





Introducing the MGRID HL7 Datatypes

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# Requirements on Medical IT

- Support growing information needs
  - without increasing costs
  - without decreasing performance
- Support interactive queries
  - Support online transaction processing
  - Information is used to guide treatment, archival becomes secondary
- Support different and changing information requirements
  - Storage should not be optimized for one particular question, but for all
  - Use standards for annotation, storage and query



# The Datatype Gap

- Database datatypes are far removed from HL7 datatypes
  - fill gap using ORM: HL7 datatypes allow for complicated operations which can easily translate into full tablescans
  - fill gap using custom code: standard is hard to interpret
- Current HL7 specific ORM implementations:
  - seem to consider only limited amount of data
  - have incomplete null handling



# The MGRID solution

## **Native HL7 datatype support in the database**

- Creates a query language that is powerful, fast and easy to learn
- Enables a lightweight hibernate interface for JavaSIG interoperability
- Makes terminfo / SNOMED CT implementations easy



# Example: PQ

```
create table obs (ptnt int, date ts, dosage pq);
insert into obs values (1, '200910011214', '10 ml');
...
insert into obs values (1, '200910091214', '20 ml');

select ptnt, effectivetime::date,
       convert(sum(dosage), 'ml') as "sum",
       convert(avg(dosage), 'ml') as "average"
from obs
group by ptnt, effectivetime::date
having sum(dosage) > '100ml' order by ptnt, effectivetime;
```

ptnt	effectivetime	sum	average
1	2009-10-01	120 ml	10 ml
1	2009-10-02	150 ml	50 ml
1	2009-10-04	600 ml	100 ml
1	2009-10-09	180 ml	20 ml
2	2009-10-02	300 ml	50 ml
2	2009-10-09	120 ml	20 ml
3	2009-10-01	150 ml	10 ml
3	2009-10-02	450 ml	50 ml
3	2009-10-04	900 ml	100 ml
4	2009-10-04	300 ml	100 ml

(10 rows)



# PQ - Physical Quantity

- PQ supports all ucum units
- PQs with the same dimensions can be converted and compared
- Database can do PQ arithmetic and conversions
- Nullflavors handling considering QTY





# Flavours of PQ and TS

```
create domain pq_time as pq
    constraint pq_time_compares_to_s
        check (value /= 's');
CREATE DOMAIN

create domain ts_date as ts
    constraint ts_date_prcs_le_8_no_tz
        check (isnull(toany(timezone(value))) = 'true'::bn
            and "precision"(value) <= 8
            and calendar(value)='GREG');
CREATE DOMAIN

create domain ts_date_full as ts
    constraint ts_date_prcs_eq_8_no_tz
        check (isnull(toany(timezone(value))) = 'true'::bn
            and "precision"(value) = 8
            and calendar(value)='GREG');
CREATE DOMAIN

select '10 ml'::pq_time;
ERROR: value for domain pq_time violates check constraint "pq_time_compares_to_s"
```



# Example: IVL<PQ>

```
select '<8m'::ivl_pq;  
       ivl_pq  
-----  
]Nullflavor.NINF m;8 m[  
(1 row)  
  
select contains('<8m'::ivl_pq, '20cm'::pq);  
       contains  
-----  
true  
(1 row)  
  
select '2m-8m'::ivl_pq;  
       ivl_pq  
-----  
[2 m;8 m]  
(1 row)  
  
select '[10ml; 20m3]'::ivl_pq;  
       ivl_pq  
-----  
[1e-05 m3;20 m3]  
(1 row)
```



# Example: IVL<TS>

```
select '2008'::ts, promotion('2008'::ts), demotion(promotion('2008'::ts));
   ts | promotion | demotion
-----+-----+-----
 2008 | [2008;2009[ | 2008
(1 row)

select '200801 .. 02'::ivl_ts;
      ivl_ts
-----
 [200801;200803[
(1 row)

select '200801 .. 02'::ivl_ts <@ '2001 .. 2010'::ivl_ts;
?column?
-----
 t
(1 row)

select '<2005'::ivl_ts <@ '2001 .. 2010'::ivl_ts;
?column?
-----
 f
(1 row)

select intervalafter('2001 .. 2010'::ivl_ts, '20080102'::ts);
      intervalafter
-----
 ]20080102;2011[
(1 row)
```



# IVL<T> - Interval

- All 7 IVL forms are supported
- Comparisons between interval forms are hard to program and easy to get wrong
- Additional functions:
  - overlaps, contains, intervalbefore, union



# II - Instance Identifier

```
select '2.16.840.1.113883.5.1011:any extension'::ii;  
      ii
```

```
-----  
2.16.840.1.113883.5.1011:any extension  
(1 row)
```

```
select uuid_generate_v1mc()::ii;  
      uuid_generate_v1mc
```

```
-----  
9fb6a05c-c237-11de-ab08-47231b73ad4b  
(1 row)
```

```
select 'wrong ii'::ii;
```

```
ERROR:  could not parse root wrong ii  
LINE 1: select 'wrong ii'::ii;  
              ^
```

```
HINT:   The root must be either an OID or an UUID
```

```
create table testii (id ii);  
insert into testii values ('2.16.840.1.113883.5.1011:any extension');  
insert into testii values ('c478b896-c235-11de-8436-ebddef4f1dbe:another extension');  
insert into testii select uuid_generate_v1mc() from generate_series(1,10000);
```

```
explain analyze select * from testii where id='c478b896-c235-11de-8436-ebddef4f1dbe';  
              QUERY PLAN
```

```
-----  
Index Scan using iii on testii (cost=0.00..8.27 rows=1 width=25)  
  Index Cond: (id = 'c478b896-c235-11de-8436-ebddef4f1dbe'::ii)  
Total runtime: 0.179 ms  
(3 rows)
```



# CV - Coded Value

- CV is a CD with no translations and only a single concept
- CS is a CV with an implicit code system which is clear from the context. This codesystem is not visible in the string representation.



# Example: CV

```
select oioid, oiname, oitype, oireleaseid, oistatus from pg_oid where oiname='ActClass';
```

oioid	oiname	oitype	oireleaseid	oistatus
2.16.840.1.113883.5.6	ActClass	5	145	complete
2.16.840.1.113883.1.11.11527	ActClass	11	-1	-

(2 rows)

```
select 'OBS:2.16.840.1.113883.5.6'::cv;
```

cv
OBS:2.16.840.1.113883.5.6

(1 row)

```
select 'OBS:2.16.840.1.113883.5.7'::cv;
```

ERROR: invalid code OBS for codeSystem ActPriority (7)

LINE 1: select 'OBS:2.16.840.1.113883.5.7'::cv;

          ^



# Example: CV

```
select * from pg_conceptdomain where coname = 'ActClass';
```

```
 coid | coname  
-----+-----  
   362 | ActClass  
(1 row)
```

```
select 'OBS'::cv('ActClass');
```

cv

```
-----  
OBS:2.16.840.1.113883.5.6@2009-08-30:2.16.840.1.113883.1.11.11527@2009-08-30  
(1 row)
```





# Example: CV

```
create table testcv (class cv('ActClass'), mood cv('ActMood'));
```

```
Table "public.testcv"  
Column | Type | Modifiers  
-----+-----+-----  
class | cv('ActClass') |  
mood | cv('ActMood') |
```

```
insert into testcv values ('wrong','values');  
ERROR: invalid code wrong for codeSystem ActClass (6)  
insert into testcv values ('OBS','EVN.CRT');  
insert into testcv values ('PROC','APT');  
select class from testcv;
```

```
class  
-----  
OBS:2.16.840.1.113883.5.6@2009-08-30:2.16.840.1.113883.1.11.11527@2009-08-30  
PROC:2.16.840.1.113883.5.6@2009-08-30:2.16.840.1.113883.1.11.11527@2009-08-30  
(2 rows)
```

```
select code(class), displayname(class), code(mood), displayname(mood) from testcv;  
code | displayname | code | displayname  
-----+-----+-----+-----  
OBS | observation | EVN.CRT | event criterion  
PROC | procedure | APT | appointment  
(2 rows)
```



# Example: SNOMED CT

```
select conceptid::text::cv('SNOMED-CT') into cvgi from
  (select conceptid from snomed.concepts order by random() limit 1000) a;
describe cvgi;
```

```
Table "public.cvgi"
 Column |          Type          | Modifiers
-----+-----+-----
conceptid | cv('SNOMED-CT') |
```

```
select code(conceptid),displayname(conceptid),codesystemname(conceptid)
  from cvgi where conceptid << '404684003'::cv('SNOMED-CT') limit 10;
```

```
code | displayname | codesystemname
-----+-----+-----
5919001 | Rupture of papillary muscle | SNOMED-CT
193666005 | Unspecified visual field defect | SNOMED-CT
22395006 | Oesophageal body web | SNOMED-CT
254943007 | Benign tumour of choroid plexus | SNOMED-CT
293041006 | Sulphaguanidine adverse reaction | SNOMED-CT
199617004 | Large-for-dates unspecified | SNOMED-CT
168624001 | Plain X-ray of radius/ulna normal | SNOMED-CT
24825006 | Central alveolar hypoventilation syndrome | SNOMED-CT
57361003 | Anomaly of chromosome pair 5 | SNOMED-CT
269468002 | Malignant neoplasm of short bones of leg | SNOMED-CT
(10 rows)
```

```
select '71620000|fracture of femur|:
  116676008|associated morphology|=21947006|compression fracture|
  ,363698007|finding site|=29627003|structure of neck of femur|
'::cv('SNOMED-CT');
```

cv

```
-----+-----+-----
71620000|fracture of femur|:
  116676008|associated morphology|=21947006|compression fracture|
  ,363698007|finding site|=29627003|structure of neck of femur|:2.16.840.1.113883.6.96
(1 row)
```



# Example: SNOMED CT

In an Act instance where Act.code attribute is a SNOMED CT expression, the expression must represent a type of [363787002|observable entity], [«129125009|procedure with explicit context] or [«272379006|event]

```
create table act (class cv('ActClass'), code cv);

alter table act add constraint act_code_snomedct CHECK (
  (codesystem(code)='2.16.840.1.113883.6.96') ?
  (code << '363787002:2.16.840.1.113883.6.96'::cv or
   code << '129125009:2.16.840.1.113883.6.96'::cv or
   code << '272379006:2.16.840.1.113883.6.96'::cv));

insert into act values ('PROC','224166006'::cv('SNOMED-CT'));
ERROR: new row for relation "act" violates check constraint "act_code_snomedct"

insert into act values ('ACT','3974003'::cv('SNOMED-CT'));

select code(class),displayname(code) from act;
 class |          displayname
-----+-----
  ACT  | Contact with sharp leaves
(1 row)
```



# ORM MGRID using Hibernate

- Consider for instance storing a table of PQs;
- Differences using 'standard datatypes' versus HL7 datatypes:

<b>versus</b>	<b>standard</b>	<b>HL7 datatypes</b>
java api table definition query	JavaSIG 2 columns; value unit full scan, make canonical, filter	JavaSIG + MGRID mappings 1 column; pq partial scan



# Hibernate mapping is trivial

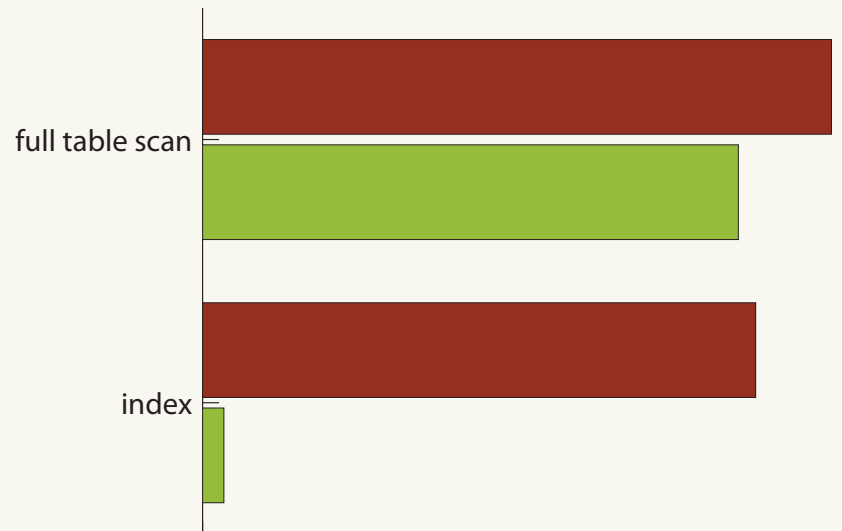
- provide own nullSafeSet and nullSafeGet

```
public void nullSafeSet(PreparedStatement st, Object rawValue, int index)
    throws HibernateException {
    try {
        if (rawValue == null) {
            st.setNull(index, java.sql.Types.OTHER);
        } else {
            PGobject object = new PGobject();
            PQ pq = (PQ) rawValue;
            object.setType("pq");
            object.setValue("" + pq.value() + " " + pq.unit());
            st.setObject(index, object);
        }
    } catch (SQLException ex) {
        throw new HibernateException(ex);
    }
}
```



# Hibernate performance comparison

- Slightly better performance when using full table scans
- Enormous performance boost when using indexes



# Questions





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