



# ***Health Level 7 and ARDEN-Syntax***

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- What is HL7?
  - A standard to **exchange clinical data**
  - Widely known and used for interoperability between health IT systems
  
- What is the Arden Syntax?
  - A markup language used for representing and **sharing medical knowledge**
  
- So – what has HL7 to do with Arden?

## „Arden Syntax“ for CDSS

- ❑ First Draft 1989 developed in the „Arden House“ – at that time independent from other standards
- ❑ Version 1.0 1992 published by ASTM (USA)
- ❑ 1998 the sponsorship moved to **HL7 Inc.**

## „HL7 Arden Syntax Working Group“

- HL7 publishes and further develops the Arden Syntax as HL7 Standard
- Version 2.0 1999 approved by HL7 and ANSI
- Current Version 2.10

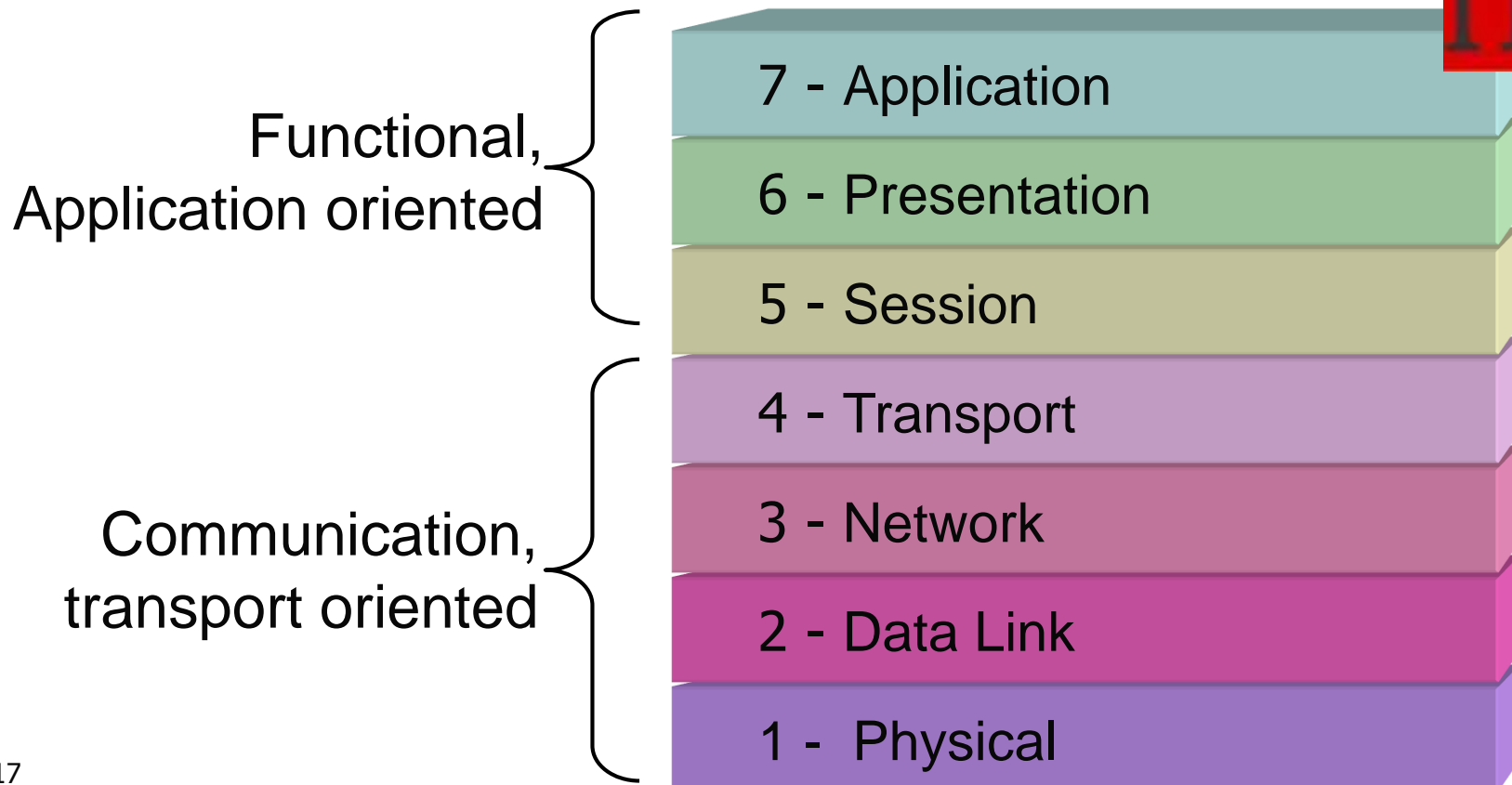


Arden Villa, Orange County, New York

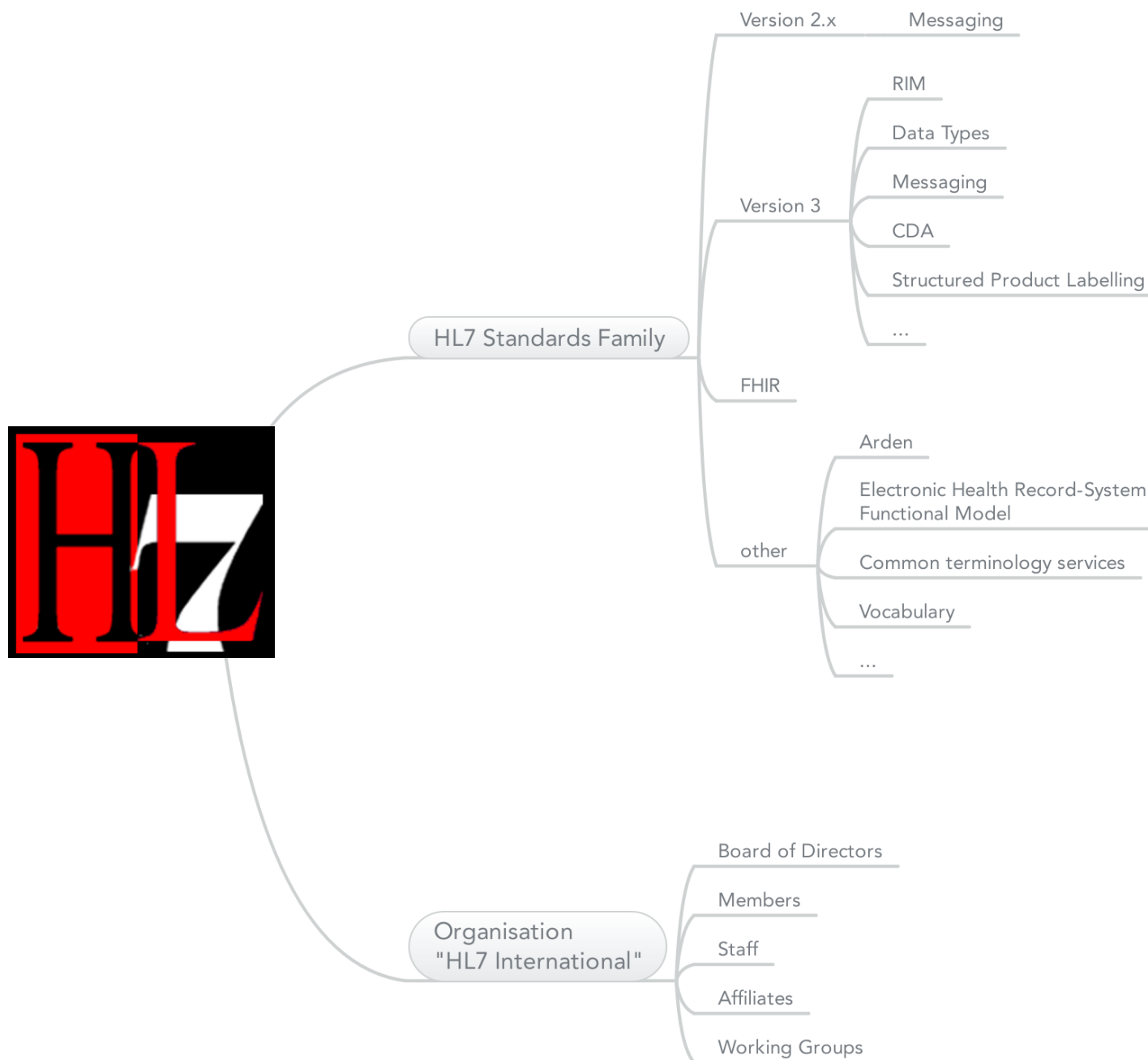
# What does HL7 mean?

## □ „Health Level Seven“:

- „*Health*“: global interoperability standards for healthcare
- „*Level Seven*“ is a reference to the seventh layer of the ISO/OSI Reference Model



- ❑ HL7 provides a comprehensive framework and related standards for the exchange, integration, sharing, and retrieval of electronic health information that supports clinical practice and the management, delivery and evaluation of health services, e.g.
  - Communication
  - Data Model, Data Types
  - Vocabulary
  - Clinical Documents
  - **Decision support** & knowledge management
  - Medical devices & personalized health devices
  - Disease management
  
- ❑ Well known Standards: **V2 Messaging, CDA, FHIR**



## □ HL7-Standards

- Used globally, most important and implemented standard
  - Standards are developed by specific working groups with a defined consensus based harmonization process („ballots“)
  - Collaboration with other relevant SDO, (ISO TC21, CEN TC251, ASTM, DICOM, IEEE, IHE, IHTSDO, GS1,...)
  - Joint ISO-HL7 Standards
- Basis for IHE
- ELGA uses HL7

## □ Intellectual Property

- Protected IP, owned by HL7 International
- Standards are free available (registration needed without additional costs)
- Members of HL7 may reproduce and distribute the standards and create customized constraints

- ❑ A Standardization Organization. Domain: clinical and related administrative data
  - ANSI-accredited
  - Collaborates with other SDO: ISO, DICOM, IHE, ...
- ❑ Not-for-profit volunteer organization
  - Headquarter in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
  - Members: providers, vendors, payers, consultants, government groups, universities and other interested parties
  - A well-defined set of operating procedures ensures consensus, openness and balance of interest
  - >1.600 members worldwide
  - >35 national affiliates



- ❑ **Affiliate HL7 Austria established 2007**
  - Official Affiliate of Health Level Seven International
  - Organization as „private club“, not-for-profit
  - Fully financed by membership fees
  - „Open membership“: 89 members total
  
- ❑ **Activities**
  - Standardization, Ballots (CDA IG , HL7 V2 / Z-Seg, codelists, document nomenclature...)
  - Conceptual Work: OID, Terminology-Server
  - Annual Meetings (March 2-3 day)
  - Education: Workshops, Tutorials, eLearning
  - Conferences, e.g. IHIC2012 Vienna, pHealth2014 Vienna, IHIC2015 Prague, ...
  - Interoperability Forum Meetings

- ❑ **Chair („Präsident“):** Stefan Sabutsch
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Alexander Mense
- ❑ **Chair TC FHIR:**  
Reinhard Egelkraut



## □ Meetings

- Annual Meeting (2-3 d) → 90-100 participants
- Interoperabilitätsforum 3x p.a. with other SDO

## □ Education

- HL7 Fundamentals (eLearning course with int. certificate)
- ELGA CDA Implementation Guides
- ARDEN Syntax Schulung (Workshop)
  - Cooperation with Medexter GmbH (last: 22 May)
- FHIR Workshops (upcoming: eLearning)
- Workshops on current issues (upcoming: Art-Decor 30.May)

## □ Journals

- D-A-CH-L: HL7 Mitteilungen (printed, 2x p.a.)
- HL7 International & Europe News
- eMail-Newsletter
- Twitter: [https://twitter.com/HL7\\_Austria](https://twitter.com/HL7_Austria)

- HL7 Austria actively contributes to the international working groups
  - Collaboration with other Affiliates
  - Participation in Working Groups
    - Security (Co-Chair Alexander Mense)
    - Arden Syntax (Adlassnig)
    - Clinical Decision Support (Adlassnig)
    - FHIR (Egelkraut, Schuler, Krauss ...)
    - ePharmacy
    - Etc.
  
- Arden Syntax – powered by Austrian Know How