



Let's build a FHIR app - .Net

Day 1 - Build a FHIR Data Mapper

Rationale: When adopting FHIR, a common scenario is needing to convert your existing data into the FHIR model. This can be a challenging first step, but if you approach it systematically it can be easy.

Exercise: For this exercise, we will be building a mapper that converts existing data a CSV file into FHIR Patient and Observation resources. We will use the [Firely .NET SDK](#) for the FHIR models.

We'll be using a sample data file from the CDC NHANES (National Health and Nutrition Examination Study) publicly available sample data set. The format of the data set is described at [this link](#) but James Agnew has reworked the format a bit to add fake patient identities and timestamps to the data.

The input CSV file can be found here: <https://bit.ly/MirjamsTraining> - /sample-data.csv

Approach

The input data looks like the following:

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SEQN, TIMESTAMP, PATIENT_ID, PATIENT_FAMILYNAME, PATIENT_GIVENNAME, PATIENT_GENDER, WBC, RBC, HB
93704.0, 2020-11-13T07:47:35.964Z, PT00002, Simpson, Marge, F, 7.4, 0.1, 13.1
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Note the columns:

- SEQN: This is a unique identifier for the test
- TIMESTAMP: This is the timestamp for the test
- Patient detail columns (note that the patients repeat so you will want to):
 - PATIENT_ID: This is the ID of the patient
 - PATIENT_FAMILYNAME: This is the family (last) name of the patient
 - PATIENT_GIVENNAME: This is the given (first) name of the patient
 - PATIENT_GENDER: This is the gender of the patient
- Test result columns (each of these will be a separate Observation resource):
 - WBC: "White Blood Cells": This a count of the number
 - RBC: "Red Blood Cells"
 - HB: "Hemoglobin"

Information for mapping the Observations:

White blood cell count - This corresponds to LOINC code:

Code: 6690-2
Display: Leukocytes [# /volume] in Blood by Automated count
Unit System: <http://unitsofmeasure.org>
Unit Code: 10*3/uL

Red blood cell count - This corresponds to LOINC code:

Code: 789-8
Display: Erythrocytes [# /volume] in Blood by Automated count
Unit System: <http://unitsofmeasure.org>
Unit Code: 10*6/uL

Hemoglobin:

Code: 718-7
Display: Hemoglobin [Mass/volume] in Blood
Unit System: <http://unitsofmeasure.org>
Unit Code: g/dL

When mapping the Observations, please take a look at <http://hl7.org/fhir/observation.html> for the relevant fields to put this data in, and to check which fields are mandatory.

Have fun, and remember to ask for help if you get stuck!