Unified Terminology Governance Project (UTG) Page

UTG is now live! This set of pages contains information related to the management of UTG. For documentation about UTG and the HL7 Terminology pages, please see Vocabulary Maintenance at HL7.

Project Scope Statement (PSS)

The UTG PSS was approved by all co-sponsors at the San Antonio WGM the week of January 16, 2017. It was forwarded to FTSD for approval on January 20, 2017. The document may be directly downloaded from UTG PSS V1.

Project Overview

HL7 currently maintains multiple terminologies - v2, v3, CDA value sets and FHIR, but previously did not currently have a uniform vocabulary governance process or strategy across all the HL7 product lines. Ongoing maintenance of these terminologies was resource intensive and also quite opaque to much of the community. As FHIR and associated implementation guides become more popular and as HL7 continues to grow, this became a greater problem. UTG now maintains the terminologies that support all of HL7’s products (v2, v3, FHIR, CDA, etc.) in a way that is responsive and improves quality while reducing the resources that both HL7 and its volunteers must put into the process. As well, the process aligns with the community’s expectations for a more modern, continuous peer-feedback related process.

The UTG project has replaced all existing vocabulary maintenance processes (including harmonization) for HL7 internationally published normative standards.

The following sub-pages provide detailed information for each area of interest:
- UTG Objectives and Architecture
- UTG Project Requirements
- UTG Project Management Information
- UTG Documented Execution
- UTG Tooling and Proposal Documentation
- UTG Calls and Actions
- UTG Document Repository
- UTG Maintenance of the Unified Terminology - Overview and main Concepts
- UTG Archived Pages - Early design decisions and requirements

Project Details

Current implementation Team: Ted Klein, Grahame Grieve, Lloyd McKenzie, David Triglianos, Josh Procious

Current project team: all of those regularly attending the calls and WGM meetings

Calls every two weeks, see page here for call details. This page includes all agendas and minutes.

Contact Information

To learn more about the UTG project, here is contact information for primary project members. We encourage interested parties to join biweekly calls. Information located here.

- Ted Klein - Technical Lead
- Jessica Bota - Project Manager