

Integrating genomic, clinical, and patient
questionnaire information for breast cancer
diagnosis and treatment

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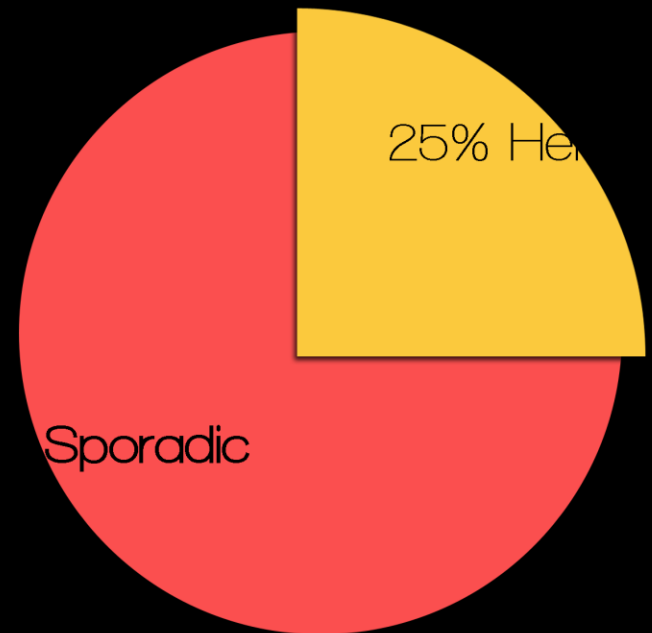
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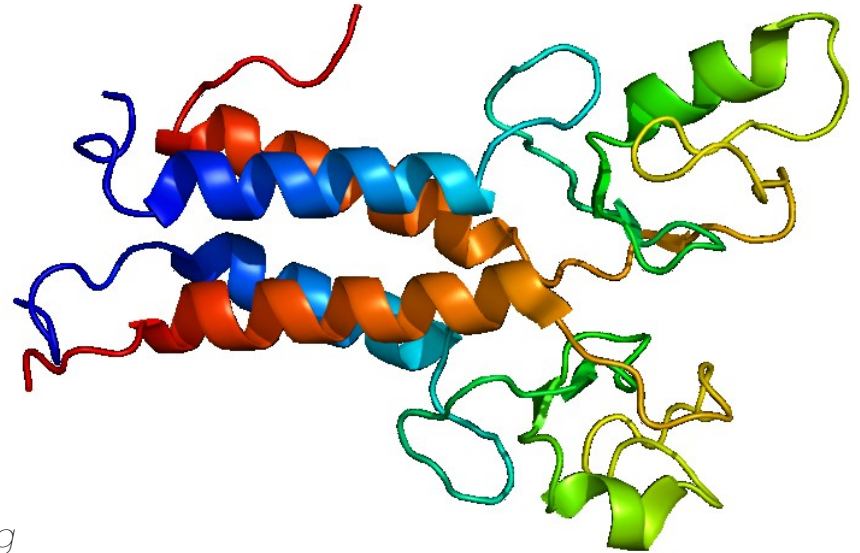
Background

- 1 in 10 women will have breast cancer
- 10% related to autosomal dominant gene
- Factors such as sunlight, toxic chemicals, and aging processes



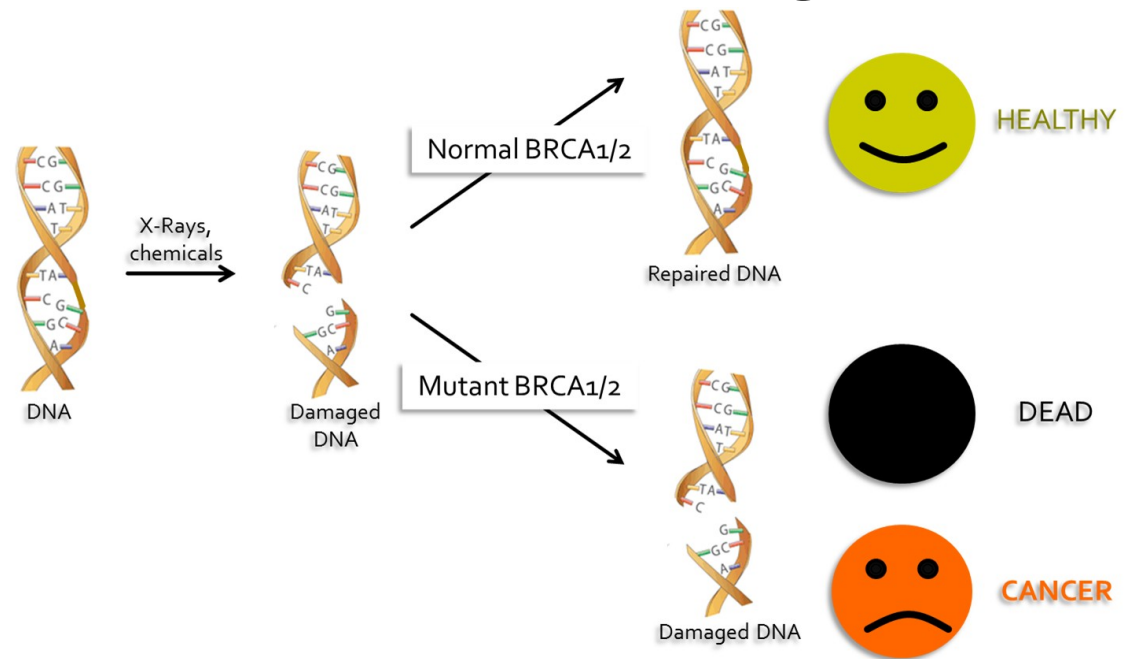
High Penetrance Genes

- BRCA1 and BRCA2
- Tumor suppressor gene
- Proof reading mechanism for DNA
- Some do not display signs of cancer but 80% will



Mutation of BRCA1

- Elevates risk from 10% to 80%
- Cancer cells can proliferate leading to tumors





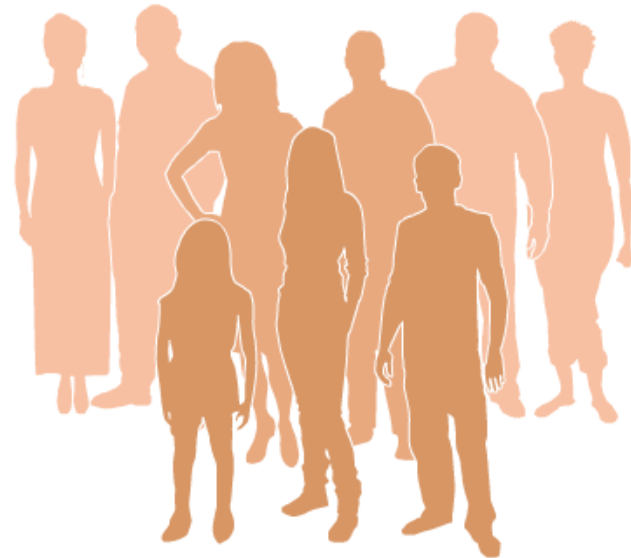
Prevention

- Mutations can be tested for
- Mutation carriers tend to develop cancer at an earlier age
- Affects ability to tolerate degradation of other mechanisms such as old age



Prevention

- Family history algorithms
- Once we find one case it facilitates the process
- Preemptive surgery to remove cancer



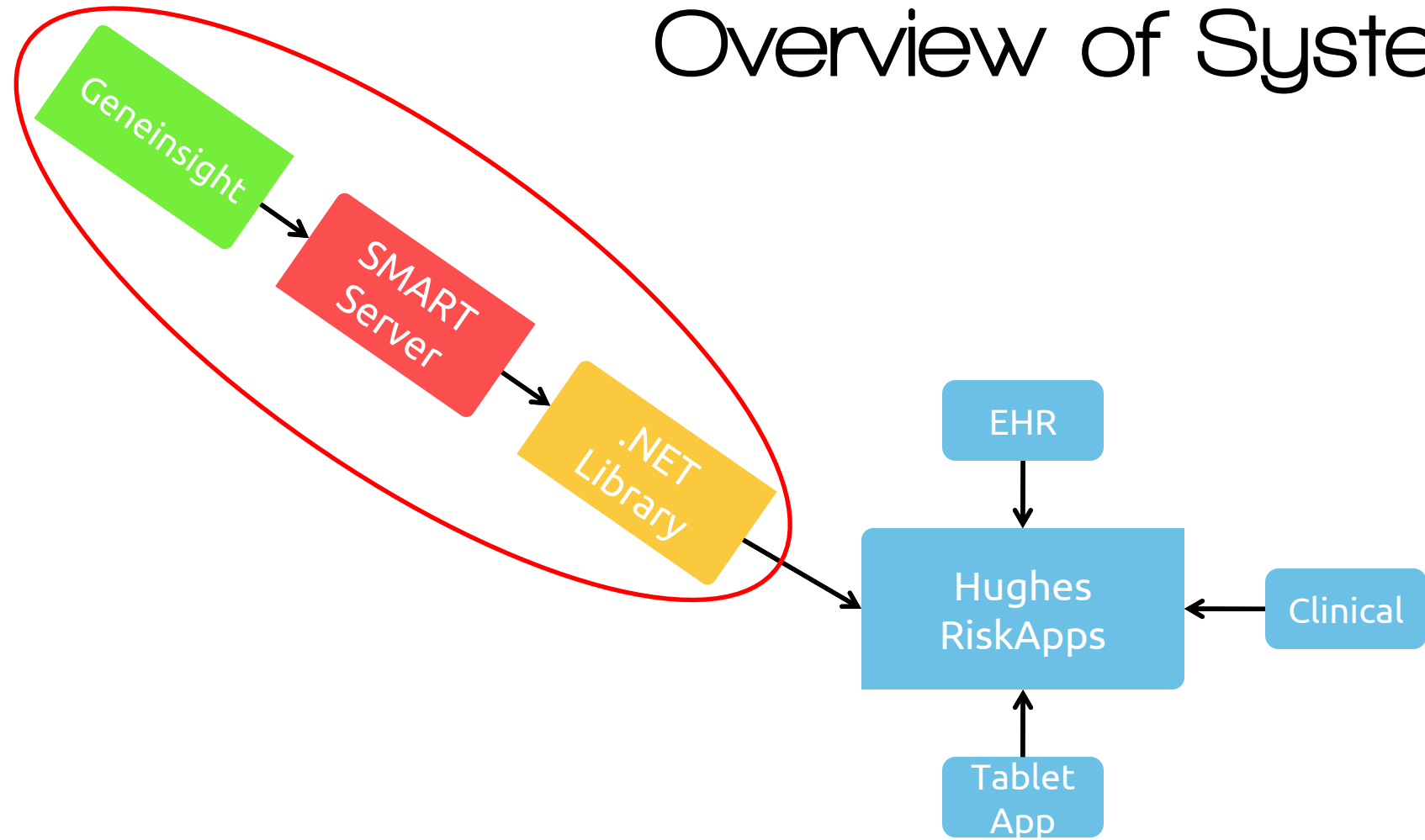


Motivation

- Identification of mutation carrier
 - Family History
 - In Screening
- Most mutation carriers are not found
- Get cancer at early age with no access to risk reduction interventions
- Faster screening means help for people with mutations

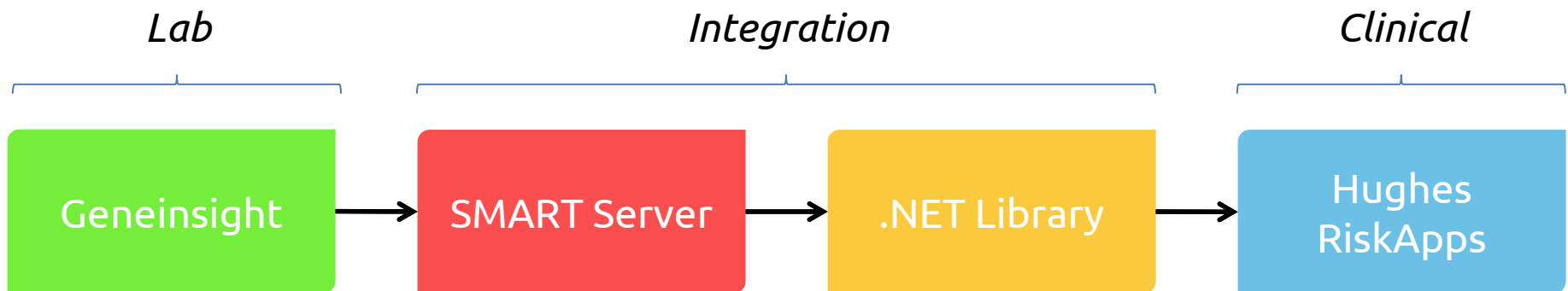


Overview of System



Goal

- Integrate clinical system and labs that test for mutation carriers to identify and provide treatment for at risk individuals



Advantages

- Paperless and completely automated
- Patient data is easily accessible
- Less mistakes made



Geneinsight Variant Service

- SOAP Web Service
- Methods for accessing variant data
- Provides access to entire Partners Laboratory for Molecular Medicine knowledge base
- Accessed using modified suds library for Python



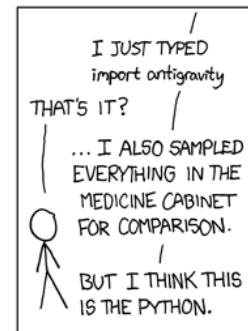
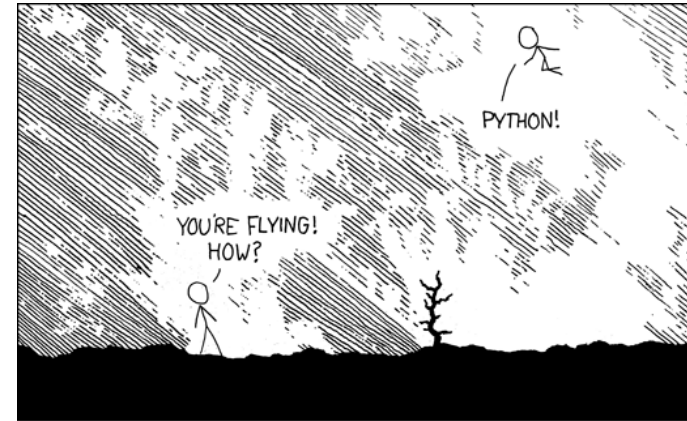
SMART Server & FHIR Format

- **S**ubstitutable **M**edical **A**pps & **R**eusable **T**echnology
- **F**ast **H**ealth **I**nteroperability **R**esource
- First SMART-enabled container in production
- Emerging standard for transferring clinical data
- Easily deployable

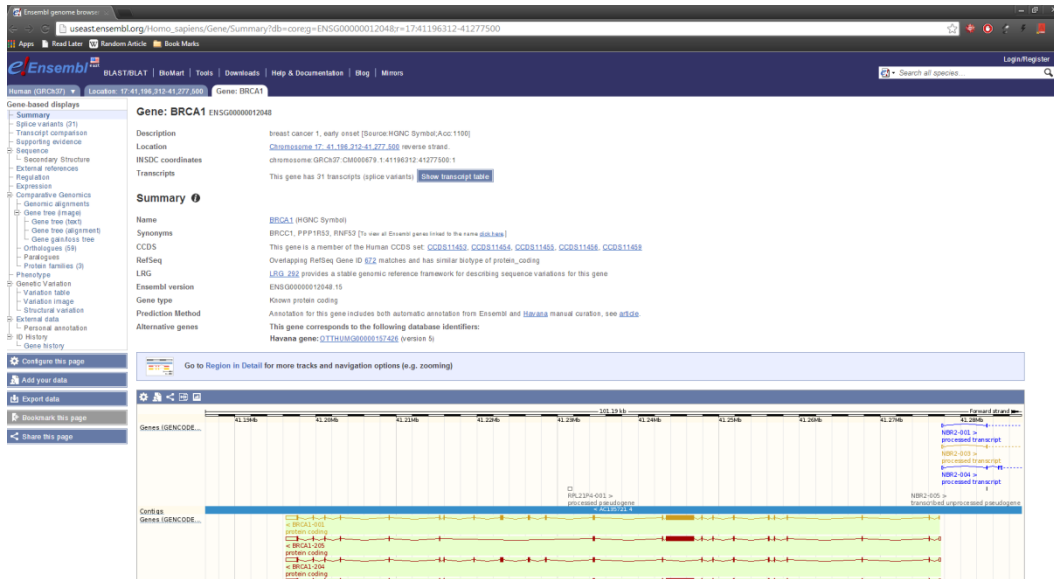


Conversion to FHIR

1. All genes available on service are acquired
2. Converted to coordinates by Python script that searches Ensembl Genome Browser
3. Additional information is acquired from service and added to new format



Conversion to FHIR



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def get_what_i_want():
    result = open('gi_genes.txt', 'w')
    genes = set()
    for data in getChromosomeVariants():
        new_genes = get_genes(data)
        for g in (genes & new_genes):
            result.write(g+'\n')
            print g
        genes |= get_genes(data)

def get_coordinate_for_gene(term):
    term += 'ensembl'
    url = r'https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1LENP_enUS539US539ees_sm=93&q='+
    g_search = requests.get(url)
    search_results = BS(g_search.text)
    anchor = search_results.find('a', href=google_a_p)
    ensembl_url = urlparse.parse_qs(anchor['href'])['url1q'][0]
    ensembl_page = requests.get(ensembl_url).text
    try:
        return coordinate_p.search(ensembl_page).group(1)
    except:
        pass

# 2637 Genes
# around 3 sec conversion for each
def convertGenes():
    genes = open('gi_genes.txt', 'r')
    coordinates = open('gi_coordinates.txt', 'w')
    coordinates.write('coordinates=')
    for gene in string.split(genes.read(), '\n'):
        coordinate = get_coordinate_for_gene(gene)
        if coordinate:
            coordinates.write('"' + gene + '":' + coordinate + ',')
        else:
            coordinates.write('"' + gene + '":' + str(0) + ',')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    test_here =
    convertGenes()
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coordinates={"SFTPD": "10:81697496-81742370",
 "KCNE2": "21:35736323-35743688",
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 "KCNE1": "21:35818988-35884573",
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 "HPS3": "3:148847371-148891519"
 ...
 467 in total

Integration with Hughes riskApps

- Calls the SMART Server using .NET Library
- Authenticates user with OAuth 2.0 process



The screenshot shows the 'Cancer Risk Assessment Survey' interface. It includes a language selection bar (English, Spanish, Italian) and the Hughes riskApps logo. The main question is 'Are you still having your periods?' with four response buttons: 'Yes', 'No', 'Not sure', and 'Clear'. Below the question, a note states: 'This means: are you still menstruating or are you still having bleeding every month or so?'. At the bottom, there are 'Back' and 'Next' navigation buttons.



Results

- Variant information from Geneinsight can be processed in FHIR format
- Data can be stored on SMART server
- Library that calls SMART server and can be easily integrated with clinical applications





Future Work

- Set up meeting with Brian
- Improved deployability for library and server
- Integration of Geneinsight Report Service developed specifically for riskApps
- Expand to other models other than breast cancer





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