

# Health of the Source



HEALTHQUILT  
CONNECTING FOR QUALITY

# Fred Trotter

- Not just another pretty bald head.



# We need freedom

We do not know what we do not know.  
What an EHR should be today -is not-  
what it should be tomorrow



# What is Open Source?

It is a license and a process that respects freedom.



# What is VistA?



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# Critical Mass

- Laws: Stark pushed open source + HITech mentions it.
- Larger companies taking it more seriously, i.e. Misys, Sun
- More projects at the periphery are becoming important i.e. Trisano



# Trisano

- Public Health application
- Live in Utah at 1.0 version. More states, organizations to follow
- Following the classic foundation/company model
- Coolest new project



# WorldVistA

- Revenge of the members
- Kevin Toppenburg (sp) GUI config tool makes setting variables much easier
- Ignacio Valdes pushes VistA Standard Base and then makes an rpm.
- Installing WorldVistA now takes less than 5 minutes, includes several clients



# OpenVista

- By not making any huge errors in the last year, Medsphere has denied me any material for comic relief in this talk.
- I have a reputation here... and need some material. Being “funny” is not as easy as it looks.
- Seriously... they have a community-building strategy that is working. They are executing and Medsphere.org is excellent.



# Web VistA

- I hear good things...
- Aggressive technical strategy that could really change things. Or fall flat on its face.



# OpenMRS

- Search youtube!



# Tolven

- Going Live!!
- Still-unique EHR-PHR model



# Mirth

- Continues to be the foundational tool
- But WebReach is doing more ... watch this space!!!
- Expect innovative “Mirth-compatible” efforts from Misys Open Source and others.
- The MPI space will be heating up!!



# My Interests

- Web Service / cloud based Health IT projects.
- ClearHealth's web services
- Moving data



# Ancillary Projects

- Trisano = public health
- Sahana = disaster response



# News You should know

- Open Source whitepaper from the AMIA open source working group
- RPMS just got CCHIT certified, that makes (sort of) three Vista based CCHIT certified systems



# The problems with CCHIT

- Fundamental, the problem is not with the content of the standard but with how the standard is executed.
- Open Source is different. Certifying should be cheaper to do for us, so it should be cheaper to buy for us.
- How do we “share” a certification.

