

RBAC Newsletter – August, 2003

DOD RBAC TASK FORCE KICK-OFF MEETING HELD IN JULY

VHA and IHS RBAC TF representatives met with the DoD representatives for the DoD RBAC Task Force kickoff meeting in late July. At the meeting, the role engineering process was discussed and demonstrated with examples of the process using an HL7 storyboard as input. The role engineering website was also presented. Attendees participated in a "hands-on" role engineering workshop using a selected DoD scenario. Participants coordinated the next steps for the DoD Task Force with the VHA Task Force activities and identified issues to be presented at the September HL7 meetings. (See below 'RBAC ACTIVITIES TO BE PRESENTED AT SEPTEMBER HL7 MEETING' item for more information).

VHA HIA PROVIDES ANNEX TO NIST RBAC STANDARD

VHA HIA and NIST RBAC Standard representatives have agreed that VHA provide an informative (vice normative) annex to the upcoming NIST RBAC Standard that introduces the concept of Basic Roles. Basic Roles can be considered to be prerequisite roles to the use of the Application Roles (a.k.a. Functional Roles) that are described in the Standard. This will help to harmonize the standard with related VHA ASTM activities that support RBAC in healthcare organizations.

VHA MAKES PROGRESS ON STORYBOARDS

Since the initial VHA RBAC Task Force Kickoff Meeting, the TF has updated and modeled the following healthcare scenarios: Nurse in New Primary Care Outpatient Encounter; Doctor in New Primary Care Outpatient Encounter; Nurse in New Primary Care Outpatient Encounter, Follow-up for Nurse-Run Clinic; and Comprehensive Institutional Pharmacy.

RBAC ACTIVITIES TO BE PRESENTED AT SEPTEMBER HL7 MEETING

An update on the various RBAC activities will be presented at the September HL7 Working Group Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee. The presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, 09 September 2003, at Session Q2, when a joint meeting will be held by the Personnel Management Technical Committee and the Security/Accountability Special Interest Group. The update will include the latest RBAC Task Force activities, specifically those of the VHA/IHS RBAC Task Force and the DoD RBAC Task Force. The role-engineering website and its capabilities will be described. Time permitting, there will be a presentation of storyboards that have been modeled using the role engineering process.

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