

GNU Health and Orthanc - The perfect companions

Integrating two great solutions

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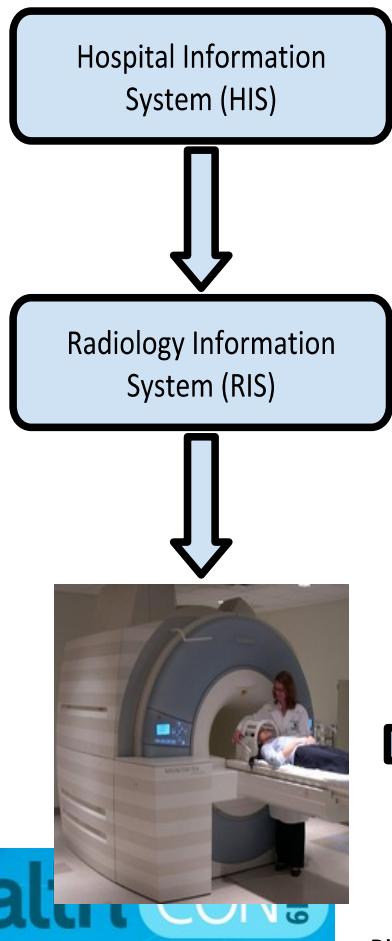
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'Standard' imaging workflow using DICOM

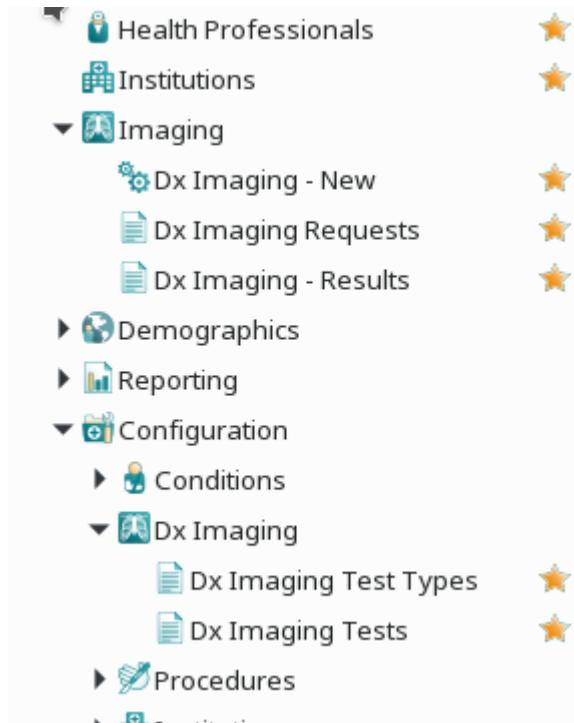


Orthanc images by Sébastien Jodogne

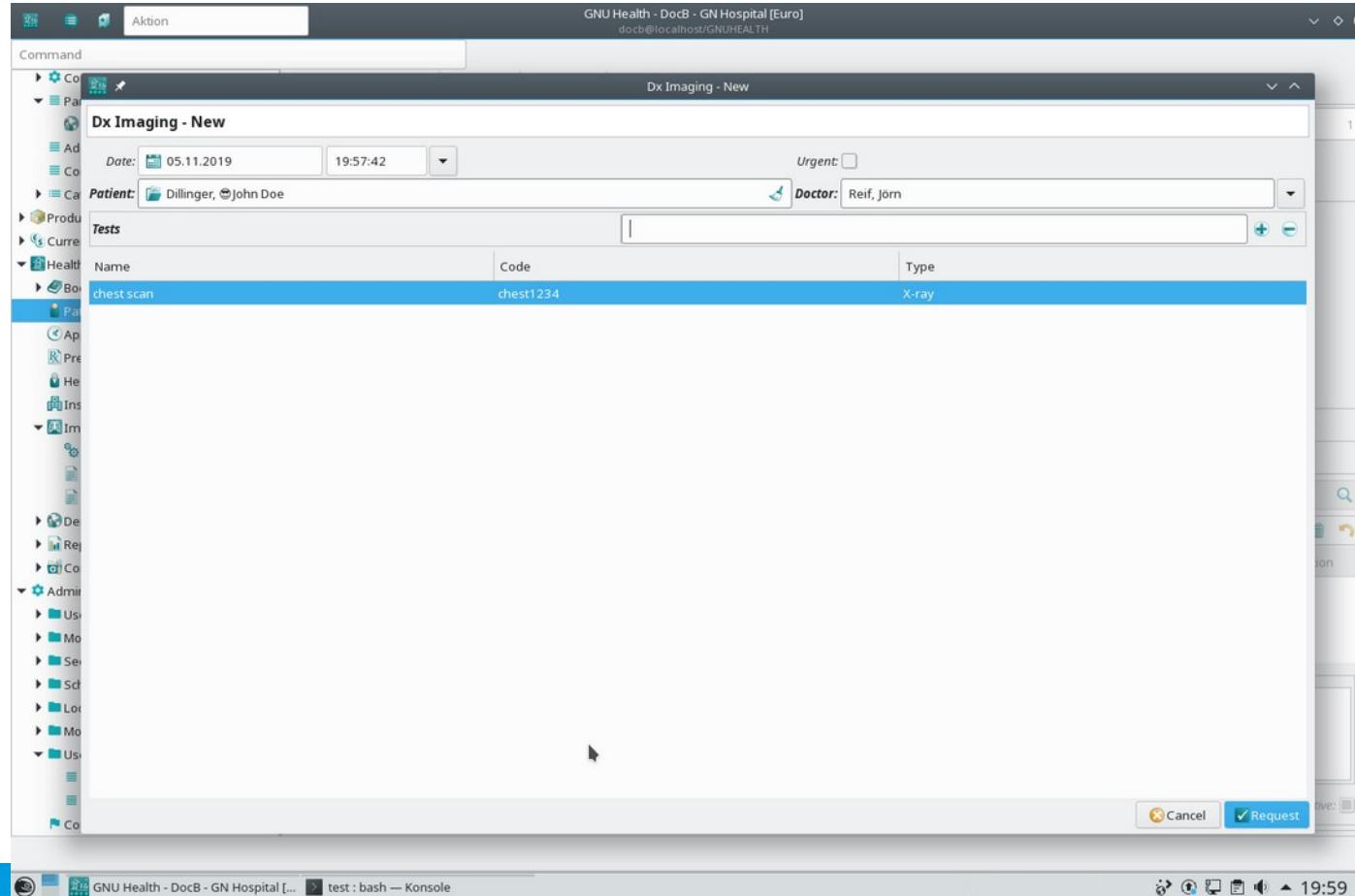
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Picture Archiving & Communication System (PACS)

Image workflow in GNU Health



Requesting a new Image



Draft Image Request completed

The screenshot shows a web-based application interface for managing medical requests. At the top, there is a navigation bar with four tabs: "Health Professionals" (with an orange X), "People" (with an orange X), "Patients" (with an orange X), and "Dx Imaging Requests" (with an orange X). The "Dx Imaging Requests" tab is currently selected and underlined.

Below the navigation bar, a sub-header displays "Dx Imaging Requests" with a dropdown arrow icon and "1 / 1" indicating the total number of items.

Underneath the sub-header is a toolbar containing various icons for actions such as back, forward, search, and file operations.

On the left side of the main content area, there is a search bar labeled "Suchen" with a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar are several small icons for filtering or sorting.

The main content area features a table with the following columns: "Request", "Patient", "Date", "Test", "Doctor", and "U". A single row is visible in the table:

Request	Patient	Date	Test	Doctor	U
001	Dillinger, John Doe	05.11.2019	chest scan	Reif, Jörn	<input type="checkbox"/>

A cursor arrow is visible at the bottom center of the page.

Entering the Test Result manually

Dx Imaging - Results 1 / 1

Patient: Dillinger, John Doe

Date: 05.11.2019 20:00:24

Requested Date: 05.11.2019 19:57:42

Request: 1

Number: TEST001

Test: chest scan

Doctor: Reif, Jörn

Images Comment

Images (1/1)

Name	Summary	Last User	Last Modification	Type	Data	Link
Screenshot_20	this is a x-ray				34.3KB	

Integrating GNU Health with Orthanc



The Challenge: worldwide explosion of med. images

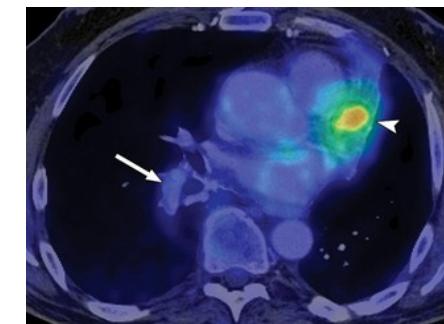
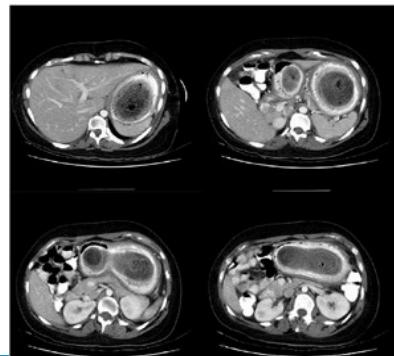
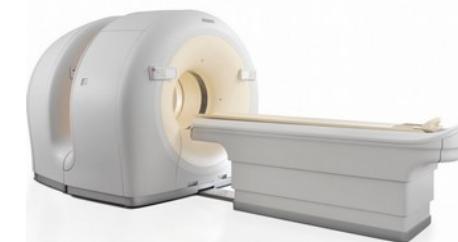
CT

+

MRI

+

PET-CT



DICOM is a standard, but....

- * The DICOM standard is very complex, both for users and developers
- * Not every PACS comes with teleradiology (remote expertise)
 - ⇒ need to combine vendors
- * Many specialized vendors, with costly, proprietary and monolithic ecosystem
 - ⇒ high risk of lock-in, few agility
- * Interoperability is checked in “Connectathons” where vendors meet (N^2 complexity) ⇒ no reference implementation
- * Few IT expertise in hospitals about imaging
 - ⇒ need to share knowledge

Heterogeneous modalities ⇒ very problematic in emerging economies!

Automation of Imaging Workflow

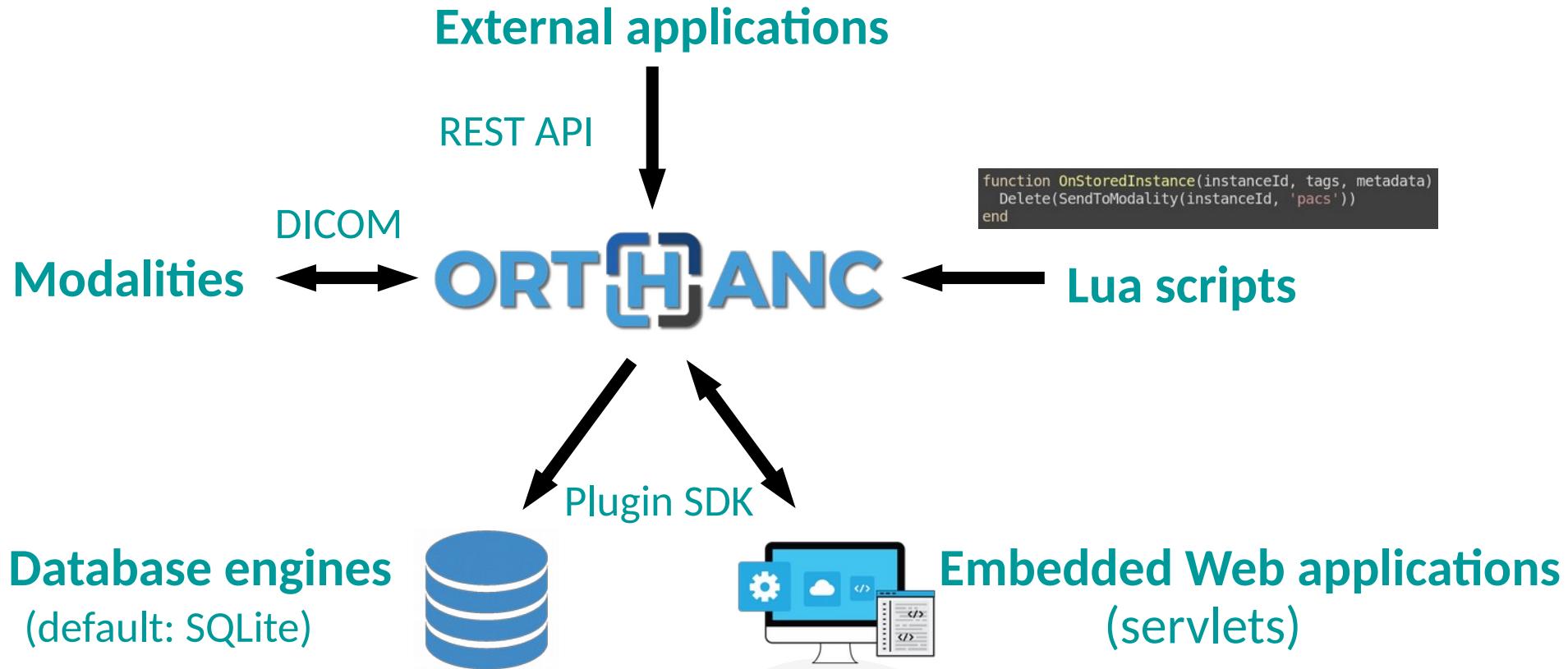


*University Hospital of Liège:
300 modalities*



Partner
(VPN, SFTP, CD)

Orthanc is a microservice for medical imaging



New module: health_orthanc



Kudos to Chris Zimmerman!

Our specialist for interfaces
- HL7/FHIR
- Orthanc

How to use health_orthanc?

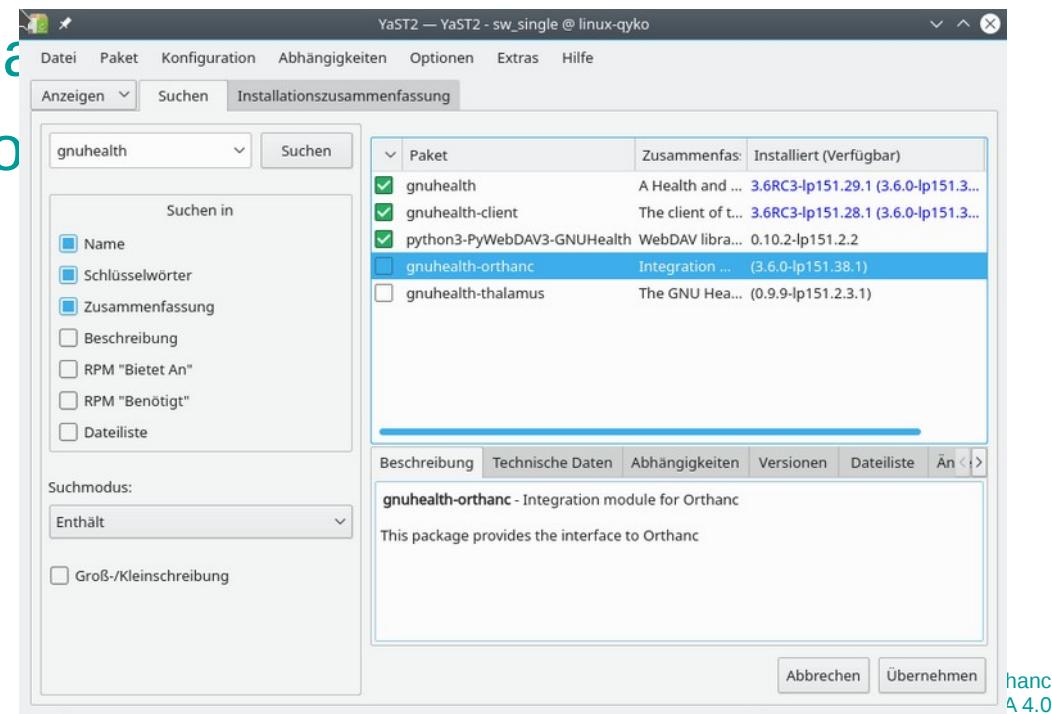
health_orthanc comes with GNU Health-Sources

On openSUSE, it is a separate package

* as this is probably not needed on RHEL

How to install?

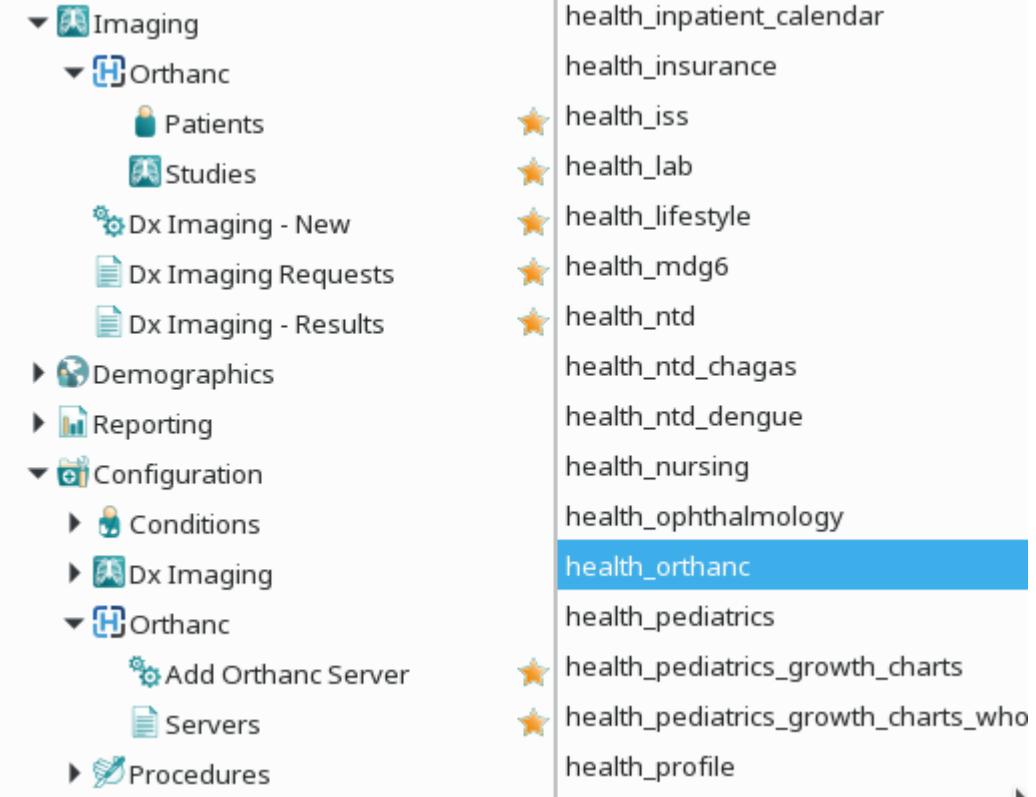
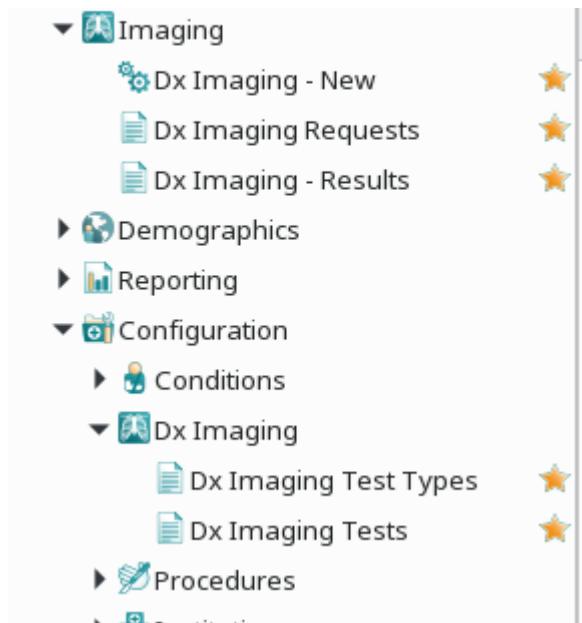
zypper install gnuhealth-orthanc



Activate the module

Modules							39 /
		Actions		Status			
Name	Version	State	Mark for Up.	Mark for Act.	Cancel Activ.	Cancel	
health_icu	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_imaging	3.6RC2	Activated	Mark for U...				
health_inpatient	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_inpatient_calendar	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_insurance	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_iss	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_lab	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_lifestyle	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_mdg6	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_ntd	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_ntd_chagas	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_ntd_dengue	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_nursing	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_ophthalmology	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_orthanc	3.6RC2	To be activate			Cancel Act...		
health_pediatrics	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_pediatrics_growth_charts	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_pediatrics_growth_charts_who	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_profile	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_qrcodes	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_reporting	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_services	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_services_lab	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			
health_socioeconomics	3.6RC2	Activated	Mark for U...				
health_stock	3.6RC2	Not Activated		Mark for A...			

A new entry in the menu appears



Adding an Orthanc-Server

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Server information

General

Label: Orthanc_Demo	URL: http://demo.orthanc-server.com	User
Sync Time: 05.11.2019 20:19:24	Since last sync: 0.21 Sekunde	Username: none Password: [REDACTED]
Last Index: 2.426	Validated: <input type="checkbox"/>	
URL: http://demo.orthanc-server.com		

 Sync

Synchronization

The screenshot shows a comparison of patient lists between two systems. On the left, the GNU Health navigation menu is visible, with the 'Orthanc' section expanded to show 'Patients', 'Studies', and imaging-related modules. The main window displays two tables side-by-side:

Local patient	Orthanc patient	Orthanc PatientID	URL
	KNIX	ozp00SjY2xG	
	COMUNIX	FYET5.0	
	PHENIX	Vafk,T,6	
	INCISIX	SOtNwu	
Dillinger, John Doe	BRAINIX	5Yp0E	
	ASSURANCETOURIX		
	VIX	vAD7q3	

Assign GNU Health Patient to Orthanc Patient (if not requested with PUID)

Patient View

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The screenshot shows a software interface titled "Patient View". At the top, there is a toolbar with various icons for navigation and management. Below the toolbar, there are two tabs: "General" (selected) and "Studies". The "General" tab displays patient information in a grid format:

Patient:	Dillinger, John Doe	PatientName:	BRAINIX
Birthdate:	01.03.1949	PatientID:	5Yp0E
PatientUUID:	16738bc3-e47ed42a-43ce044c-a3414a45-cb069bd0	URL:	Link
Server:	Orthanc_Demo		

Click URL Icon to view result

Images are held on Orthanc-Server

The screenshot shows the Orthanc Explorer web application running in Mozilla Firefox. The URL is <https://demo.orthanc-server.com/app/explorer.html#patient?uuid=16738bc3-e47ed42a-43ce044c-a3414a45-cb069bd0>. The main interface displays a patient record for "BRAINIX" with birth date Tuesday, March 1, 1949, PatientID 5yP0E, and PatientSex 0000. A study for "IRM cérébrale, neuro-crâne" on Friday, December 1, 2006, is listed with various metadata fields. On the left, a sidebar provides options like "Send to DICOMweb server", "Transfers accelerator", and "Interact" (Delete this patient, Send to remote modality, Anonymize). At the bottom, download options for ZIP and DICOMDIR are available.

- * Transparent indexing: Patient → Study → Series → Instance
- * Preview 2D Images
- * Send to other modalities in 1 click
- * Inspect medical data, ZIP, anonymize,...

Studies to a patient

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The screenshot shows the GNU Health Orthanc interface. On the left, a sidebar menu lists various modules: Artikel, Währungen, Health, Books of Life (Patients, Appointments, Prescriptions, Health Professionals, Institutions), Imaging (Orthanc Patients, Studies, Dx Imaging - New, Dx Imaging Requests, Dx Imaging Results), and Orthanc. The 'Studies' option under Imaging is currently selected, indicated by a blue background and a star icon.

The main area is titled 'Studies' and contains a form with the following fields:

- Patient: PHENIX
- Date: 27.09.2005
- Referring Physician: CHIR-PED^CHIR-PE
- UUID: 49974143-ec23cb52-6b2a1c46-14d5daa0-0822ce1a
- Server: Orthanc_Demo
- Description: CT2 TÊTE, FACE, SINUS
- Institution: HUG
- ID: 1361
- URL: [View](#)
- Test:

At the top of the main area, there is a toolbar with icons for back, forward, search, and other functions.

Studies to a patient - details

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Requested Date: 05.11.2019 19:57:42 Doctor: Reif, Jörn

Request: 1

Studies Images Comment

Studies						(1/1)	Print	Image	trash	refresh
Patient	Description	Date	Institution	Referring Physician	Requesting Physician	URL				
PHENIX	CT2 TÊTE, FACE, SINUS	27.09.2005	HUG	CHIR-PED^CHIR-PE	KOHLER^Romain	View				

View all images to a patient

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the Orthanc Demo Patient Study Series interface. The URL in the address bar is <https://demo.orthanc-server.com/app/explorer.html#series?uuid=dc0216d2-a406a5ad-31ef7a78-113ae9d9-29939f9e>.

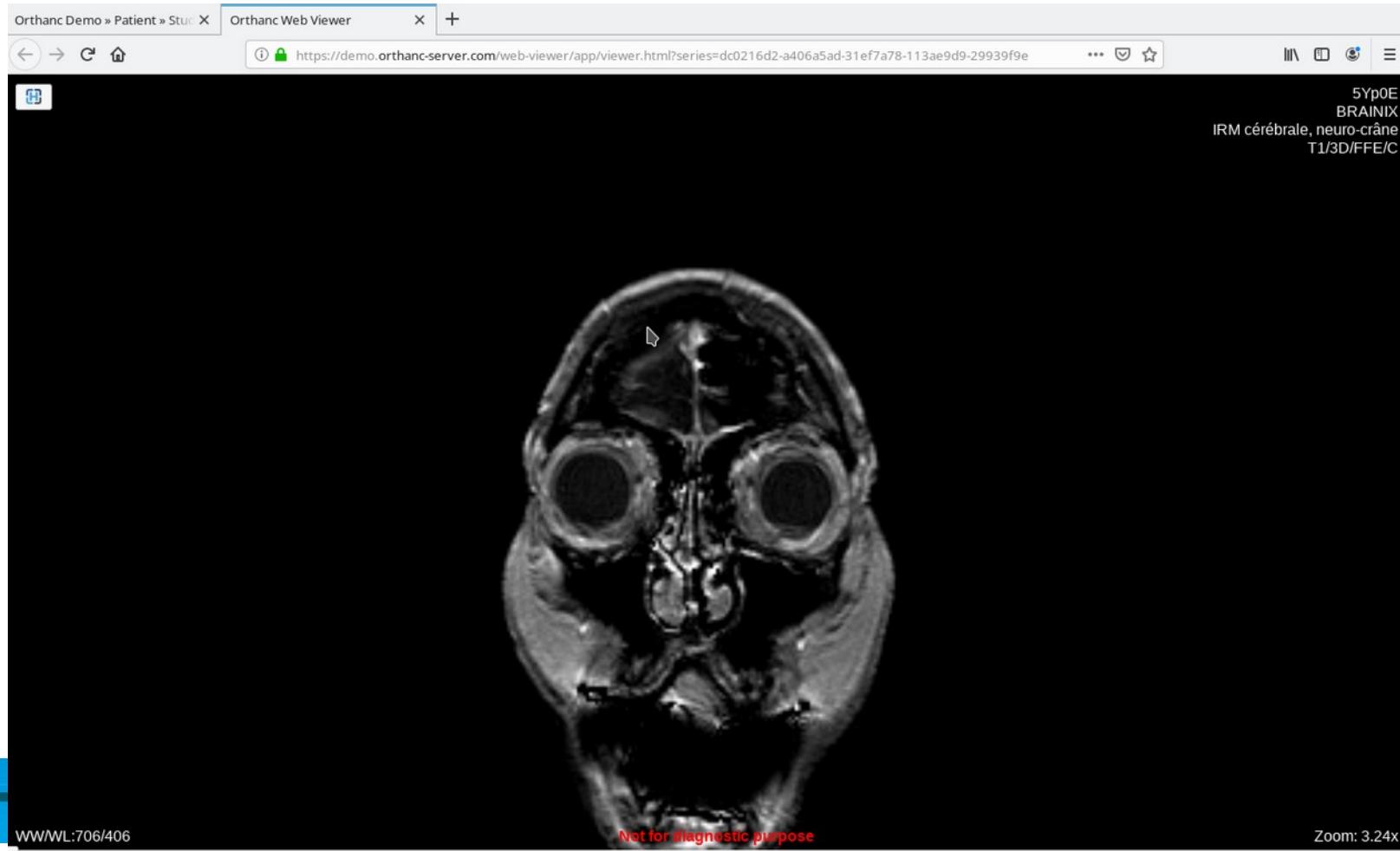
The interface is divided into several sections:

- Patient:** Shows details for a patient named BRAINIX, born on Tuesday, March 1, 1949, with PatientID 5Yp0E and PatientSex 0000.
- Study:** Shows a study titled "IRM cérébrale, neuro-crâne" with AccessionNumber 0, InstitutionName 7GEFF0GbqjCNo43Yd0Jbu,zQSSX, ReferringPhysicianName dAEvNTxZJ00E, RequestedProcedureDescription: "IRM cérébrale, neuro-", StudyDate Friday, December 1, 2006, StudyID 218211405, and StudyInstanceUID 2.16.840.1.113669.632.20.1211.1000...
- Series:** Shows a series titled T1/3D/FFE/C with Status Unknown, Modality MR, NumberOfTemporalPositions 1, PerformedProcedureStepDescription: "IRM cérébrale, neuro-c...", ProtocolName T1/3D/FFE/C CLEAR, SeriesInstanceUID 1.3.46.670589.11.0.0.11.4.2.0.8743.5.5396, SeriesNumber 801, and StationName intera. A yellow button at the bottom says "Send to DICOMweb server".
- Study Details:** A large panel on the right lists eight image instances with their SOPInstanceUIDs and TemporalPositionIdentifiers. The first instance is highlighted with a yellow background and a cursor icon pointing to its SOPInstanceUID.

Toolbar Buttons: The toolbar includes buttons for Lookup, Plugins, Upload, Query/Retrieve, and Jobs.

Bottom Navigation: Buttons for Transfers accelerator, Orthanc Web Viewer, and Interact.

View all images to a patient



Conclusion

- * Othanc is a perfect complement to GNU Health
- * Image workflow improves use in GNU Health
- * All build on open technologies / free software

Thank you!

Questions?