



Rules and Policy based handling of XML in Government Contexts including NIEM

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Background

- Managing information privacy and access policies is a critical need and technical challenge for government
- Desired solutions should be both ubiquitous and syntax neutral, yet at the same time incorporate a simple and lightweight approach that meets legal policy requirements through the application of clear, consistent, and obvious assertions
- Support use with National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) approach

DoD NIEM Adoption

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Subject: Adoption of the National Information Exchange Model within the Department of Defense

In order to comply with White House guidance on the adoption of reference information exchanges, DoD will adopt the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) as the best suited option for standards-based data exchanges. This adoption will involve a series of phased implementations by Components/Programs using NIEM content, guidance, and tools in an integrated effort to transition current DoD data exchange standards, specifications, and policies to a NIEM-based approach. In addition, the DoD will work with the NIEM Program Management Office to create a Military Operations (MilOps) Domain as part of NIEM.

Given the Clinger-Cohen Act mandates and today's fiscal pressures, DoD must adopt a DoD-wide sustainable business model for information sharing that supports the DoD data strategy, the Joint Information Environment, the DoD Information Enterprise Architecture, and emerging government data sharing guidance. Adoption of NIEM offers potential efficiencies, long-term development cost savings, streamlined governance, and most importantly, improved information sharing across the DoD and with our mission partners.

To facilitate the transition to NIEM, the Office of the DoD Chief Information Officer will lead the development of a DoD Data Framework to include targeted guidance on governance and technical direction regarding NIEM adoption. Specifically, the DoD Data Framework will build upon the existing DoD data strategy and will provide principles, rules and additional guidance for managing data artifacts to improve information sharing. This framework will provide a foundation for how DoD views, manages, and shares its data. As part of the framework effort and to assist in shaping the DoD involvement in NIEM, Combatant Commands, Services and Agencies are encouraged to identify and conduct pilots and demonstrations.

NIEM military domain "will support development of information exchange specifications across the full range of military operations."

NIEM will be used unless component can show compelling reasons

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

Subject: DoD Adoption of the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) and establishment of the NIEM Military Operations Domain

- 1. The 28 Mar 2013 DoD CIO memorandum, "Adoption of the National Information Exchange Model within the Department of Defense", states that the DoD will adopt the NIEM as the best suited option for standards-based data exchanges. This is a critical decision that will ultimately improve our information sharing capabilities within the Warfighting Mission Area, the Joint Information Environment, and the Mission Partner Environment.
- 2. In support of this decision and in coordination with the DoD CIO, the JS J6 is taking initial steps to establish a new Military Operations (MilOps) Domain within the NIEM construct. In combination with the existing NIEM Core and domains, the NIEM MilOPs domain will support development of information exchange specifications across the full range of military operations.
- 3. Request all Combatant Commands, Services, Agencies and Joint Staff Directors with an interest in this activity provide an organizational point of contact, preferably O-6/G8-15, by 30 April 2013. The DoD ClO and the JS J6 will use these points of contact to share information and coordinate DoD participation in NIEM MiOps Domain establishment, management, and piloting activities.
- JS J6 OPR for the NIEM MilOps Domain is the Data and Services Division within the Deputy Directorate for C2 Integration (DDC2I). Primary point of contact is Mr. Ryan Schultz, <u>ryan.r.schultz.civ@mail.mil</u>, (757) 203-5785.

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Co-Chain Real Reisses Ong Logan Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security SUBJECT: Evaluation of the National Information Exchange Model across the Architecture it Infrastructure

As the members of the Executive Steering Council for the National Information Exchange Model (NEM) program, we are pleased to those with you the enclosed report on the adoption and use of

As described in the stracked report, NIEM is gaining significant adoption as a standard for information

Even more recent successes include the establishment of the NIEM Cyber Domain as of December even more recent receiver measure on experimental or the content of the property of the content repone effect. The access of the program has yielded as endorsement from the National response enters. The success of the program are yearen on enterprise data standards framework for its constitution of State Chief Information Officers as an enterprise data standards framework for its constitution.

Based on the results in this report, we have saked the NIEM Program Management Office (FMO) to Basel on the results in this report, we have sized the NLEM Program Management Office (FMU) conditate efforts to define a strategy for scaling the NLEM process and framework to support a realizated advanced modern. Ever considerations should include a backlashed advanced modern. coordinate efforts to define a suspecty for scaling the relatest process non-manuscretz to suppose scolerated adoption and use. Key considerations through include highlighting value creation, scaling accounts adopted not use. Any conservance curve agreement water agreement value creases, scanne to give including strengthening both partitioner involvement and further engagement to give any agreement of the property of t the parameter most according trengments to a practitioner involvement and riverse empagement with tradends or parameters, and continued interstation. We sak that each Agency CIO stears by a with tradend parameters and an Alle M. De Parameters and the Agency CIO stears by a second size and a second s with standard organization, and common innovation. We sak that each Agency CIO sheerly a contact within their organization to work with the NIEM PMO toward this objective. Please send the contact information to NIEMPMO@nom.gov.

The NIEM PMO shall report progress and near steps on these activities to the CIO Council by July 1.

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The NIEM Framework

NIEM connects communities of people who share a common need to exchange information in order to advance their missions, and provides a foundation for seamless information exchange between federal, state, local, and tribal agencies. Much more than a data model, NIEM offers an active user community as well as a technical and support framework.



Formal Governance Processes

Online Repositories

Mission-Oriented Domains

Self-Managing Domain Stewards

Technical Framework

Data Model

XML Design Rules

Development Methodology

Predefined Deliverables (IEPD)

Support Framework

Tools for Development and Discovery

Established Training Program

Implementation Support

Help Desk & Knowledge Center



Agenda

- Approach Overview
- Use Case Example
- XML and NIEM*
- Grappling with Complexity
- Simple Solution
- Option Semantic Data Querying
- Summary
- Q&A

^{*} National Information Exchange Model – http://www.niem.gov



Approach Overview

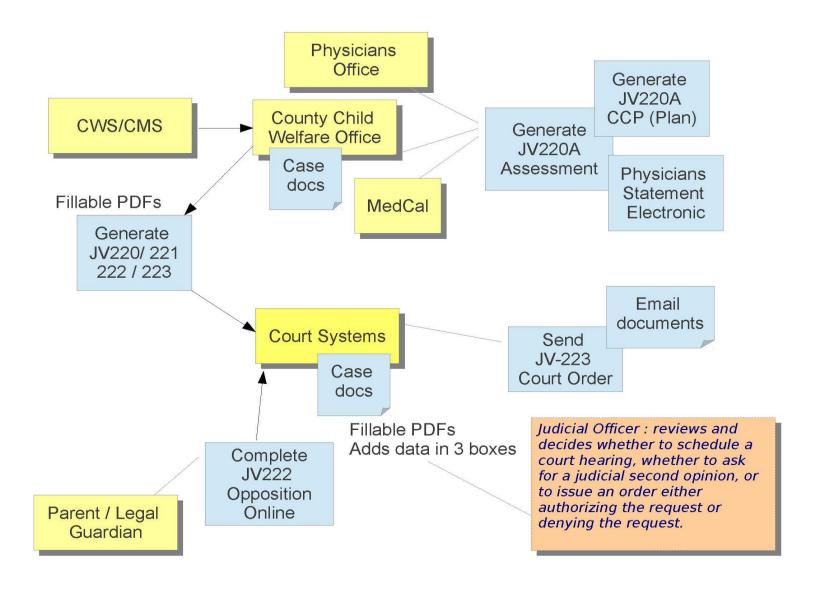
- Enable business information analysts to apply and manage policy profiles;
- Provide a clear separation between content and policy artifacts;
- Allow reuse of policies across content instances;
- Provide a clear declarative-assertions-based method, founded on policy approaches developed by the business rules technologies community;
- Leverage open software standards and tools.



Use Case Example

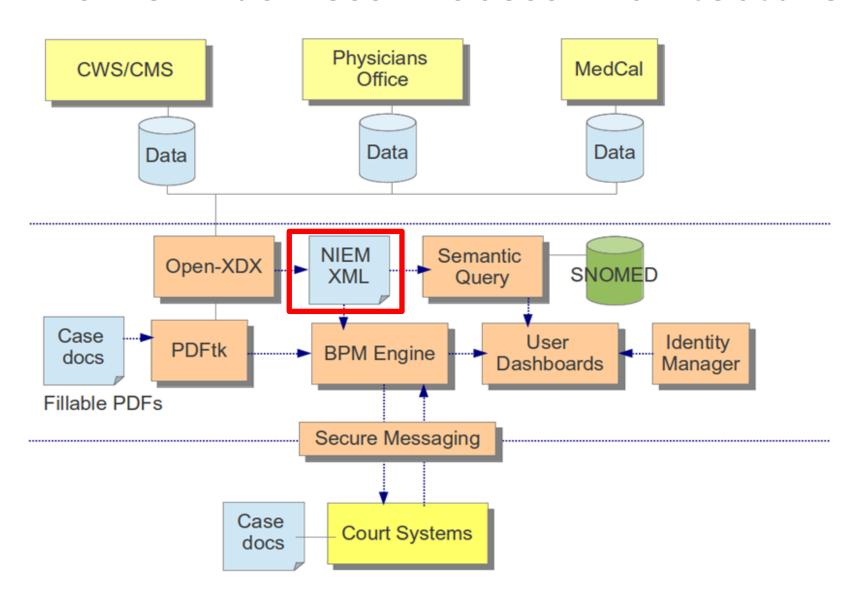
- California Child Welfare Services
 - Case Management and Case Court Submission
- Levels of information
 - HIPAA
 - Case Workers
 - Judge
 - Doctors
 - Parents / Guardians

Current Business Process Flow





"To Be" Business Process Architecture



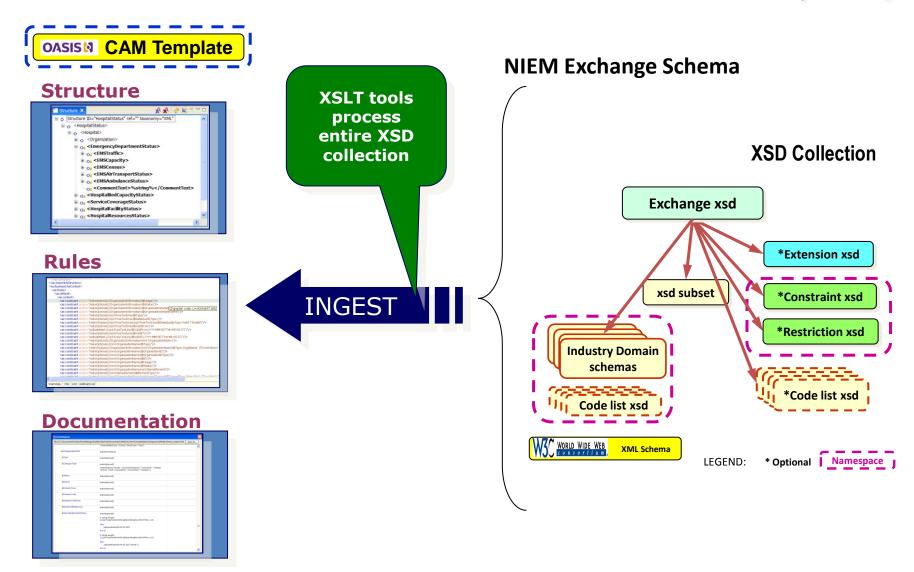


XML and NIEM

- Court Report NIEM IEPD
- Existing XML Schema (XSD) of court report exchange structure
- Handles general court case reporting
- Need to tailor structure to California needs and medical child welfare case handling
- Map from existing California and physicians case management databases to NIEM XML

Load Schema into Template Rule Realize your Knowledge





^{*}CAM – Content Assembly Mechanism – http://www.cameditor.org

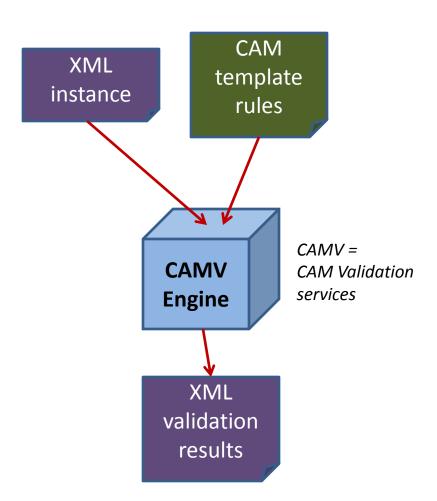
CAM Template Capabilities

- Fine grained dynamic rule –based control of XML structure components and validation
- Template has separate sections for structure, rules and annotations allowing easy programmatic handling
- Mature full featured visual editor tool
- Supports rendering to models and visual maps
- Ability to generate XML instances and map to/from SQL data stores

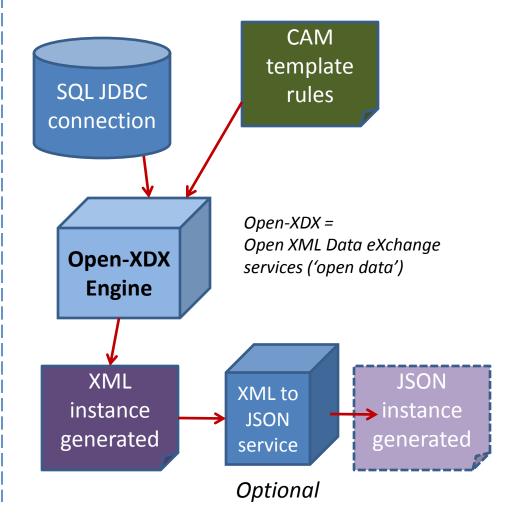


CAM Runtime Tools

Validation Services

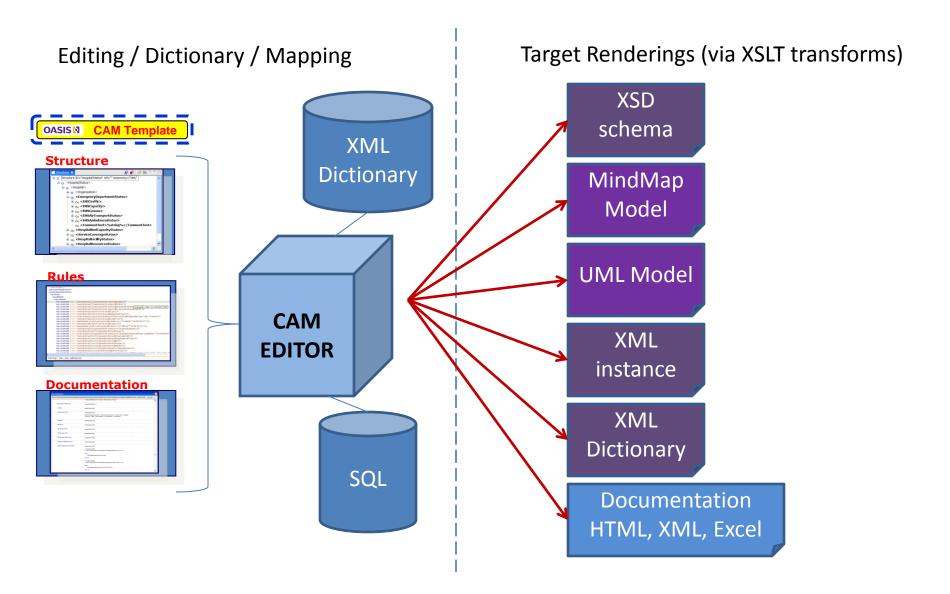


Mapping Services / XML / JSON



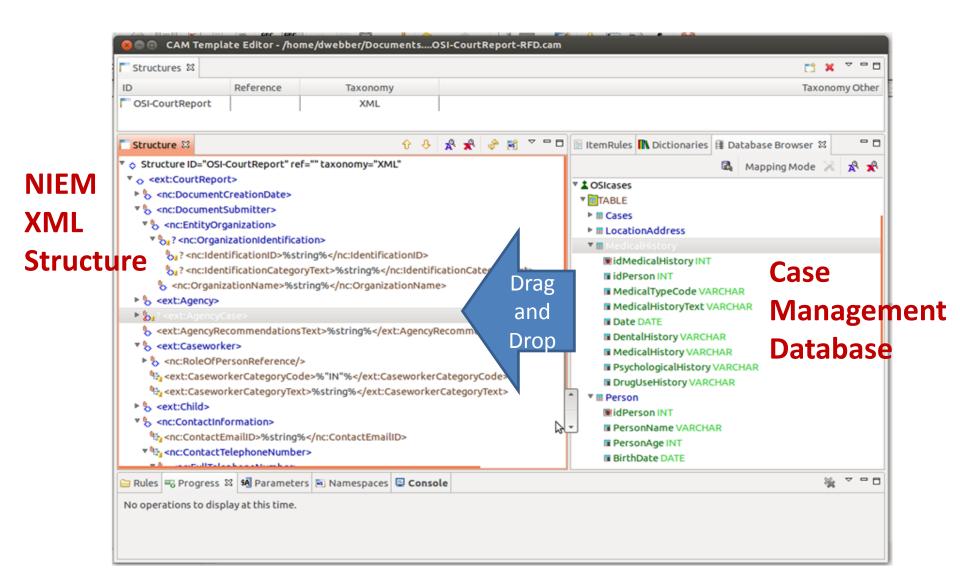


CAM Editor Tools



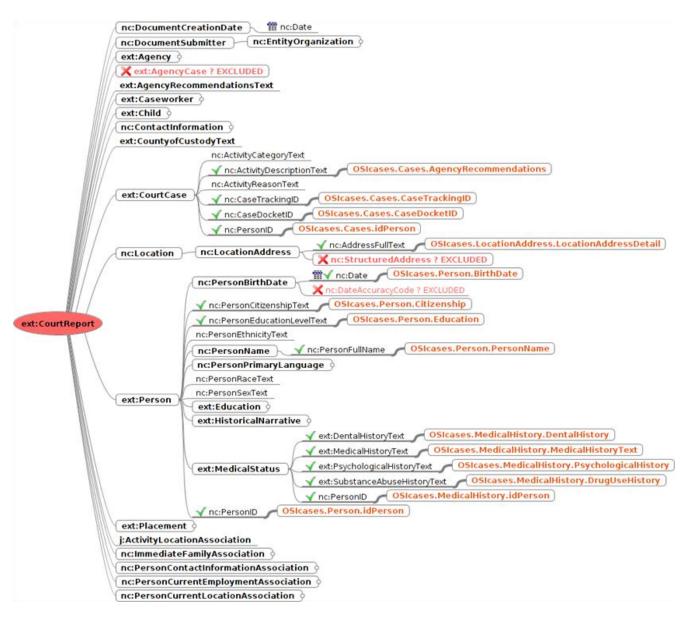
Data Mapping Editor





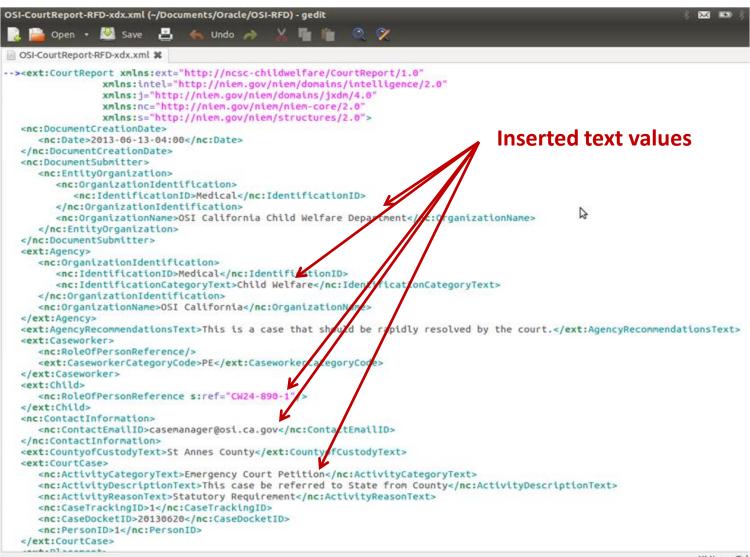
Example Data Mapping Realize your Knowledge





Example NIEM XML





Grappling with Complexity Realize your

- Court Report Data Model
 - XSD structure is generalized "catch all" open content structure
- Issues and Resolutions
 - Every element is repeatable, optional, nillable!
 - Replace with actual real content usage rules:
 - Required, excluded, optional
 - Remove ALL nillable clauses
 - Use Repeatable only when applicable multiple data
 - Map to actual SQL database sources
 - Ensure consistent and simple information exchange

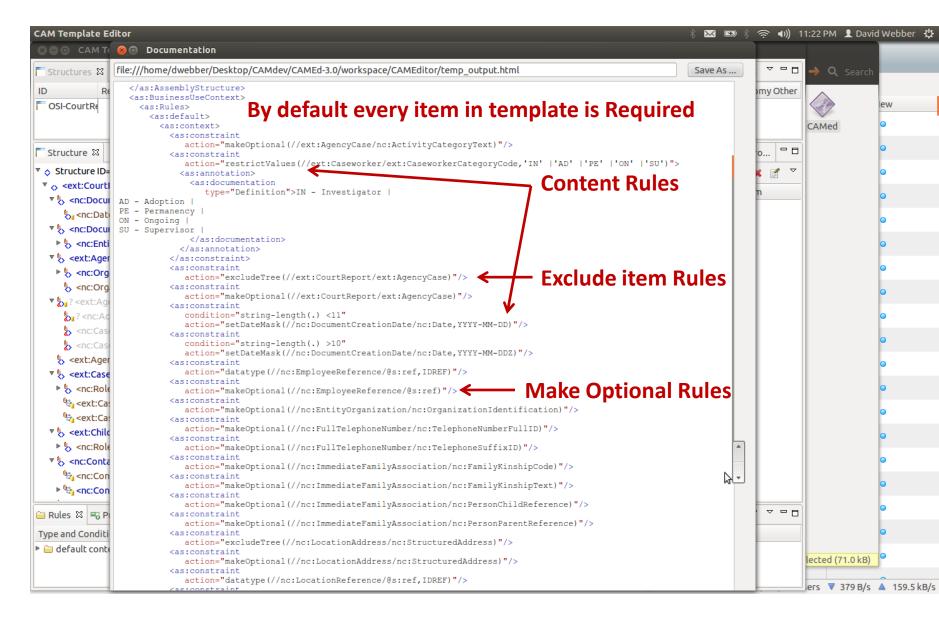


Simple Solution

- Uses OASIS CAM Template
- Template Rules expressed using XPath assertions
 - Layer 1 actual content control rules
 - Layer 2 access policy rules
- Template policy role based XML filtering
 - HIPAA only content
 - Parent / Guardian content
 - Physician content

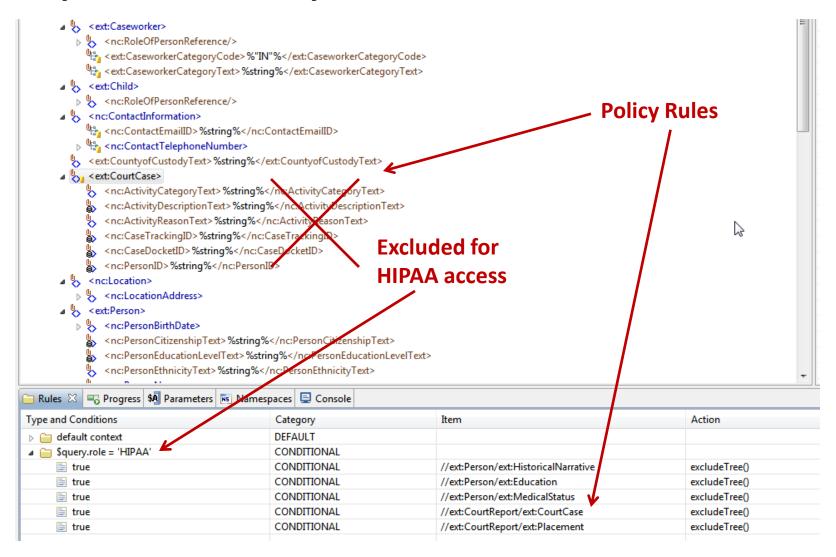


Layer 1 - Content Control Rules



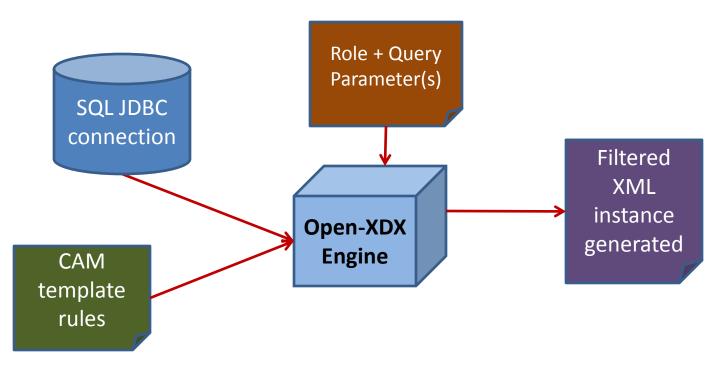


Layer 2 - Policy / Role Rules





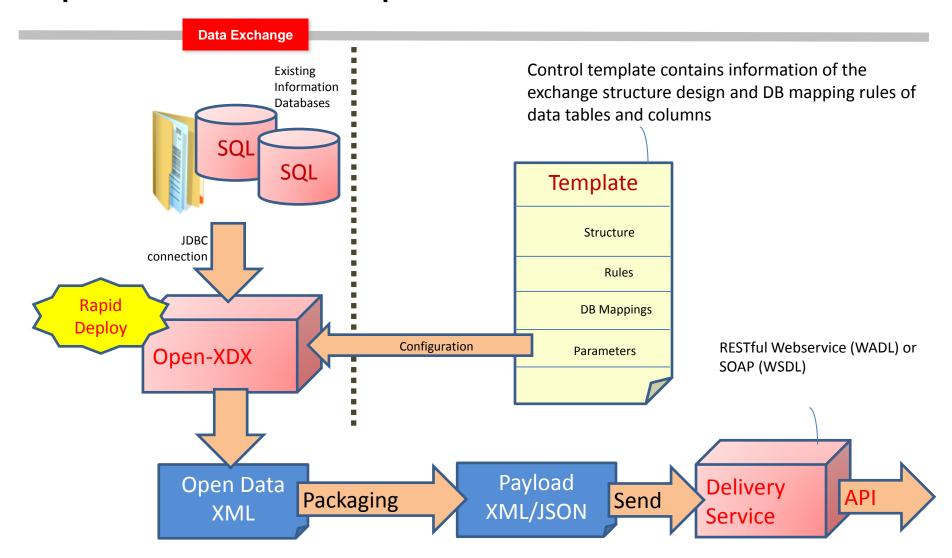
Open-XDX Runtime



Layer 1 content rules Layer 2 policy rules

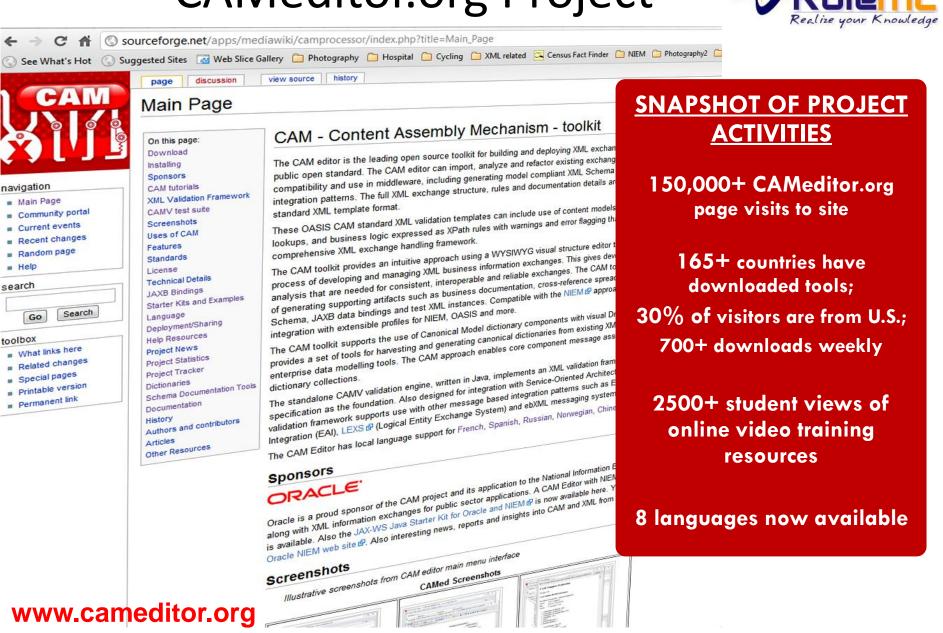
Open XDX - Conceptual Architecture





CAMeditor.org Project





Option – Semantic Querying

- Need to know what precisely a medication does that is referenced in patient records
- Obtain classification codes from NIH Master Drug database of generic and named http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/sourcereleasedocs/current/MDDB/
- SNOMED semantic clinical terms repository (RDF) http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/licensedcontent/snomedctfiles.html
- Instantiate RDF/OWL store in Oracle database with SPARQL lookup of drug classification details
- Lookup drug name, obtain master code, then reference SNOMED, return set of medical details; notice many drugs have multiple purposes.



Implementation Strategy

- Step 1 Load SNOMED ontology into Oracle Semantic RDF Graph
- Step 2 Perform OWL logical inference in Oracle database
- Step 3 Semantically Analyze the XML input (Java)
 - Take the input XML, parse the XML and locate the PatientDrugInfo content in the XML
 - Perform Text search to find matching URIs for the given patient drug information (NIH master drug catalogue)
 - Perform Semantic search using SPARQL queries to find relevant concepts (following class hierarchy) in the SNOMED ontology (asserted + inferred)
 - Enrich the PatientDrugInfo text field with all the additional information found
- Step 4 Return the XML back



Semantic Enhancement

Input XML Instance

```
xmlns:pmix="http://xml.ijis.org/niem/2.0/"
         xmlns:pmp="http://xml.ijis.org/niem/2.0/extension">
 <pmp:RequestPrescriptionDateRange>
   <pmp:RequestPrescriptionDateRangeBegin>2001-11-26-
05:00</pmp:RequestPrescriptionDateRangeBegin>
   <pmp:ReguestPrescriptionDateRangeEnd>2012-11-26-
05:00</pmp:RequestPrescriptionDateRangeEnd>
 /pmp:RequestPrescriptionDateRange>
 <pmp:RequestPatient>
   <nc:PersonBirthDate>
     <nc:Date>1993-10-11</nc:Date>
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     <nc:PersonSurName>JONES</nc:PersonSurName>
   </nc:PersonName>
   <nc:PersonSexCode>M</nc:PersonSexCode>
   <nc:PersonSSNIdentification>
     <nc:IdentificationID>234-55-4419</nc:IdentificationID>
     <nc:IdentificationJurisdictionText>SSN</nc:IdentificationJurisdictionText>
   </nc:PersonSSNIdentification>
   <nc:PatientDrugInfo>Desloratadine tablet 3mg</nc:PatientDrugInfo>
  /pmp:RequestPatient>
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<pmix:PMPRequest xmlns:nc="http://niem.gov/niem/niem-core/2.0"</pre>

Output XML Results

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xmlns:pmp="http://xml.ijis.org/niem/2.0/extension">
<pmp:RequestPrescriptionDateRange>
<pmp:ReguestPrescriptionDateRangeBegin>2001-11-26-
05:00</pmp:RequestPrescriptionDateRangeBegin>
<nc:PatientDrugInfo>
Desloratadine tablet 3mg
    match[0] sn:SCTID_134508009
     Desloratadine 5mg tablet (product) score= 65.0 general concepts {
         sn:SCTID 134506008 (Desloratadine (product))
         sn:SCTID_6425004 (Antihistamine (product))
         sn:SCTID 373873005 (Pharmaceutical / biologic product (product))
         sn:SCTID 440131009 (Oral dosage form product (product))
         sn:SCTID_349956006 (Non-sedating antihistamine (product))
         sn:SCTID 135394005 (Antiallergenic drugs (product))
         sn:SCTID 138875005 (SNOMED CT Concept (SNOMED RT+CTV3))
    match[1] sn:SCTID 321591001
     Risperidone 3mg tablet (product) score= 65.0 general concepts {
         sn:SCTID 407748006 (Oral form risperidone (product))
         sn:SCTID 373873005 (Pharmaceutical / biologic product (product))
         sn:SCTID_10784006 (Anti-psychotic agent (product))
         sn:SCTID 46063005 (Psychotherapeutic agent (product))
         sn:SCTID 108385001 (Benzisoxazole derivative antipsychotic agent
(product))
         sn:SCTID 138875005 (SNOMED CT Concept (SNOMED RT+CTV3))
         sn:SCTID 440131009 (Oral dosage form product (product))
         sn:SCTID_321087001 (CNS drug (product))
         sn:SCTID_358927005 (Mood stabilizing drug (product))
         sn:SCTID 108386000 (Risperidone (product))
</nc:PatientDrugInfo> </pmp:RequestPatient> </pmix:PMPRequest>
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<pmix:PMPRequest xmlns:pmix="http://xml.ijis.org/niem/2.0/"</pre>

xmlns:nc="http://niem.gov/niem/niem-core/2.0"



Summary

- Shown how to build a simple approach
- Rules and Policy are independent of content
- Leverage open software standards and tools
- Providing resources and tools
- Deliver dynamic policy driven open data exchange with XML or JSON
- Option to include semantic enhancement



Q & A

Questions?

- Resources:
 - http://www.cameditor.org
 - http://www.VerifyXML.org
 - http://www.niem.gov
 - http://www.niemtrainingvideos.org