FHIR Testing and Touchstone



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Goal of Session Two

- Present the FHIR Testing framework
- Introduce Touchstone:
 - User registration
 - Account setup
 - Test system setup
 - Test execution (demo)

FHIR Testing Framework

- To ensure interoperability between applications claiming conformance to the specification, a testing framework has been established within the FHIR specification.
- This framework defines the TestScript resource as a natural language, computable format of a test case.
- It provides a defined test methodology for the FHIR specification which can be used to validate interoperability across FHIR server and client implementations.

FHIR Testing Framework



7.2 Testing FHIR

FHIR Infrastructure 🗗 Work Group Maturity Level: 2 Ballot Status: Draft

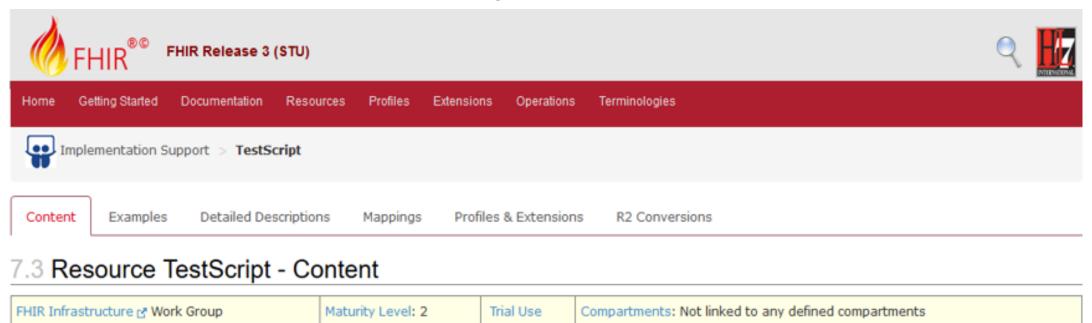
The FHIR specification describes a set of resources, and several different frameworks for exchanging resources between different systems. Because of its general nature and wide applicability, the rules made in this specification are generally fairly loose. As a consequence and in order to insure interoperability between applications claiming conformance to this specification, a testing framework has been established within the FHIR specification. To this end, the TestScript resource provides an implementation-agnostic description of tests that allows test execution engines to evaluate if a FHIR implementation conforms with the FHIR specification. Providing a clear and concise test methodology for the FHIR specification through the TestScript resource helps to enable interoperability among various FHIR server and client implementations.

http://hl7.org/fhir/STU3/testing.html

FHIR TestScript Resource

- The TestScript resource represents an executable test definition for examining the results of FHIR RESTful API interactions.
- A TestScript example would be a set of tests that exercise a certain function, such as Patient Search, and validating the responses. For this example we require:
 - Patient resource(s) required to complete this test
 - A setup procedure to create those Patient resource(s)
 - The tests which execute the functions being exercised & evaluate the results
 - A setup or tear-down procedure to initialize or clean up the test data

TestScript Resource



A structured set of tests against a FHIR server implementation to determine compliance against the FHIR specification.

7.3.1 Scope and Usage

The TestScript resource is used to define tests that can be executed on one or more FHIR servers. The TestScript resource would typically contain

- · a list of fixtures (required resources used in the tests)
- · setup procedures
- · a suite of thematically related tests
- · teardown procedures

http://hl7.org/fhir/STU3/testscript.html

Test Engine Workflow



- Determine whether or not the TestScript interactions match the capabilities of the system under test.
- Setup Execution
 - Optional operations that prepare the system under test for subsequent test execution.



- Execute and record each test's operations and assertions.
- Teardown Execution
 - Optional operations that revert the system under test to its pre-test state.
- Post-Processing
 - Cleanup of test execution data and collection of test results.

http://hl7.org/fhir/STU3/testing.html#execution

Pre-Processing

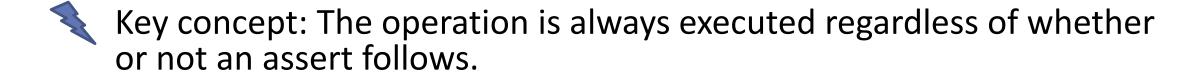
Capability Based Testing

- The test engine will use the CapabilityStatement of the system under test to determine how to process a TestScript.
- If the TestScript defines the testing of capabilities that the system under test does support, the test engine will continue the workflow process.
- If the TestScript defines the testing of capabilities that the system under test does not support, the test engine should allow the TestScript to be skipped.

Test Execution

Executing Operations

- Test execution consists of two action types:
 - operation: The FHIR RESTful API interaction to be executed.
 - assert: The rule that is evaluated against the results of the operation.
 If true, the assert passes.



TestScript Operations

FHIR Interactions

Instance Level Interactions

- Read (GET)
- Vread (GET)
- Update (PUT)
- Patch (PATCH)
- Delete (DELETE)
- History (GET)

Type Level Interactions

- Create (POST)
- Create via Update (PUT)
- Search (GET)
- History (GET)

Whole System Interactions

- Capabilities (GET/OPTIONS)
- Batch/Transaction (POST)
- History (GET)
- Search (GET)

Extended Operations

http://hl7.org/fhir/STU3/operationslist.html

- Base Operations (All Resources)
- Operations Defined by Resource Type

Asserts

Conditions, Rules or Expressions

- An assert acts on the immediately preceding operation.
- It states a condition, rule or expression that will be evaluated against the executed operation context.

Asserts provide support for:

- Evaluation of both the inbound request or outbound response
- Complex and simple evaluation of HTTP headers and response codes
- Operators for equality, relational comparison, containment, etc.
- Expression language support for XPath, JSONPath and FHIRPath
- Payload comparison to defined fixtures (static or dynamic)
- Payload validation against defined FHIR profile(s)
- Plus a whole lot more...

Recap: FHIR Testing and TestScripts

- FHIR defines a Testing Framework as part of the specification
- Test Engines should follow a prescribed Workflow
- TestScript Resource Type provides a complete, executable test definition
- Support for the entire FHIR RESTful API (Operations)
- Support for Evaluation of Extensive Conditions, Rules and Expressions (Asserts)

Discussion (Q & A)



Introducing Touchstone



Touchstone is an easy-to-use testing platform for health information exchange that implements the FHIR Testing Framework architecture.

Touchstone

- Is available as a publicly accessible cloud-based testing platform
- Provides automated, internet-based interoperability testing of the HL7® FHIR® specification
- Tests the capabilities of and interoperability between both FHIR Server and Client implementations
- Is a blend between Test-Driven-Development (TDD) methodologies and Natural Language Processing (NLP) TestScripts

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Touchstone - an AEGIS Developers Integration Lab (DIL) Initiative

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Touchstone is an Infrastructure as a Service (laaS) and Testing as a Service (TaaS) Open Access Solution for health information exchange. Touchstone strives to live up to its dictionary definition - a criterion for determining the quality or genuineness of a thing - by offering thousands of tests in an easy-to-use system for determining a test system's conformance and interoperability against published specifications, standards, and profiles, including templates and implementation guides.

Touchstone ...

- allows for automated, internet-based interoperability testing against the HL7 FHIR specifications and standards
- tests interoperability with other FHIR Server and FHIR Client implementations.
- has been engineered from the ground up to leverage the new FHIR TestScript resource.
- is a blend between Test-Driven-Development (TDD) methodologies and Natural Language Processing (NLP) test scripts.
- has been featured at HL7 FHIR Connectathons and is being leveraged in a continuous testing environment by numerous leading HL7 FHIR implementers.
- plays an active role in the HL7 Conformance Testing community, the HL7 Argonaut Project, and the HSPC Implementation community.

Features include..

- · self-registration of user accounts and organizations.
- ability for users to execute FHIR test scripts against test systems with Touchstone serving as the initiator of message exchanges.
- ability for users to initiate message exchanges from their test systems against other peer test systems with Touchstone serving as the intermediary.
- ability to drill down to individual operations and assertions in test execution results.
- ability to save configured sets of test scripts as named "test setups" for re-execution.
- controlled access to test scripts, test systems, and test results at the user, organization, and organization group levels.

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How to create a test systemHow to execute test scripts

How to register in Touchstone

Help and Documentation

- > How to execute client-side (peer-to-peer) tests
- > How to perform Conformance-based testing
- > How to integrate Touchstone with Cl including Jenkins

> How to become a member of or create an organization

How to approve an organization membership request

How to reset my password

Feeds

- Healthcare Interoperability Testing with FHIR Just Got Easier! NEW Jun 18, 2018
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A Getting the most out of Touchstone Analytics/Conformance Interface:

Please ensure your test system conformance (DSTU2) or capabilities (STU3) statement is available and accessible. Per the FHIR specification on capabilities, 'All servers are **required** to support the capabilities interaction...'

TLS Security:

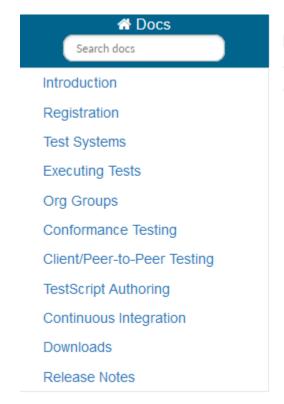
Based on the "Recommendations for Secure Use of Transport Layer Security (TLS) and Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS)", RFC7525, Touchstone supports the secured protocol TLS v1.2 (see RFC5246).

Alerts: Important usage information

Touchstone Updates

- > Touchstone 4.0.0 and TestScript Editor 1.2.1 Released NEW Sep 24, 2018
 - > Support for CDS Hooks Specification
 - > Touchstone now offers CDS Hooks 1.0 testing, supporting the HL7
 - CDS Hooks test scripts can be found under Test Definitions when y
 - Support for FHIR 3.5.0 (R4 Ballot #2)
 - Touchstone now offers FHIR 3.5.0 (R4 Ballot #2) testing, supporting FHIR directory of versions.
 - > FHIR 3.5.0 test scripts can be found at FHIR3-5-0-Connectathon19 test groups under Test Definitions.
 - > TestScript Editor now supports automatic updates. You can download th
 - > See Release notes for more details.

Touchstone Updates: Describes significant released version updates



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Feeds: News links related to FHIR, Testing and Touchstone

Touchstone Totals Users: 722 Organizations: 260 Test Systems: 281 Test Scripts: 3,681 Tests: 18.840 Test Script Executions: 105,163 Test Executions: 648,173 Message Exchanges: 989,821

Touchstone Totals: Tracks participation since Touchstone v1.0 release

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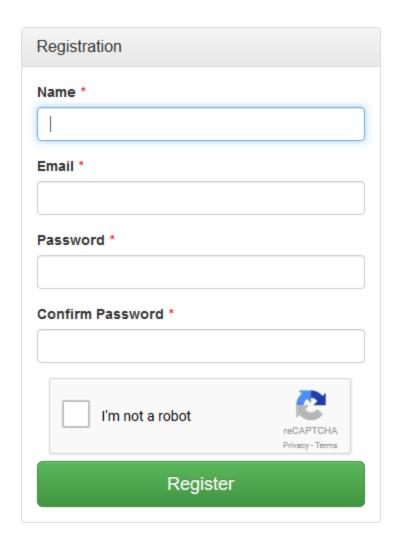


Getting Started with Touchstone

- All testing participants need to first Register with Touchstone
- Organizations may have 1 or more registered users on Touchstone (based on the organization's subscription level)
- Registration and acceptance of registration must be completed before any testing can begin
- An organization will typically have at least 1 test system and may choose to run tests against other publicly available test systems

Register an Account in Touchstone

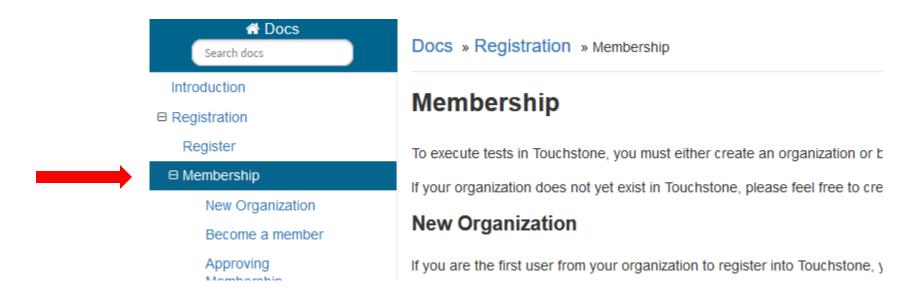
- Click Register
 - Enter your user name, email, password twice, and select "I'm not a robot"
 - Click the Register button



Create or Join an Organization

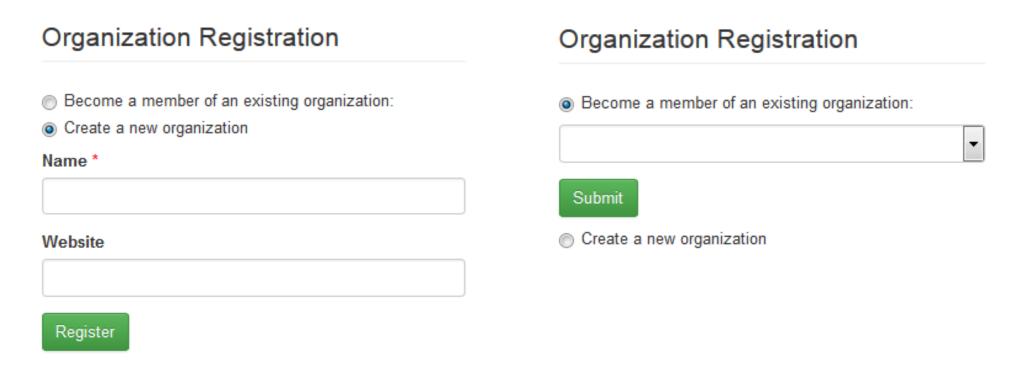
Your user account must belong to an organization. You can:

- a. Create an organization with your team
- b. Join an existing organization
- c. Use the Online Documentation if guidance is needed



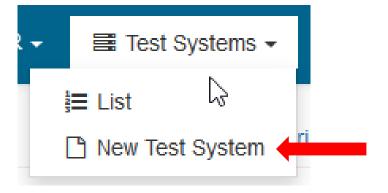
Create or Join an Organization

- If you are the first person from your organization to register, select Create a new organization
- If your organization is already registered, select Become a member of an existing organization. Then select your organization from the dropdown list.



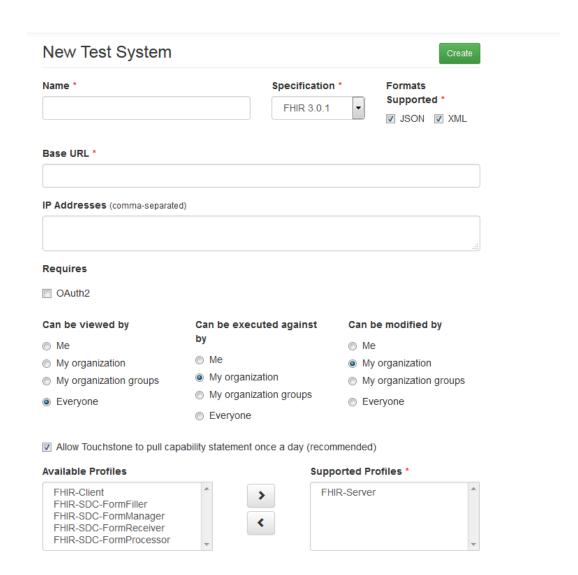
Create a New Test System Definition

- To run tests, a Test System must be defined
- From the top menu
 - Go to Test Systems
 - Select New Test System
- Once selected, a new entry for Test System will display



Create a New Test System Definition

- Enter the test system name
- Select the specification version and supported formats
- Enter the base URL
- The IP addresses are optional (Touchstone will determine this if left blank)
- Select OAuth2 if required
- Select privacy settings:
 - who the Test System can be viewed by
 - who can execute against the Test System
 - who can modify the Test System
- Assign the supported actor profiles





Touchstone Demo – Test Execution



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