

Advancing eHealth Interoperability

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Testing tools

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Introduction



eEIF Use Cases

ANTILOPE refined Use Cases

Selection of Profiles and underlying standards adapted to the Use Cases

Existing Testing
Tools for Selected
Profiles and
standards

Gaps in existing testing tools







Overview of the results



- For revised eEIF Use Cases and their associated profiles the information on available testing tools was collected and analyzed
- For each of the existing testing tools that have been identified and analyzed the most important information is provided
- Testing tool categories considered relevant for this work were elaborated in the methodology section.
- The information on tool category had a particular importance in the gap analysis.

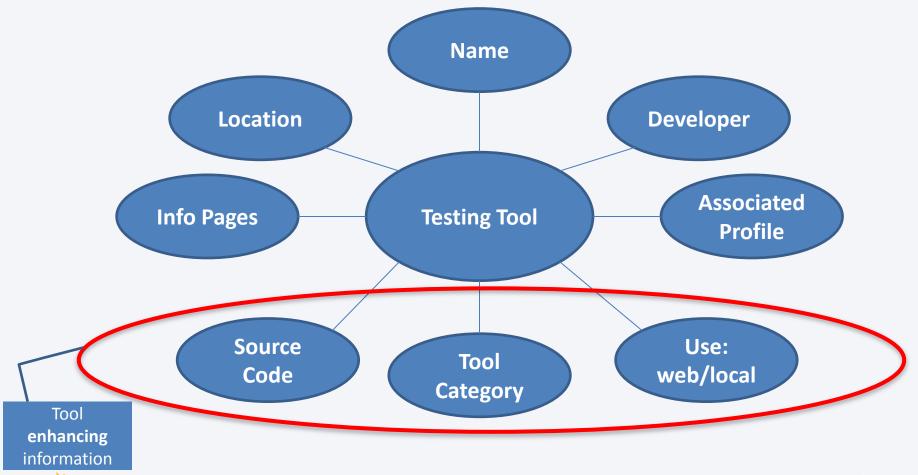






Existing Testing Tools
Information Diagram





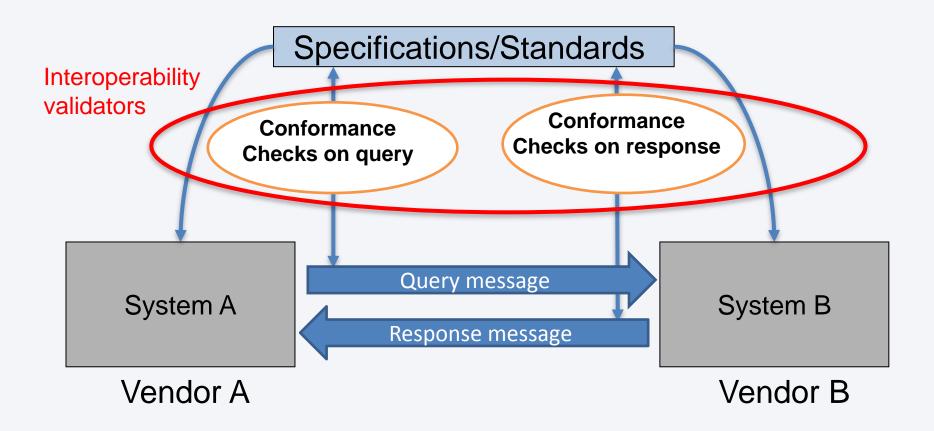






Testing tool categories: Interoperability validators











Existing testing tools grouped



Tools specific to IHE profiles

Tools specific to Continua Health Alliance Profiles

Generic tools useful for testing HL7. No associated profile.

Tools not recommended for use







Testing tools improvements



- Tow types:
 - Profile specific but independent of the Use Case where the profile is used
 - profile independent, improve the testing precision, testing efficiency or both
- Clearly conformance testers and interoperability validators provide a more powerful testing solution and proposed when not already available
- Other, specific, less powerful but useful improvements proposed
- Detailed description of testing tools improvements provided





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Recommendations



- Testing tools already exist for eEIF Use Cases
- The increased use of existing tools will improve interoperability of eHealth systems implementing eEIF Use Cases
- In addition to immediate use of existing tools, improved testing tools should be developed to increase the testing precision and productivity
- Improvements have already identified and described
- New or improved testing tools should be built in line with the ANTILOPE issued Request For Proposal
- As the eEIF evolves, there should be a **continuous process** of review , development and deployment of improved testing tools





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Opportunities for adoption



- The first and most important step in achieving interoperability is **deciding on the specifications** for an interoperable system
- If the specifications are not using standards and profiles, interoperability may not be possible, no matter how much effort is invested later on
- National/regional level specifications should be specialisations of common standards and profiles
- Solutions built in this way in one country can to a large extent be reused in other countries







Opportunities for adoption (cont.)



- Testing tools for national level can also be specializations of the testing tools built for testing international standards/profiles
- This would reduce the cost of building testing tools for national/regional use and increase the stability of testing solutions on all levels
- This approach would facilitate achieving cross-border interoperability in Europe as testing tools can be shared across all levels







Key messages on testing tools



Testing tools are key to achieving interoperability	Testing and certification of eEIF Use Cases is relying on recognized profiles and will require robust and high quality testing tools
Use good testing tools that exist	ANTILOPE is contributing by consolidating and disseminating the knowledge about the testing tools that are already available.
New or improved test tools need to be developed	ANTILOPE has identified the gaps and is promoting the development of additional testing tools









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