Facets is the industry-leading core administrative processing system today. With Facets core accurately and efficiently processing hundreds of millions transactions per week for more than 80 health plans representing more than 170 million members, it’s easy to think of it as reliable vs. revolutionary. The truth is, Facets is both. We have become the market leader by continually, thoughtfully and strategically evolving our technology to take full advantage of the latest innovations in software design, architecture and deployment.
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The Facets Journey

Since its inception, we have taken Facets from “bare metal” to virtual machines to today’s leading-edge containerization technology. We are now beginning to realize the benefits of the 6th generation of Facets through the technology investments we’ve made to date.

G1
Initial Launch of Facets MS Windows, Sybase RDBMS, AIX and HP/UX

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Parallel Processing, Database Schema Restructuring, Extensibility, COM Service API, MSSQL DBMS, 1MM Scalability

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G6
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1993
2020
We have brought our clients along on this journey, continually equipping them with modern tools and capabilities while always working to minimize their total cost of ownership while accelerating their businesses. Facets meets the needs of all clients - from 50 million lives to those with fewer than 100,000.

Regardless, of their size, our Facets clients benefit from technologies such as:

**Cloud**
We developed our latest Facets generation in and for the cloud. Cloud isn’t an add-on for us; it’s our native development environment. We’ve optimized Facets to take full advantage of the scale and flexibility of cloud computing. Yet we are completely vendor-agnostic, so our clients are free to select any public, private or hybrid cloud environment or on-premise and cloud mix.

**Containers**
We keep Facets lightweight and portable using container technologies. Our containerized runtime is ideal for cloud, supports optimal user experiences, speeds development and optimizes costs with efficient use of computing resources.

**Artificial intelligence and machine learning**
We built AI and ML capabilities into the fabric of Facets to automatically deliver insights to clients based on their system’s vast data stores. Insights range from system health to user performance differences to real-time assistance to service representatives as they interact with members.
Facets has proven it can deliver results in real-world, high-demand production environments on a multichannel, 24/7 basis. Further, we continually performance test Facets against a configuration consistent with a large client. We achieve the power and reliability to process tens of millions transactions per day through a technology stack designed for accuracy, scalability and intelligence.

Facets’ technology stack incorporates powerful modern technology and best practices. Each Facets module is built on this stack, resulting in highly responsive single page applications.

The ARCSS Stack: How Facets is Built

- **Angular**: a TypeScript-based open-source web application platform, is used as the foundation for single-page applications.
- **RESTful**: architecture pattern using stateless protocol and standard operations, contributing to the highly responsive single page applications and run-time engine.
- **C++**: Complex mission-critical applications require mission-capable technology, so all of Facets’ heavy compute is done in a C++ high performance natively compiled business runtime engine. This is key to how Facets scales.
- **SQL-Based RDBMS**: such as Microsoft SQL Server, Oracle Exadata or Oracle Enterprise.
- **Streaming**: is accomplished with a high performance no-sql format. This strategy supports Facets’ event-driven architecture and ability to subscribe to IoT data streaming patterns. Facets may bring in events through REST APIs to fuel applications within and outside of Facets with data.
Containerized Run-Time

For optimal performance and flexibility, we embrace containers for our runtime services. We have adopted the industry-leading container orchestration system. Our containerized runtime can take advantage of features such as auto-scaling and the use of policy settings to govern resource utilization to manage cost and security.

CLIENT LAYER
- **Thin client:** Zero footprint, single-page applications, rich, responsive experience.
- **AI/ML:** Infuse probabilistic logic into transaction processing for better member

APPLICATION LAYER
- **Restful APIs:** Provide a simple, natural lingua franca that is lightweight, flexible and scalable
- **Runtime advances:** Security advances, elasticity, containers and orchestration

DATA LAYER
- **Data streaming:** Facets features a high performance message store, data publishing and IoT messaging for real-time digital operations

Containers enable us to offer clients many different deployment options by abstracting the application from the infrastructure on which it runs. That positions us to support a variety of operating systems and optimizes system portability, even among cloud vendors. Containers also make it easy for clients to deploy different instances of Facets for testing, pilot programs, or segregating customer data.
Filling the Continuous Integration/Continuous Delivery (CI/CD) Pipeline

Our use of containers helps accelerate development of new Facets features and applications that stay ahead of the healthcare industry’s always-changing compliance and business requirements.

Regular release cadence.
Our quarterly development cadence helps ensure timely delivery of new functionality and compliance-based enhancements. Low friction upgrades in addition to passive adoption strategies ease client adoption of new functionality. Clients define the adoption cadence that best suits their business needs.

User-centered design.
Our clients and their members and providers guide our software engineering. Our development teams include human design experts with comprehensive product experience. Insights from user testing and field trials help us refine each design before release.

Low friction delivery models.
Clients consume deliverables that flow seamlessly from Facets’ release pipeline into their own CI/CD pipelines. This approach enables easy dissemination of new features into their environments.
Facets Insights is an intrinsic part of Facets transaction processing, adding probabilistic capabilities to ensure best possible outcomes from transactions. It can compare actions against models and make recommendations or even take rules-based actions on the fly.

Facets generates and consumes incredible amounts of data. The processing of a single claim may generate 1,000+ IoT style messages; multiply that by millions of claims processed and the result is an enormous data set to be capitalized on by AI/ML learning.

Facets Insights leverages machine learning models, can predict the likelihood of a member leaving the plan and recommend a remedy to a service representative interacting with the member. Facets Insights, again leveraging machine learning, can act on transactions directly. An example would be identifying rejected claims that would ultimately be reconsidered and not rejecting them in order to save rework and member dissatisfaction.

Closed-loop feedback
The closed-loop feedback system means Facets is continually learning and improving, leading to
- Optimization
- Increased accuracy
- Fewer errors
- Increased stability
- Calibrated sensitivity to events
- Increased resilience to disturbances
- Reliable and repeatable performance
Real-Time Processing

Facets Data Publishing is an event driven architecture that leverages a data streaming platform. The system publishes data about and generated by claims, members and providers in real time. The system is flexible: clients may consumer or publish data via batch or real-time processes. In the latter, Facets sends data as it is changed or on demand. Publishing entities include both Facets data and custom data.

Leading Edge Security

We incorporate security into Facets at each stage of the software development life cycle, identifying and remediating potential security threats, guided by industry best practices and compliance standards. We feature pluggable federated authentication via open standards, including OpenID, OAuth2 and JWT. Facets manages authorization through comprehensive role and application layer controls. Other features include data encryption at rest and inflight and comprehensive auditing capabilities for all system and user activity and data changes.

Enrollment

- Real-time group and member enrollments
- ID card requests
- Member self-service to update demographic and contact details
- Agents or groups to add/update enrollment data

Customer Service

- Enables CRM systems to manage customer service operations via real-time integrations with Facets
- Customer service task workflow management

Billing

- Real-time billing operations
- Comprehensive billing summary
- Future bills
- Payments and invoices
- Billing requests

Interoperability

- Digital disruption driving new models, players and consumer demand for integrated view and access
- B2B/B2C connectivity
- CMS/ONC pending interoperability regulations

Claim Processing

- Enables trading partners/providers for real-time claim submission and processing
- Prospective cost estimates
- Improved auto adjudication and data quality

Customer Transparency

- Suite of APIs expands opportunities to improve auto adjudication
- Consumer transparency solutions for eligibility, benefits and cost estimates
Open, Modular, Extensible

Facets easily integrates with other systems in the client landscape through REST-based APIs in order to keep Facets open and extensible to other applications. We expose all data and functionality via RESTful interfaces. The RESTful semantic is the lingua franca of Facets and is easily understood and consumed by other client applications. The RESTful API use ensures predictable API behavior when integrating these systems.

Built on the cloud, with REST APIs and container technology, Facets delivers our clients unmatched flexibility, including:

- **Extensibility.** Clients can extend or replace Facets logic as they choose.
- **Platform flexibility.** We support all major cloud vendors.
- **Deployment options.** Facets has a modular architecture. Clients may choose any components—enrollment, billing, claims, etc.—that meet current business needs. To add modules, clients only need the appropriate license key. Each module is integrated and yet loosely coupled.
Facets proves its capabilities in the real world every day. From member enrollment and billing through claims processing and care management, our commitment to incorporating best-in-class cloud, containerization, security, AI and interoperability technologies ensures Facets maintains the flexibility, features and scalability that more than 80 healthcare organizations rely on to serve their members.

For more information about how Facets’ technology stack, containerization and cloud-native development will empower your organization to deliver the next generation of health care, please visit us cognizant.com/trizetto/core-administration/facets
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