

# A Test Data Journey in a Healthcare Landscape

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# The context

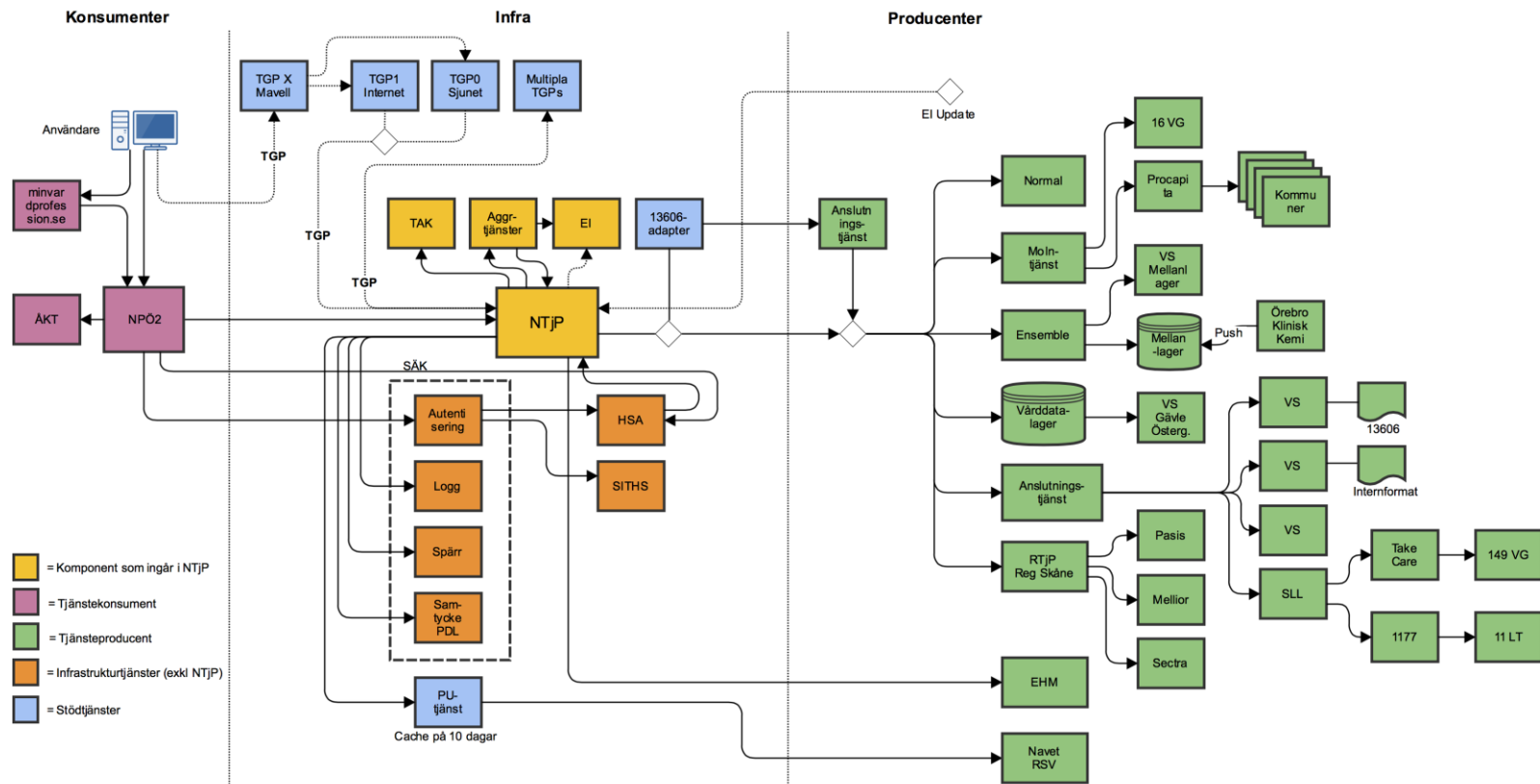


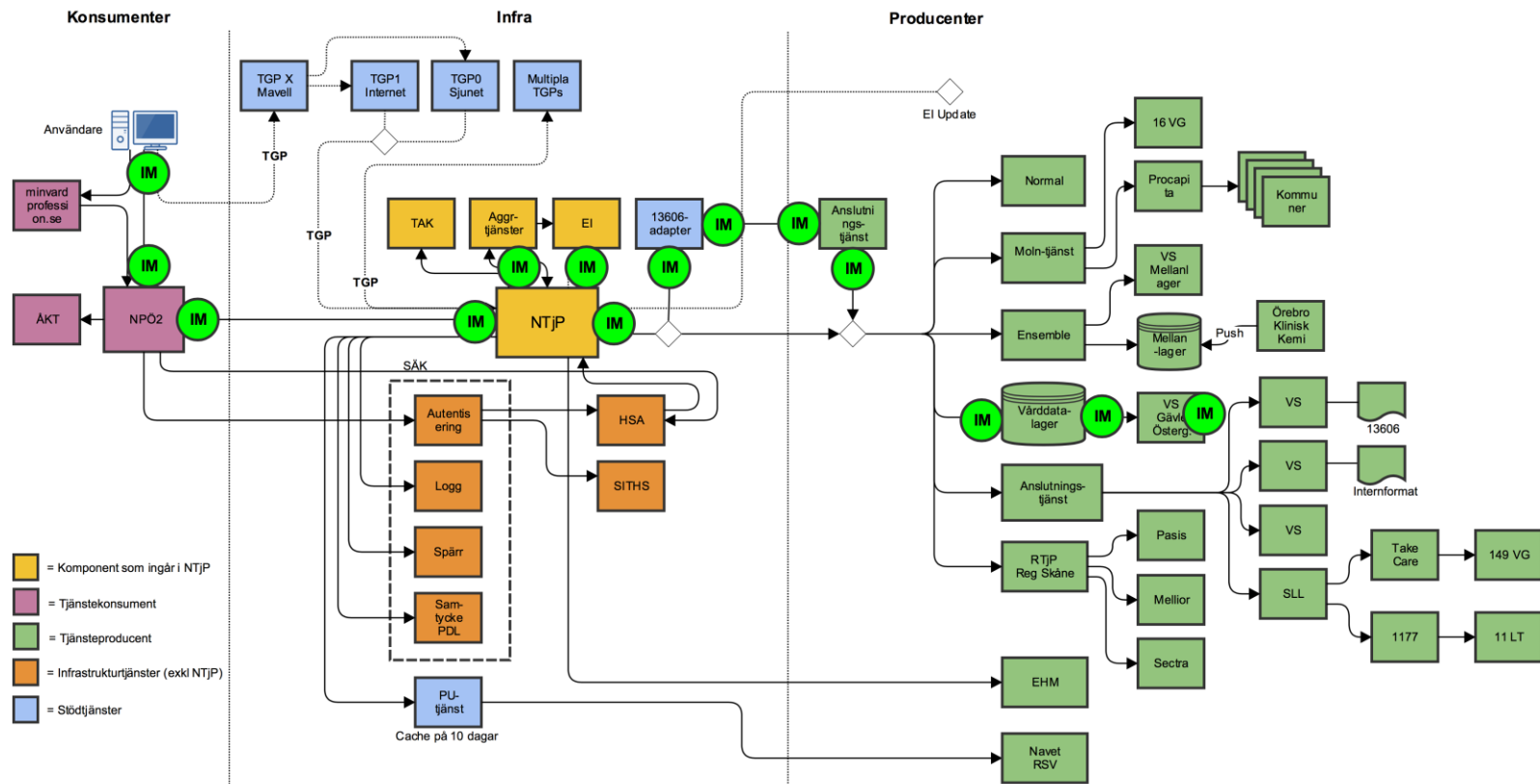
# The journey

- The eco system
- Service Contract Specifications
- Mocked vs. realistic test data
- Test data => test ideas
- Date filtering
- The people

# The eco system

- Swedish platform for sharing healthcare records
- Technical integrations vs. Human interactions
- No visual models available





# The eco system – lessons learned

- Visual models improved
  - Understanding
  - Communication
  - Problem identification
- Many components + many actors = multitude of problems
- Technical – but people problems



# Service contracts

- Service Contract Specification trumps everything
- Hard work to understand
- Still some unknown territories
- General purposes vs. specific applications





.././././drug	DrugChoiceType	Läkemedelsval. OBS: Ett och endast ett av följande alternativ: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- unstructuredDrugInformation (fritextval/extemporeberedning)</li><li>- merchandise (handelsvara)</li><li>- drugArticle (läkemedelsartikel)</li><li>- drug (läkemedelsprodukt)</li><li>- generics (generika/utbytesgrupp)</li></ul> Utelämnas om ordinationstyp är Utsättning.	0..1
.././././comment	string	Kommentar om läkemedelsval. Text som innehåller en kommentar till det ordinerade läkemedlet. Fältet kan användas för att specificera ytterligare läkemedel eller läkemedelsnära produkter, t.ex. i samband med spädning och infusion där läkemedlet består av en huvudingrediens men där spädningsvätskor eller motsvarande också kan behöva anges.	0..1
.././././unstructuredDrugInformation	UnstructuredDrugInformationType	Fritextval. Används för extemporeberedning, licensläkemedel etc.	0..1
.././././unstructuredInformation	string	Fritextbeskrivning.	1..1
.././././merchandise	MerchandiseType	Handelsvara.	0..1
.././././articleNumber	CVType	Varunummer. Från SIL. Identifierare för ordinerad handelsvara (exempel: spruta). Bör anges med id ur Apotekets varunummerregister. OID: 1.2.752.129.2.2.3.1.1. Får ej anges för läkemedel.	1..1
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.././././codeSystemName	string	Namn på kodsystem för varunummer.	0..1
.././././codeSystemVersion	string	Version på kodsystem för varunummer.	0..1
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# Service contracts – lessons learned

- The specification is one of many models
- Text is interpreted by people
- You cannot grasp everything, but you can learn a lot



# Mocked vs. realistic test data

- Test data from caregivers
  - Realistic, but small
  - Variety of source systems
- Artificial test data
  - Can be changed quickly
  - Easy to interpret



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23 while $i < 1001 do
24   # Skapa X antal noder
25   $date = "201#{1 + rand(9)}0#{1 + rand(9)}000000"
26
27   tmpa = "a#{1 + rand(9)}"
28   tmpb = "b#{1 + rand(9)}"
29   diagnoskod = worksheet.Range(tmpa).Value # Get diagnosis code from cell A$i in Excel sheet
30   diagnostext = worksheet.Range(tmpb).Value # Get diagnosis name from cell B$i in Excel sheet
31
32   output_file.puts("    <urn:diagnosis><urn1:diagnosisHeader>
33     <urn1:documentId>JOL-MOCK-GD-04-#{1 + rand(9)}</urn1:documentId>
34     <urn1:sourceSystemHSAId>JOL-MOCK</urn1:sourceSystemHSAId>
35     <urn1:documentTime>#{1 + rand(9)}000000</urn1:documentTime>
36     <urn1:patientId>
37       <urn1:id>189908029805</urn1:id>
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60     </urn1:diagnosisCode>
61   </urn1:diagnosisBody>
62 </urn:diagnosis>")
63   $i=$i+1
64 end

```



# Mocked vs. realistic test data – lessons learned

- Mix of data sources gives better coverage
  - Answers different questions
- Self-validating data make testing easier
- Easy to script your own test data
- Reality trumps artificial constructions



# Test ideas

- Understanding
  - the service contract
  - the domain specific needs
  - the important aspects
  - the test data possibilities

→ Powerful test ideas



## Test Data for Journal and Medications

### GENERIC TESTS

RealisticData  
SelfValidatingData  
MinimumResponse  
MaximunResponse  
SpecialCharacters  
VeryManyPosts  
TimeOut  
ERROR  
IncorrectXML

### JOL-GENERIC TESTS

MissingVGVE  
ApproveForPatient  
DatesForBlocks  
DatesDifferingElements

#### GetCareDocumentation

CategoryNoteCode  
CategoryTypeCode  
NoDocBook  
NestedDocBook  
DocBookNamespace  
IncorrectDocBook  
EntityEncoding  
NoCDATA  
Multimedia

#### GetLaboratoryOrderOutcome

CategoryTypeOfResult  
analysisCode  
analysisStatus  
OutsideReferenceInterval  
CumulativeList  
Attested  
accountableProfessional

#### GetMedicationHistory

CategoryMedication  
dispensation  
administration  
prescriptionStatus  
typeOfPrescription  
selfMedication  
nonReplaceable

#### GetDiagnosis

CategoryTypeofDiagnosis  
CategoryChronicDiagnosis  
ValuesOutsideCodes  
relatedDiagnos

#### GetAlertInformation

CategoryTypeofAlertInfo  
CategoryDegreeOfSeverity  
CategoryDegreeOfCertainty  
Sensitivity  
NotCurrent

#### GetImagingOutcome

CateogryTypeOfResult  
imageRecording  
Images  
patientData

#### GetReferralOutcome

CategoryReferralTypeCode  
ClinicalInformation  
UtfördaÅtgärder  
Attested

#### GetCareContacts 3

CategoryCareContactCode  
CategoryCareContactStatus  
additionalPatientInformation  
FutureContact

#### GetVaccinationHistory 2

riskCategory  
patientAdverseEffect  
vaccineTargetDisease  
HL7NarrativeBlock  
Nullified



# Test ideas – lessons learned

- The tests were not better than the test data
- Good enough test coverage is not good enough
  - Starting point
- Observational, analytical and exploratory skills
  - for new test ideas (test data)
  - to be able to find potential problems
  - for broader and deeper test coverage





# Date filtering

- All service contracts enables date filtering
- Many date fields
  - in service contracts
  - in source systems
  - with different purposes
  - with different rules



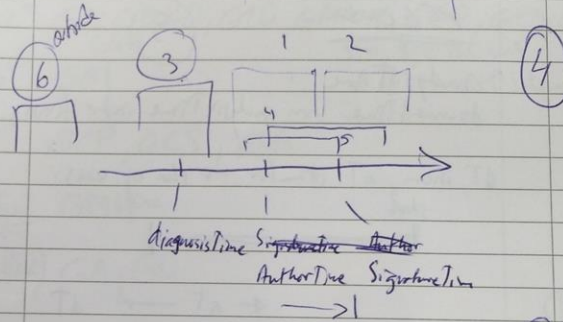
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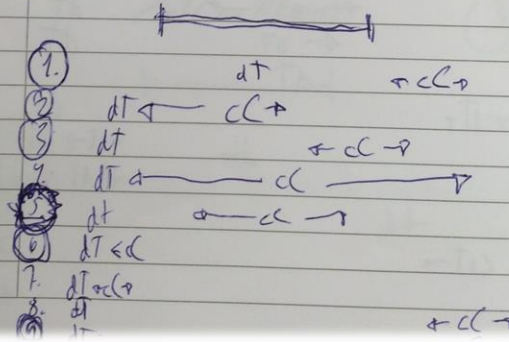
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② auth - sign



GetCaeContacts



# Date filtering – lessons learned

- Get your hands dirty
  - Plunge in and quit (Bach)
  - It's fun!
- The details matter
  - Helps understanding the bigger picture
- If it is important, assume nothing



# The people

- Test systems are test systems
- Real people, in the real world, are
  - responsible for creating data
  - in the data
  - using the data



# The people – lessons learned

- Understanding the big big picture
- Data becomes reality
- Emotional understanding

# Summary

- We tried to embrace the complexity; and dug in
- We wanted to understand, from many perspectives
- We needed to test in order to learn more
- and this is still an ongoing test data journey...



# Questions



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