

# FAST Methodology for Supporting Multiple Production Versions of FHIR - Expert Panel Discussion



## SME Session 6: Methodology for Supporting Multiple Production Versions of FHIR

This SME Panel Session will focus on the proposed solution to address barriers related to Versioning, developed by the FAST Directory, Versions and Scale Tiger Team. The group of SMEs invited to participate in this session will be asked to evaluate the team's proposed solution, "Methodology for Supporting Multiple Production Versions of FHIR", and provide expert insight, feedback, and guidance.

The proposed solution aims to address issues related to the existence of multiple versions of FHIR in production (e.g., DSTU2, STU3, R4) with breaking changes between them. Until FHIR becomes "normative" (i.e., content is stable between versions), the industry will need a way to manage different representations of the same information in different FHIR versions. The FAST team has proposed a solution for how to handle version control more effectively in various scenarios, potential tooling to reconcile different versions, and recommendations for what organizations can do to mitigate these issues.

### Participants

Name	Organization	Participation Role
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Ricky Bloomfield*	Apple	Subject Matter Expert
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Nick George	Google	Subject Matter Expert
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\*All SME participants with an asterisk by their name are invited, pending confirmation.

## Relevant Pre-meeting Reading Material

- The [FAST Technical Barriers to the Scalability of FHIR Based Solutions](#) document
- The [FAST Versioning Solution Document V2](#)
- The [FAST Action Plan, Versioning Excerpt](#)

## SME Session Details

### SMEs Panel Session - An industry discussion around the *FAST* proposed Methodology for Supporting Multiple Production Versions of FHIR (2 hours) (closed session, by invite only)

- **Date/time:** 15 Nov 2021 3-5PM ET
- **Scope and goals:** The goal of this session is to elicit SMEs expert insight into proposed solution(s), specifically:
  - Feasibility and effectiveness
  - Potential gaps
  - Unintended consequences
  - Alternate approaches to consider
  - Industry path forward (standard, regulation or policy)
- **Agenda**
  - Welcome
  - Session Goals
  - Solution Review and Discussion
  - Industry Path Forward
  - Action Items
- **Meeting Materials:** [FAST\\_SME Session\\_Versioning\\_FINAL\\_111521.pdf](#)

## Learn More About *FAST*

*FAST*'s goal is to analyze and identify HL7® Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) scalability gaps and offer possible solutions that will address current barriers and will accelerate FHIR adoption at scale.

To learn more, you can review the [FAST Action Plan](#) for a snapshot of the progress made by *FAST* so far.

## Next Steps following SME Sessions

- *FAST* Report-Out to summarize session discussion, decisions, and next steps
- *FAST* Action Plan updates to define proposed solution path (standard, regulation and/or process)

## Contact Us

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