CommScape & OpenII

Lessons learned so far

Agenda

- First attempts: CommScape, OpenII
- Field work
 - Data mgmt a large HIV/AIDS treatment program
 - Community healthcare workers
- Next steps
 - New CommScape
 - Improving data entry
 - Grass-roots business intelligence



CommScape motivation

- Healthcare in Developing Regions
 - Life expectancy of 1 billion poorest people is 35 years less
 - Few doctors, inadequate infrastructure like electricity, roads
 - Rely on Community Health Workers (CHW)



Community Health Workers

- Responsibilities
 - Home visits, basic care and referrals
 - Disease prevention education
 - Monitor population health
- Challenges
 - Little health training and high staff turnover
 - Data rarely captured
 - Minimal supervision
 - Isolated, poor infrastructure

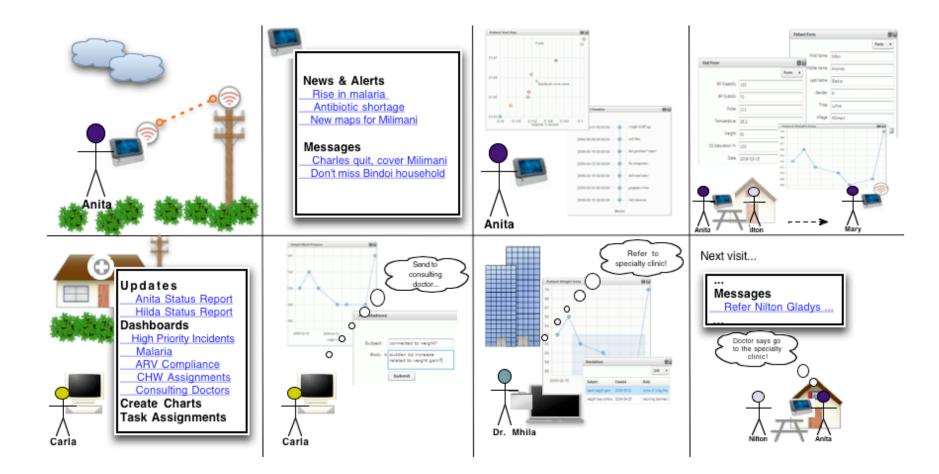


But really...



- I make databases... people need clean water
 - Coordinate! Hey Tap... Uh, Joe...
- Stuffing in "research"
 - Multi-tenancy data architecture
 - Replication semantics
 - Collaborative visualizations
 - Delay tolerant networking

Maybe something like this...?







CHWs doing analysis?

Visit Map Pat	Sent History Clinical Data Forms		CommScape 🗯	NOKL
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Figure A. Form entry on a household visit



Figure C. Selecting a part of a visualization and annotating



Figure B. House map and a timeline of visits to a patient

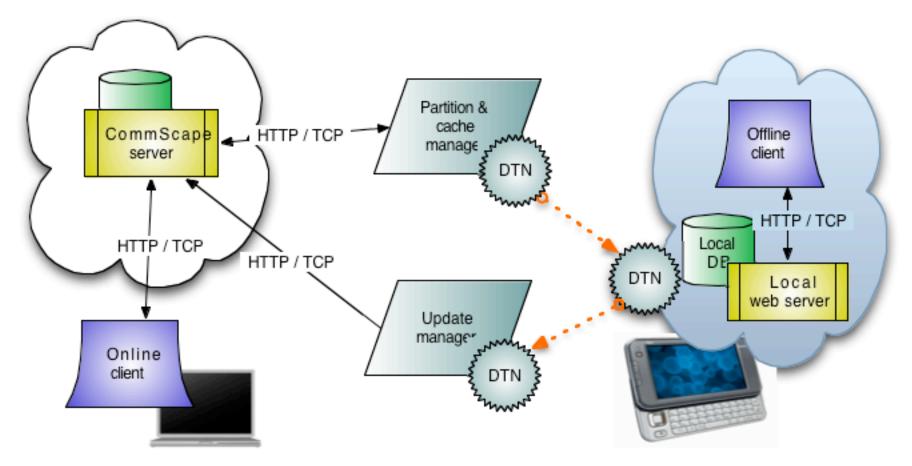


Figure D. Viewing annotations associated with a visualization



CommScape, original recipe

• "ahead of its time reality"



Getting feedback

- Talk to people who know what's up
 - Thanks to Tapan & friends, TIER folks
 - Talk, talk, talk
- Apply for funds
- Get side-tracked...



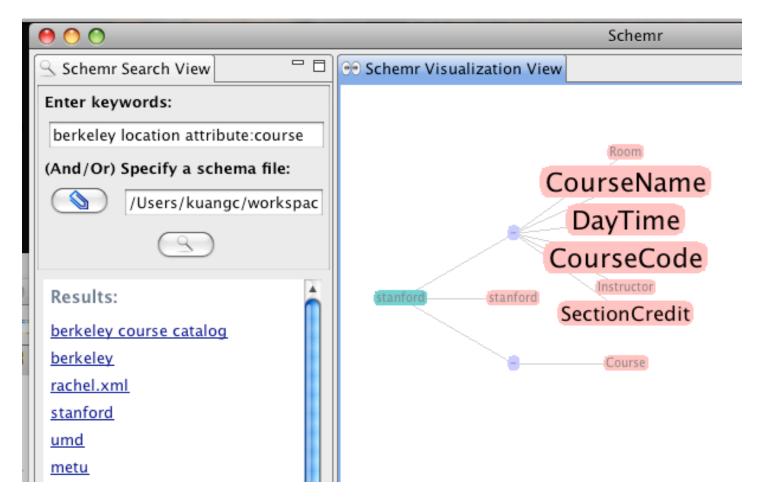
OpenII motivation

- What is data integration?
- Data management in NGOs
 - Nature conservancy
 - International rescue committee (IRC)
- Open source information integration
 - Leverage existing tools
 - \$



Schema search and visualization

• A first step for OpenII



How to make it relevant?

- Talk...
- Read...
- Listen...
- Plan a trip...

Field work

- Do something useful
- Find partners, be flexible, observe
- Fun!





MDH data consultation

- Lost-to-Followup
- A legacy workflow
- Paper forms, 11 clinics
- Data entry multiple times over
- MS Access and SAS
- Prioritizing research and clinical care





MDH Take Away



- Give: a solution, future recommendations
- Get: insight, data, partner on the ground
- It's all about data quality & decision making
 - A vicious cycle

Helping CommCare











Community health workers

- Find real scenarios
 - CommCare household canvassing
 - Map cues automation, sensors
 - Extending telemedicine







Time to rethink things...



- Take an inventory of the real problems, tools and methods you know
- Pattern: do something, rethink, repeat

New direction



- "Data enablement" for developing regions
 - Focus on NGO/community organization capacity
- Context appropriate data systems
- Data quality & decision support

New CommScape

- Focused on validated use cases
- Data quality at time of entry
- GPS navigation, and other sensor-based enablement
- Distributed decision support



Improving Data Entry

- Address data quality at time of entry
- Assess cost / benefit of data entry widgets
- Statistical model of forms based on
 - value distributions, cross-field correlations, info gain from questions answered, widget cost/benefit
- Information theoretic approach to
 - Question ordering, formulation, repetition
 - Widget configuration
 - Selection, default values, type-ahead, auto-complete
- Make it harder to enter incorrect data



Data Ecosystem Vision

- Start with data managers at NGOs
 - Integrate local DBs and spreadsheets
 - Facilitate day-to-day tasks (OpenII)
- Create community for sharing metadata
 - Let them tag, vote, create code-books, argue
 - Extend to form creation, visualization, analysis



CommScape + OpenII = Grassroots business intelligence!

- Like enterprise data warehousing and business intelligence
- Harmonizes data sources
- Summarizes into analytical representations (visualizations)
- Shares aggregate information
- Enables *everyone* to participate in analysis.

Questions

