

# CEMARA

a Web dynamic application  
within a n-tier Architecture  
for Rare Diseases

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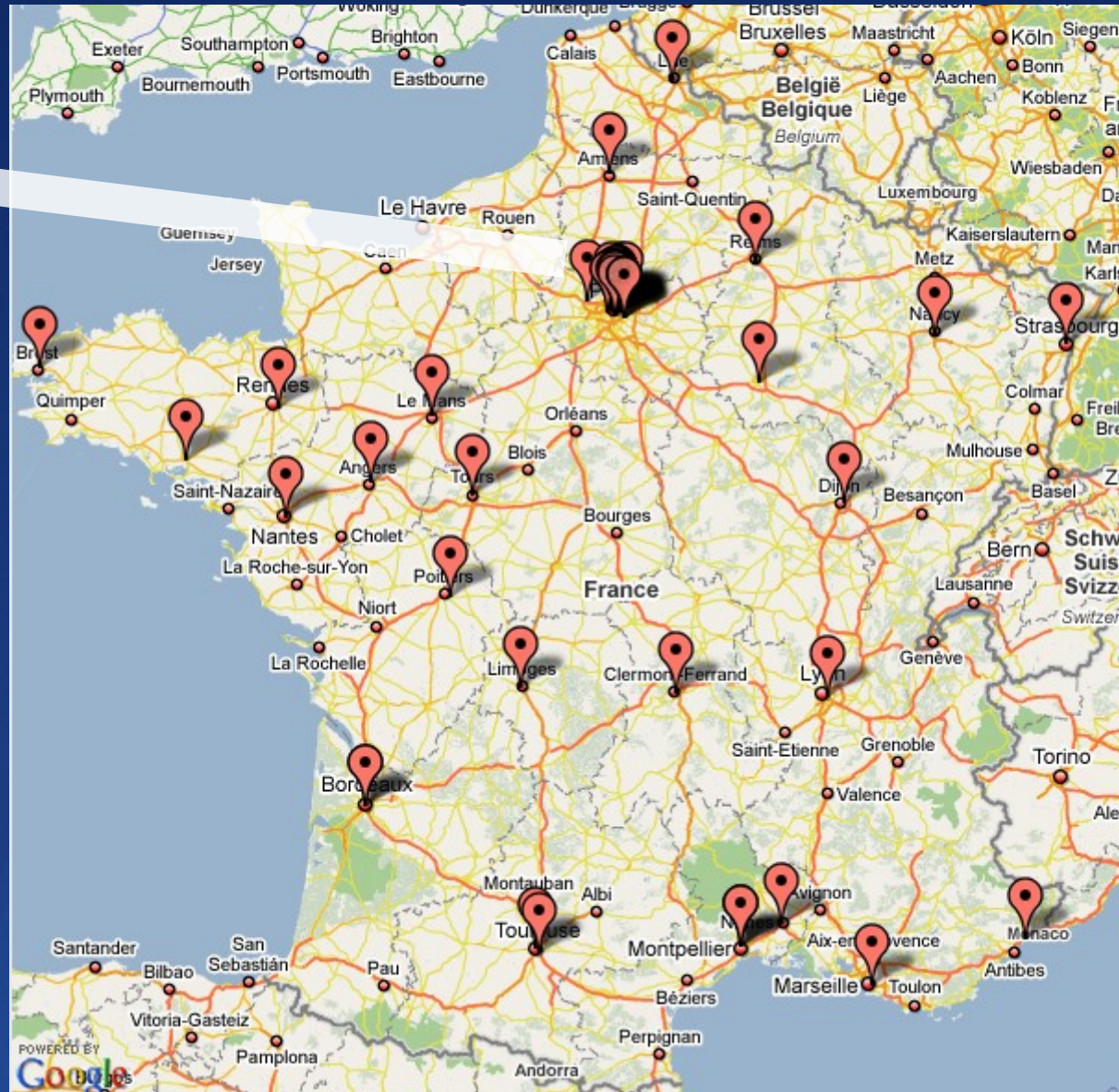
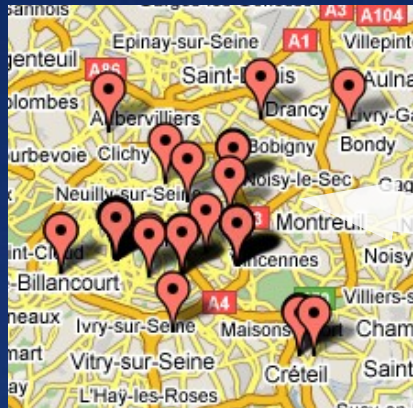
# Rare Diseases

- Prevalence : less than 5/10,000
  - 246,000 patients in the European Union
- Between 5,000 and 8,000 distinct rare diseases
  - 6 to 8% of EU population may be hit
- Approximately 15 millions European citizens suffer or will suffer one day from a rare disease.
- Most of them are genetic diseases

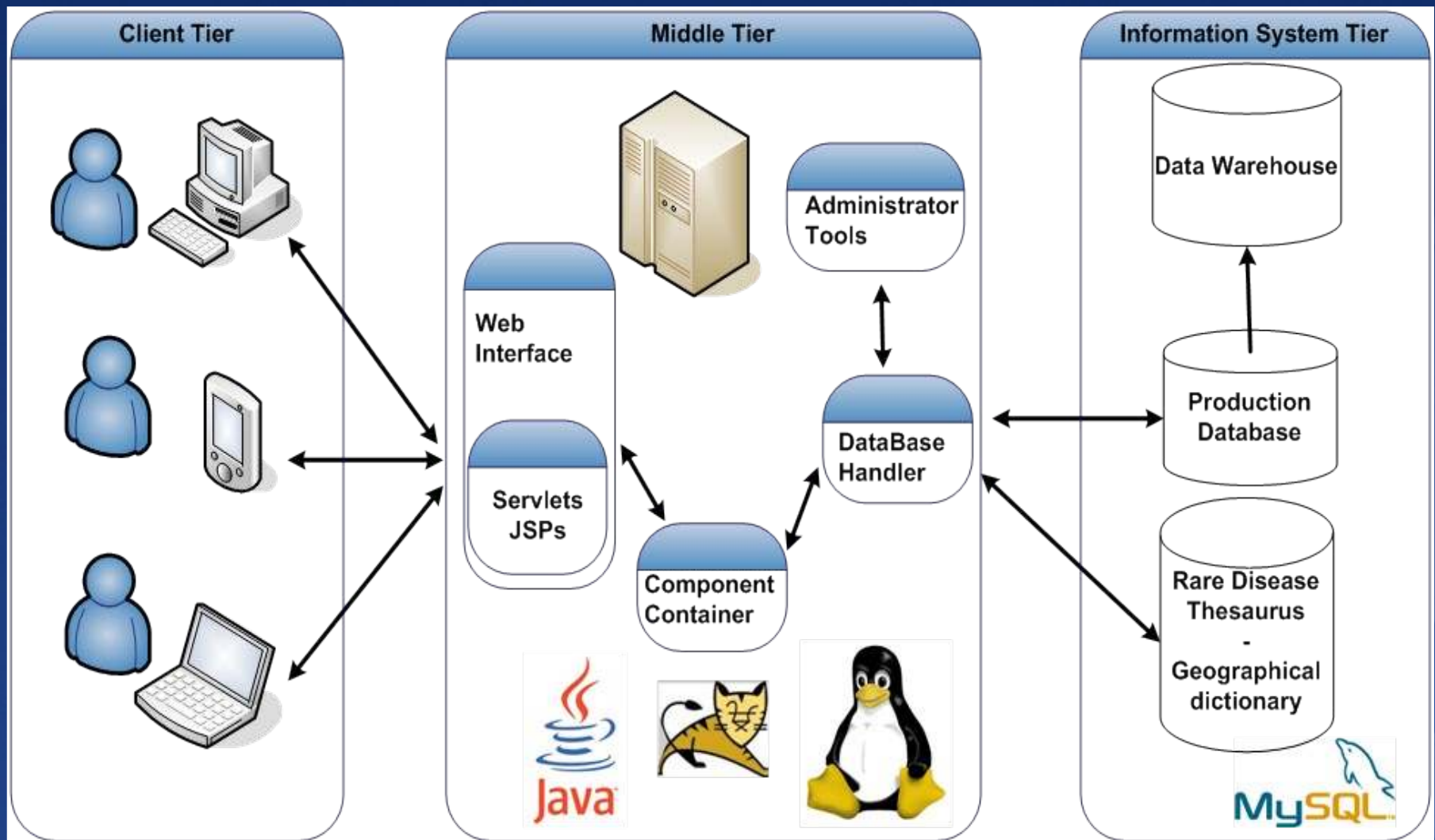
# Rare Diseases Plan

- 132 Reference Centres labeled by the Ministry of Health
- Objectives:
  - monitoring the epidemiology of rare diseases
  - assessing medical activity
  - setting up the national protocols of care

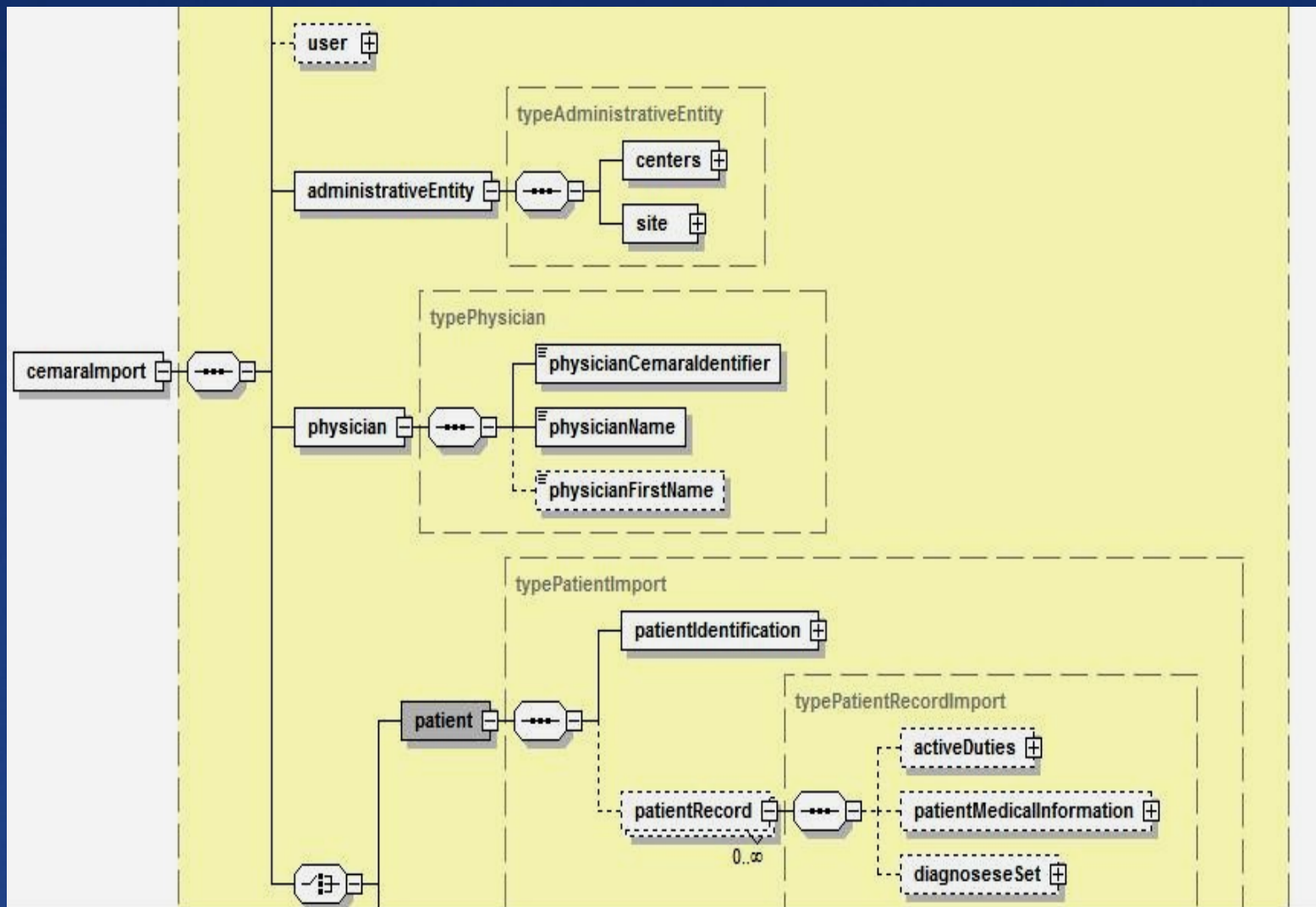
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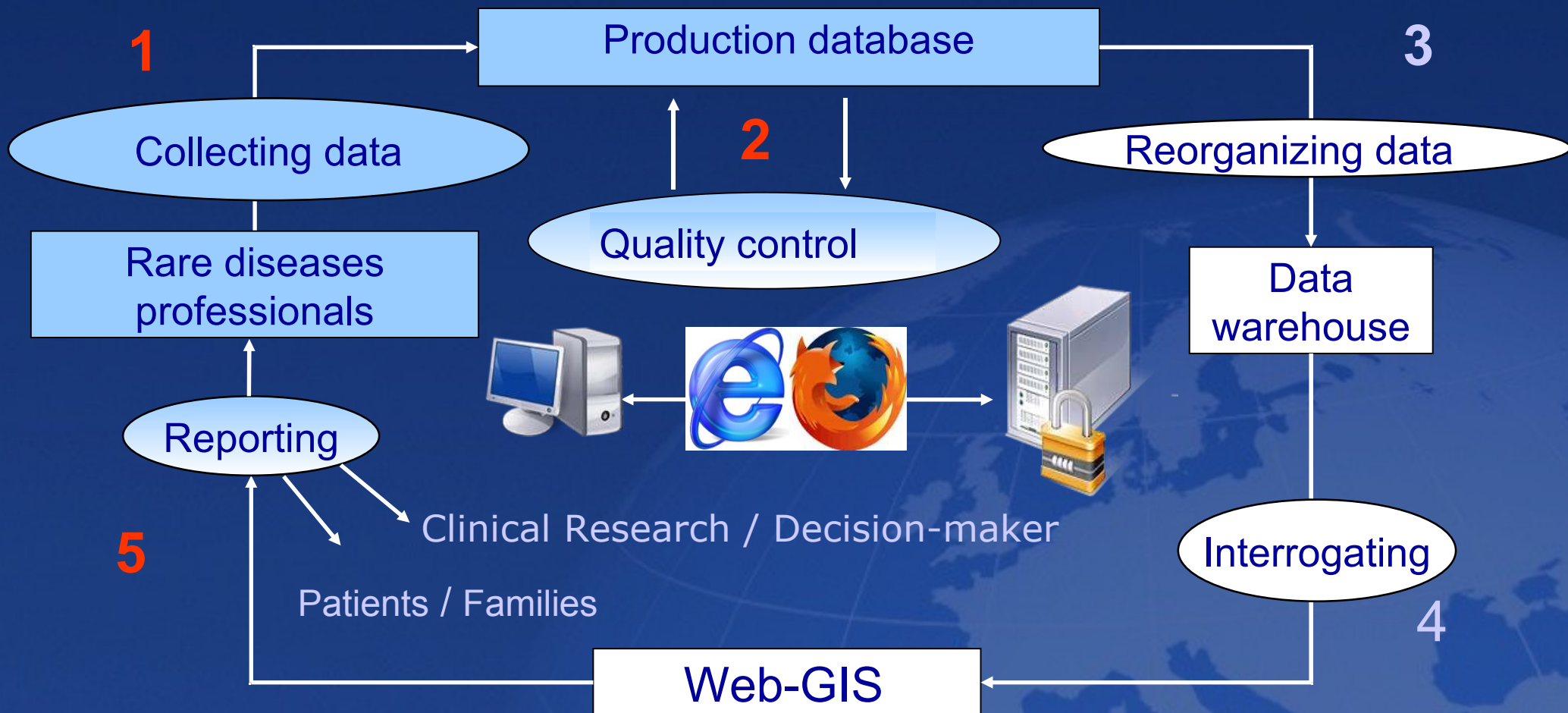
# N-tier architecture



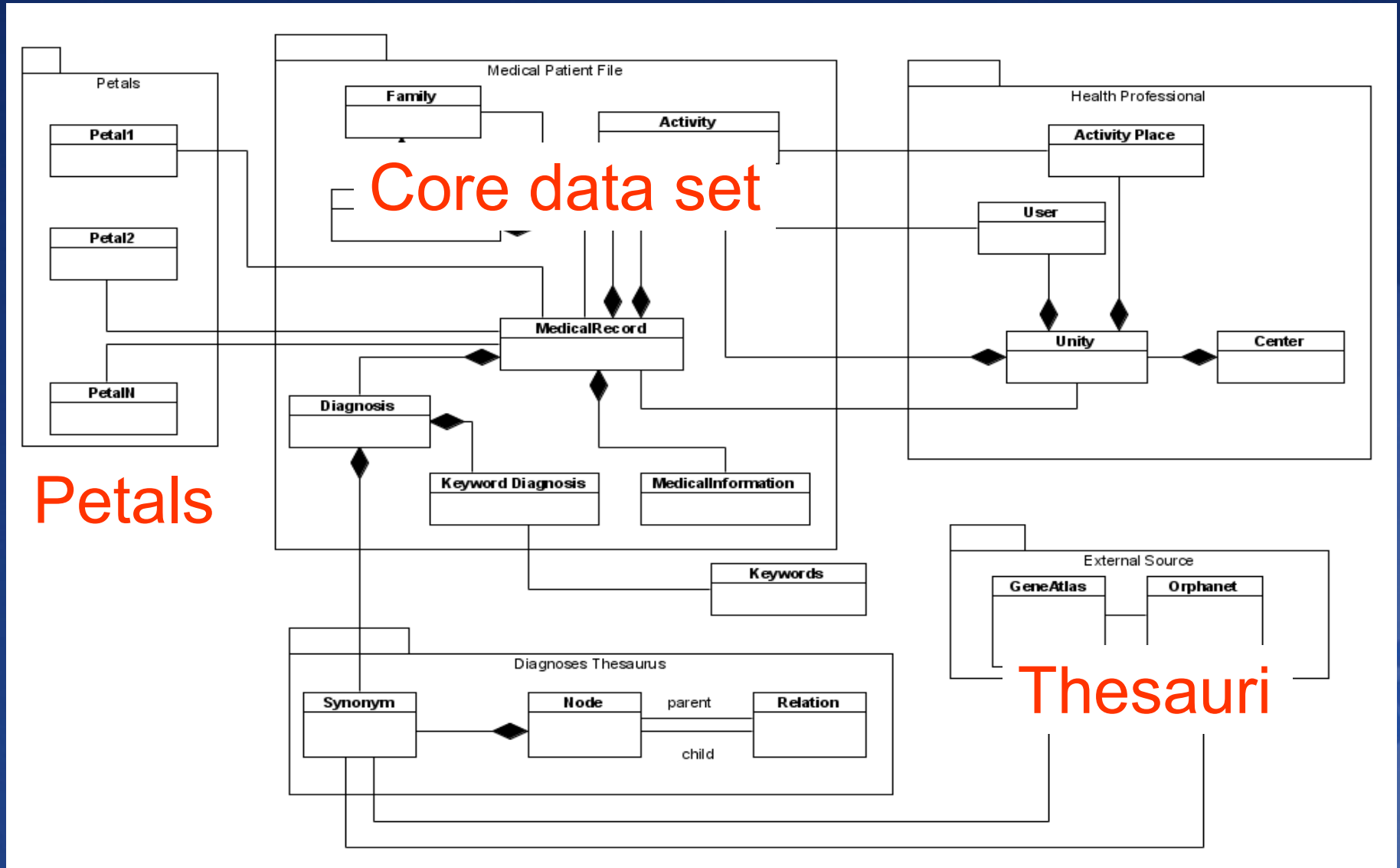
# Interoperability – XML scheme



# CEMARA Development plan



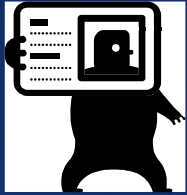
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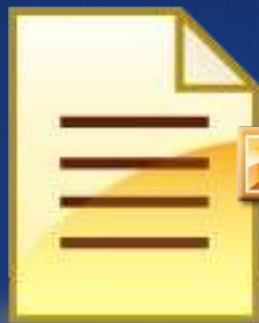
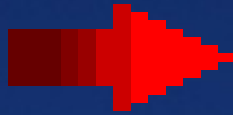


# CEMARA core data set...

Identification



Double entry detection algorithm



Diagnosis



Medical Information



Activity



Patient File



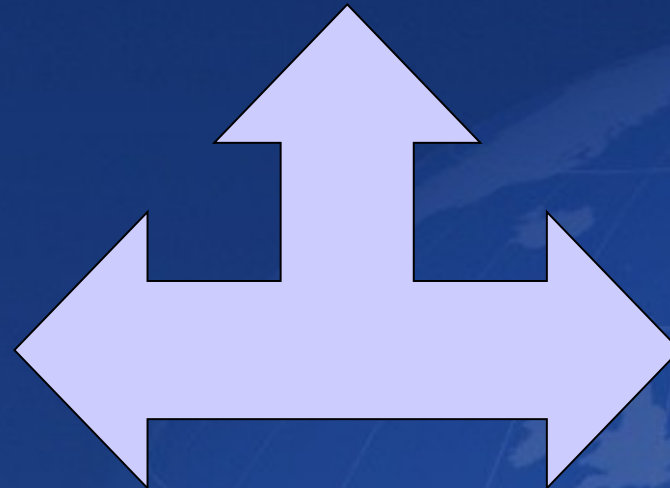
Family File

# ...and the “Petals”



Building a cohort for a given disease or for a group of diseases

# Thesauri : a collaborative work



a shared vocabulary

# Results

- 30 centres and 100 sites across the French territory
- 256 physicians among 378 users
- More than 19,000 patients recorded within the first year of implementation
- The 3 most prevalent diseases:
  - Neurofibromatosis type 1
  - Osteogenesis imperfecta
  - Mucoviscidosis

# Discussion(1)

- Technical aspects :
  - Scalability: structure & loading
  - Confidentiality charter



# Discussion(2)

- Organizational aspects
  - professionals' adherence
  - accompaniment and support
- Medical aspects:
  - 1/3 of patients without an identified diagnosis
  - Define and improve protocol of care
  - Better knowledge of not yet identified diseases
  - First CEMARA epidemiological report

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