

Pharmacy system using Ubuntu to fight AIDS

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Written in Java and released under the GPL, iDART (intelligent Dispensing of Antiretroviral Treatment) is a pharmacy system designed for use at antiretroviral (ARV) pharmacies in the public health sector. Initially distributed only as software, it was generally implemented on machines using Windows. Due to issues of reliability and security, Cell-Life have created iDART-in-a-box, which is a complete system running on Ubuntu Linux.

Initiated in 2004 as a partnership between Cell-Life and the Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation, iDART is currently used at five different sites around South Africa and over 8 500 HIV+ patients receive their ARV drugs through iDART. Designed specifically for the management of ARV dispensing, the system allows pharmacists to accurately track patient treatment, manage stock and generate reports automatically.

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