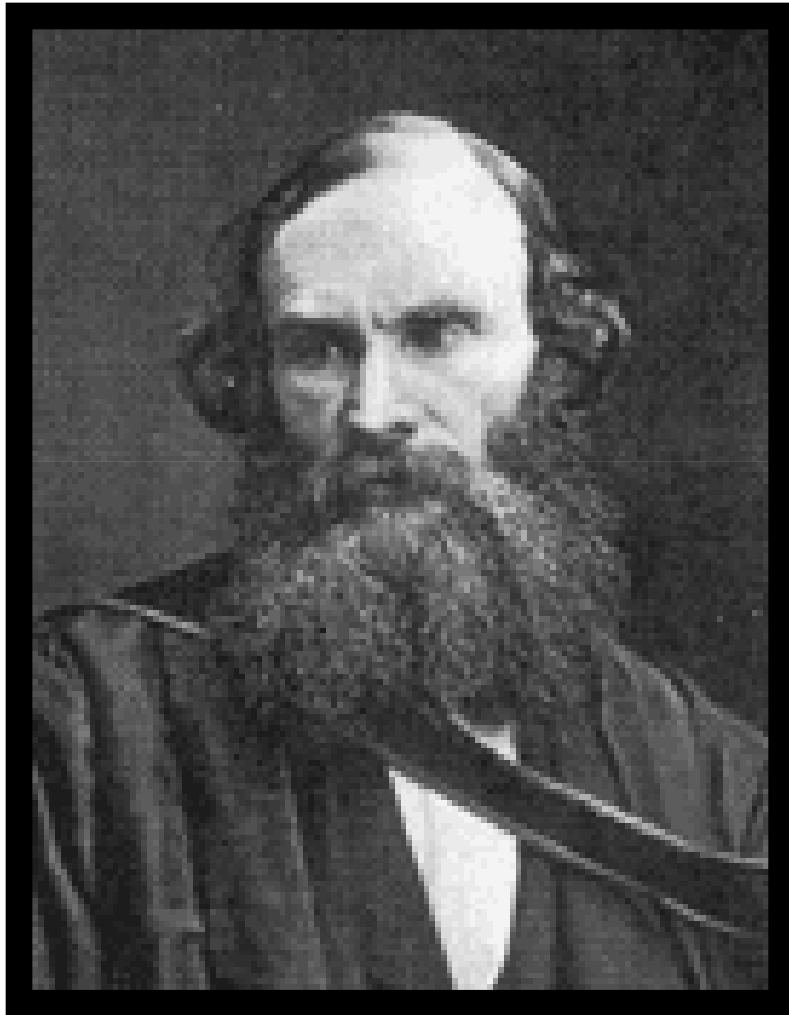


The Phantom Tollbooth
Norton Juster

HL7 in Stage 1 Meaningful Use

- **HL7 Standards named in the ONC Final Rule**
<http://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/hhsifr.cfm>
- **V2 Messages**
 - HL7 V2.3
 - HL7 V2.5.1
 - HL7 V2 Immunization Implementation Guide
 - HL7 V2 Laboratory Reporting Guide
- **CDA Implementation Guides**
 - Continuity of Care Document (HL7 CCD, HITSP/C32 variant)

Semantic Interoperability



“If you cannot
measure it,
you cannot
improve it.”

Lord Kelvin (1824-1907)

Oh, to Dream

Oh, to find a structured terminology,
rich in domain completeness;
steeped in description logic,
consistency, and finesse.

Oh, to find a clinical document spec,
model-derived XML,
consensus-based and precise,
stakeholders engaged as well.

Oh, imagine if you can, coupling the two.
A conjugal partnership,
codes, nestled in structured fields,
two standards, joined at the hip.

Dare I dream of an unambiguous world?
Dare I dream of what might be?
Yes! Yes! We'll have semantic
interoperability!!