

Tools Topic: “**Architecture**” for HL7 Support tools

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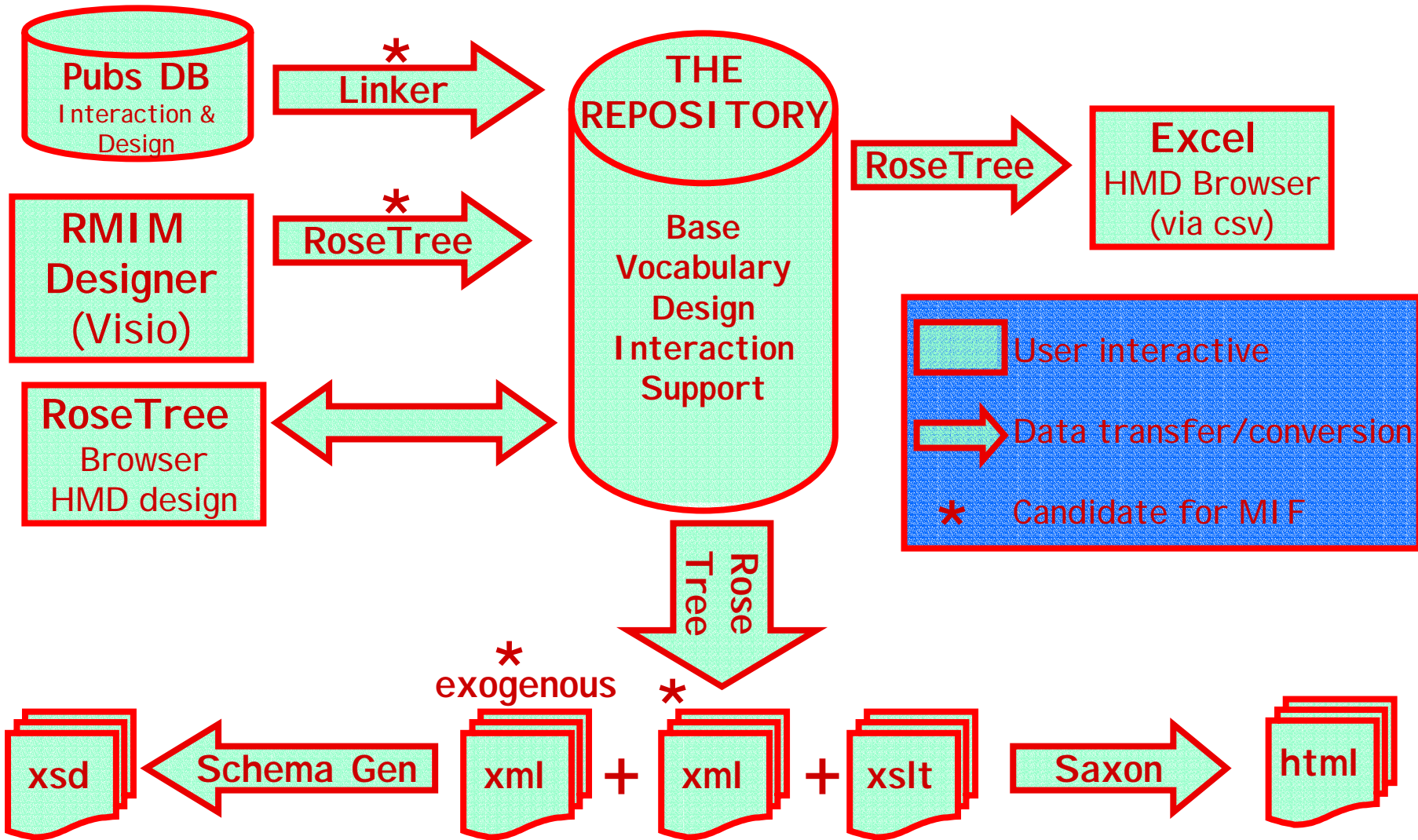
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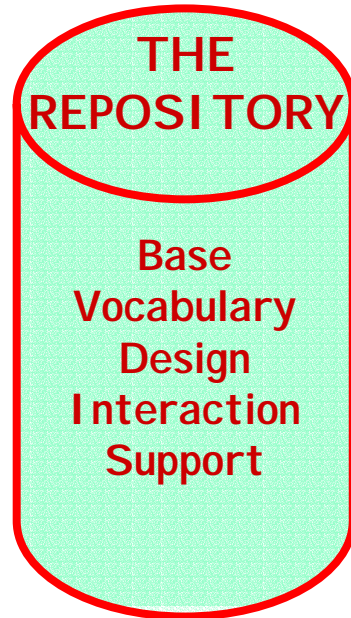
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Tools architecture



Repository contents



- Base
 - RIM – normative content
 - Data types representation (inform)
- Vocabulary
 - Domain definitions
- Design
 - Tables to hold RMIM, HMD, Message types
- Interaction
 - Tables for interactions, trigger events, application roles, story boards -- ballot content
- Support
 - Reference tables for tools
 - Additional ballot content
- Documented in [RepositoryContent.htm](#)

Model Interchange Format (MIF)

- Set of schemas to validate and represent any and all HL7 version 3 artifacts.
- Intended uses:
 - Format for exchange between HL7 version 3 tools, including:
 - RoseTree
 - HL7 Visio templates
 - publications tooling
 - Publications Database
 - Format for import and export of all repository data
 - Format for registration of affiliate ballot content
 - Format for submission of HL7 v3 proposals
 - Format for documenting and registering application conformance profiles.
- Current version packaged in MIF.zip

Model Interchange Format (MIF) 2

- Schemas use embedded schematron rules. to test conditions that cannot be tested in w3c schema.
- Functionality divided across multiple schema files to allow the validation of different 'levels' of HL7 artifacts:
 - **internalMarkup.xsd**: Defines markup for use in all mixed text elements.
 - **artifactBase.xsd**: Defines foundation types used by other schemas
 - **datatype.xsd**: Validates datatype definitions
 - **staticModelBase.xsd**: Foundation for static model (RIM, D-MIM, R-MIM, HMD, MsgType, etc) information
 - **staticModelFlat.xsd**: Validates static model definitions in their non-hierarchical representation
 - **staticModelSerialized.xsd**: Validates static model definitions in their hierarchical (HMD) representation
 - **artifactPackage.xsd**: Defines dynamic models, glossary, etc. as a package
 - **conformanceProfile.xsd**: Validates application conformance profiles

Tool suite

- Publication data base (PubDB)
 - Custom data capture DB for documentation of interaction design
- RMIM Designer
 - Custom programming in Visio to speed development, documentation and validation of message designs, constrained by HL7 Methodology, RIM, data types and vocabulary
- RoseTree – application to
 - Browse and review repository content
 - Generate (“walk the graph”) an HMD
 - Capture message type design constraints and annotations
 - Validate entered response
 - “Export”
 - RIM, Vocabulary, RMIMs, HMDs in XML and HMDs in csv formats
- Schema generator
 - XSLT set and “transform engine” to generate schemas from XML export
- XSLT stylesheets to “publish” and document all designs

Topic: Requirements

- PC Hardware/ OS (no MAC support) –
 - 1GHz cpu
 - Win 2000 or WinXP strongly recommended
 - 128 Mbytes RAM (min)
- Supporting software (available for download)
 - MSXML4
 - Saxon (for XSLT)
 - Sun Java JRE
 - Text editor
- “Commercial” software (products shown or their successors)
 - Access 2000 (Req)
 - Excel 200 (Recc)
 - Visio 2000 (Req)
 - XML Spy (Recc)
- HL7-distributed (primary)
 - Design repository with RIM and Vocabulary as content