Medsphere.org: Released

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About Medsphere.org

- Launched in February 2007 Hosted static information about Medsphere's open source projects (OpenVista Server and CIS).
- Over the past three years a number of supporting projects have been released and posted (Strongwind, Widgets, GTK# installers, etc.)
- In September 2008, Medsphere invested significantly in transitioning Medsphere.org from a static "download" site, to a community collaboration site.
 - Wiki, Discussions, Blogs, Mirrors, Tools, Proposals, etc.
 - Community Calls
 - Work Groups
 - Downloads hosted at SF.net
 - Open development hosted at LP.net



Quick Tour

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 - Quick access to content, search, tour
 - Search tool
- Blogs
- New and Updated
- Special Interest Groups
- Communities

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Project & Release Methodology

What gets released?

- Core Clinicals
- Development Platforms and Frameworks
- Ancillary Tools and Operational Functions

Where's the code?

- Periodic code releases as tarballs
- Open code repositories

Open development process

- Use of code review and merge proposals into open repos
- Public enhancement/defect tracking
- Launch projects as interest and resources present themselves



Licensure Philosophy

Open Source Licensure

- Licenses are granted by copyright holder
- 100s of licenses attempting to solve different problems
- Two main license certification organizations (OSI & FSF)

Medsphere Philosophy

- License selection should align with goals of project, community, individual participants, and technology
- Why AGPL/LGPL?
 - Provides freedom to collaborate and innovate
 - Protects community code returned to the commons
 - Certified by both OSI and FSF









On Medsphere.org: "which is the best community site in the health FOSS industry"

On Medsphere's open development and expertise: "we need to fully endorse whatever party is actually making progress on the problem. So far, that is Medsphere. In open source doers rule."

- Fred Trotter, O/S Health Advocate and 'Hacktivist'



Fostering an Active Community

Black Duck Software, which maintains a knowledgebase of more than 200,000 open source projects, recently announced results of research focused on open source healthcare software. They listed the top 10 healthcare projects, of which VistA was one.

Black Duck also identified healthcare software projects where community contributions are strongest:

"Projects dealing with electronic health records management, practice management and VistA, the health care information management system developed by the US Veterans Administration, **lead in project community activity**.

OpenVista, an open-source version of VistA, **is among the most active health care projects in the open source** community as tracked by the Black Duck KnowledgeBase."



OpenVista Server



OpenVista Server is derived from the VA Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) VistA server release and includes defect corrections and a selection of commercial enhancements equivalent to what has been released at Medsphere client sites.

Vital stats:

- Originally released: May 2007
- License: Applications: AGPL / Foundation: LGPL
- Technologies: M
- Downloads: Open Repository & 11,000+
- Home: http://medsphere.org/community/project/openvista-server



Highlights

- Latest release is substantially similar to customer sites
- Latest release is sustainable (i.e., patches published)
- Includes commercialization work, including standard interface portfolio developed for customer sites
- Available as routine/global exports or Cache.dat

Note: Demo data substantially reduced compared to original release.



OpenVista CIS



OpenVista Clinical Information System (CIS) is a cross platform application based on C# and <u>Gtk#</u> / <u>GTK</u>. CIS runs on the <u>MS</u> and <u>Mono</u> .NET frameworks. It is based on the design of the VA's Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS) along with image viewing, and other commercial enhancements.

Vital stats:

- Originally released: February 2007
- License: AGPL, GPL, LGPL
- Technologies: C#
- Downloads: Open Repository & 15,000+
- Home: http://medsphere.org/community/project/openvista-cis



Features

• Full revision history at https://launchpad.net/openvista-cis

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- Cross-platform: MS Windows, GNU/Linux, and Mac*
- Full support for A11Y
- Full support for I18N/L10N (partial translations for German, Spanish, Portuguese, and Thai)
- Integrated imaging support
- Reusable Graph and Grid components
- Inline/reusable spell checking
- Patient Growth Charts
- Medication Reconciliation (In the Meds tab)

* Requires some work – not a target platform

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OpenVista Appliance



The OpenVista Appliance is a virtual machine hosting the entire OpenVista stack from operating system to clinical front-end.

- Source code included
- Networking configured for inbound client connections
- Client software downloadable from network share
- Note: reduced demo patient data from previous releases

Vital stats:

- Originally released: May 2007 // Latest release: June 2010
- License: by project completely FOSS
- Technologies: Mixed
- Downloads: 6,400+
- http://medsphere.org/community/project/openvista-appliance



Included Software (r6)

- OpenVista CIS 0.9.96 (1.0 Release Candidate 2)
- OpenVista Server 1.5 Service Pack 4
- OVID 1.0.0
 - Patient Dashboard demonstration application
- FMQL 0.22
- FM Projection (trunk r5)
- GT.M V5.4-000
- Xubuntu 10.04 LTS "Lucid Lynx"
 - Apache
 - Samba



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The OVID (OpenVista Interface Domain) layer is a set of development tools designed to enable software developers easier access to OpenVista data and applications.

OVID is a foundational technology that allows developers to build upon OpenVista (and VistA derivatives) using alternative languages (such as Java) or architectures (such as Web Services/SOA).

Vital stats:

- Originally released: April 2009
- License: AGPL
- Technologies: M, Java
- Downloads: Open Repository & 2000+
- Home: <u>http://medsphere.org/community/project/ovid</u>
- Recent whitepaper: <u>http://www.medsphere.com/ovid-white-paper</u>



OVID Technical Capabilities

- Useful for building on the OpenVista/VistA platform:
 - Traditional applications
 - Web/Mobile applications
 - Exposing OpenVista data/logic as Web Services
 - Console based applications
 - Automation and Integration
- Ability to create M to Java calls, allowing M applications to call external Java APIs
- Ability to create Java to M calls, allowing Java applications to call into M APIs
- Supports creating Java domain objects



A Platform



Using the OVID technology and framework, community contributors and Medsphere have created new tools and applications:

- Web Services to CCR/CCD gateway
- Web Services to DoD KMR middle tier
- IHS/Medsphere Clinical Flowsheet, Pharmacy and more in development
- iPhone/iPod application to view patient record in real-time
- Registration application built on OVID
- RESTful interface to OpenVista



Sample web front-end

Web Services via OVID

- Sample web services published
- Source available
- See "Creating Web Services with OVID"

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When to consider OVID

VistA provides a strong *integrated* solution ...but, Integration is a double-edged sword VistA has not easily adapted to the changing world

OVID can be used in projects with varying goals:

- Extension or a platform on which to build
- Integration the glue between disparate systems
- Orchestration conducting between systems
- Migration a transitional path to different technology

See: Extending the Platform talk, 6/9 @ 9am



FM Projection



FM (File Manager) Projection is a technology that "projects" the data structure of OpenVista into a relational database format.

Users can query against FM data structures using SQL queries and COTS query tools.

See: Extending the Platform talk, 6/9 @ 9am

Vital stats:

- Originally released: January 2010
- License: AGPL, LGPL
- Technologies: M, Java, C
- Downloads: Open Code Repository
- Home: http://medsphere.org/community/project/fm-projection



FM Projection

Architecture:

- M-engine agnostic (GT.M or Cache)
- Implements a MySQL storage engine that is backed via a network connection to an OpenVista server
- Projection model uses SQLi package

Capabilities:

- Data can then be accessed via J/ODBC data tools and compatible data access development libraries
- A Java-based schema and data viewer is included
- Current version provides read-only access

Uses:

Connect open source or COTS data analysis, reporting, BI tools



GT.M Integration Project



The OpenVista/GT.M Integration Project has released Linux tools and enhancements to OpenVista to meet production environment requirements. The project strives to re-use as much existing infrastructure as possible, encourage best practices by building them into tools, and be familiar to Linux administrators and M/VistA users alike.

See "10 minute" installation on Medsphere.org

Vital stats:

- Originally released: May 2009
- License: AGPL
- Technologies: M, C, Bash
- Downloads: Open Repository & 1,400+
- Home: http://medsphere.org/community/project/gtm



Project History

Medsphere had been using GT.M internally for development, QA, and open source efforts for a number of years

- Installation and operation required strong knowledge of Linux
- Installations were not repeatable
- Incompatibilities with VistA

OpenVista/GT.M Integration project started in late 2008

- Published proposals and gathered community and internal requirements and feedback
- All bugs and code published on Launchpad.net
- Initial release May 2009
- Regular releases every month or two



Project Goals

OpenVista, GT.M, and Linux make up a pure open source stack, but they were not specifically designed to work with each other. There is significant value in integrating these components to simplify installation and management.

- Packaging
 - Should be able to "apt-get install openvista"
 - Packaging should follow OS/package management standards
- Management tools
 - Install, backup, restore, and monitor OpenVista instances easily
 - Access instances securely
 - Handle journaling and boot/shutdown tasks automatically
- Platform port of VistA/OpenVista to GT.M
 - Error trap, HL7 and RPC broker management, printing, routine management, switching between instances
 - Find and fix Cache-specific/non-standard M



Future Development

Package more components

- OVID
- Mirth
- OpenVista Server

Wrap more GT.M functionality

- Replication
- Database encryption
- Shared objects on x86_64

Deeper integration with OpenVista

- Developer tools
- Initial configuration
 - Volume set, RPC Broker, TaskMan
- Adding printers
 - CUPS, DEVICE file



Other Releases



Medsphere.Widgets is a collection of cross-platform interface elements for <u>Gtk#</u> used by Medsphere's products — primarily <u>OpenVista CIS</u>. Some are a compositions of standard Gtk# widgets, and others, like <u>GridView</u> and <u>Graph</u>, are custom managed widgets.

http://medsphere.org/community/project/medsphere-widgets



Strongwind is a GUI test automation framework inspired by dogtail. Strongwind is objectoriented and extensible. You can use Strongwind to build objectoriented representations of your applications ("application wrappers"), then reuse the application wrappers to quickly develop many test scripts. Strongwind scripts generate a human-readable log that contains the action, expected result and a screen shot of each step.

http://medsphere.org/community/project/strongwind



- Extending the Platform, Wed 6/9 @ 9:00am
- Semantic Web EMR, Wed 6/9 @ 3:15pm
- Medsphere Overview, Fri 6/11 @ 9:00am

Questions

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