LESSONS LEARNED

OpenLMIS Malawi UAT May 2017

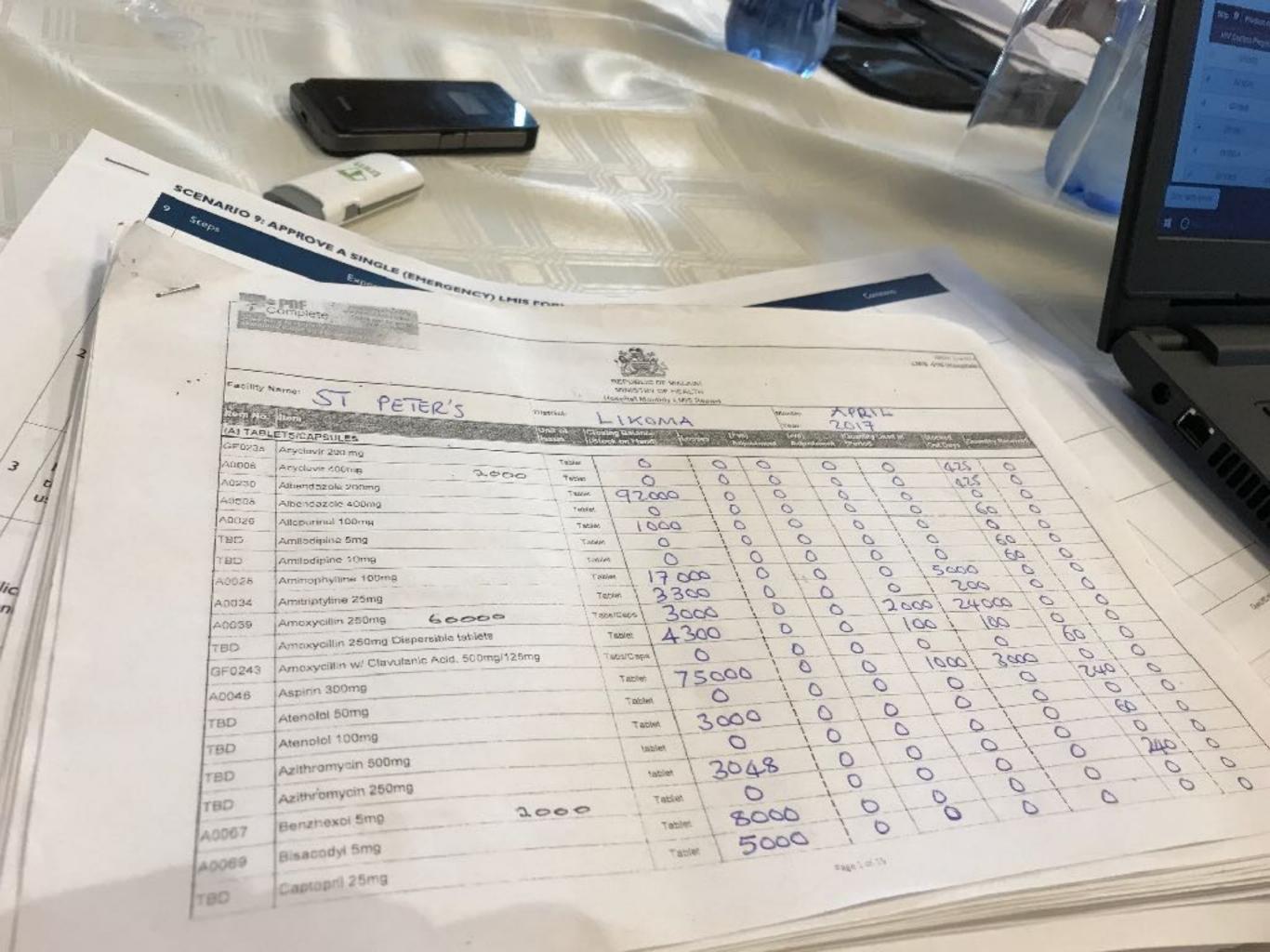


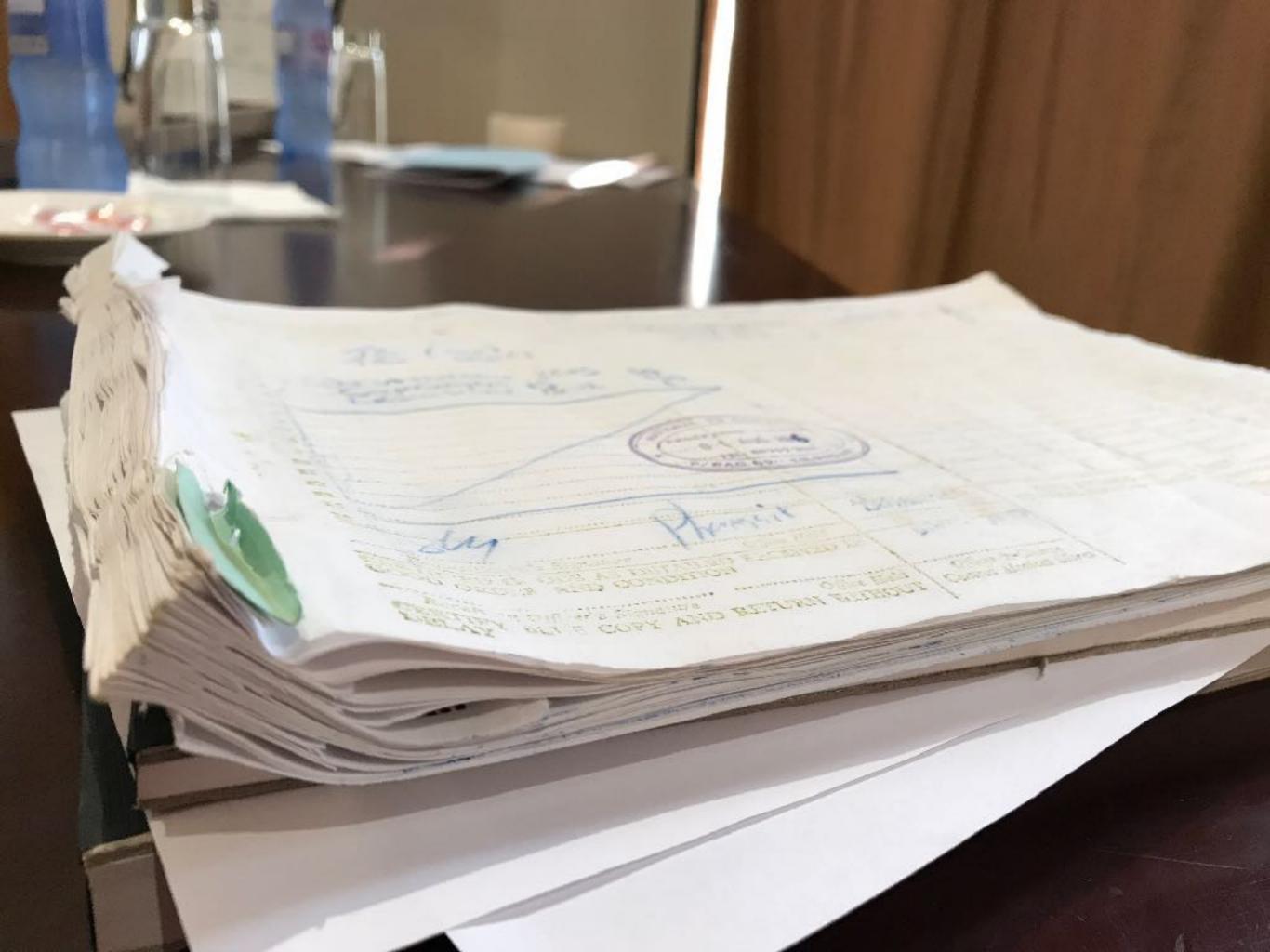




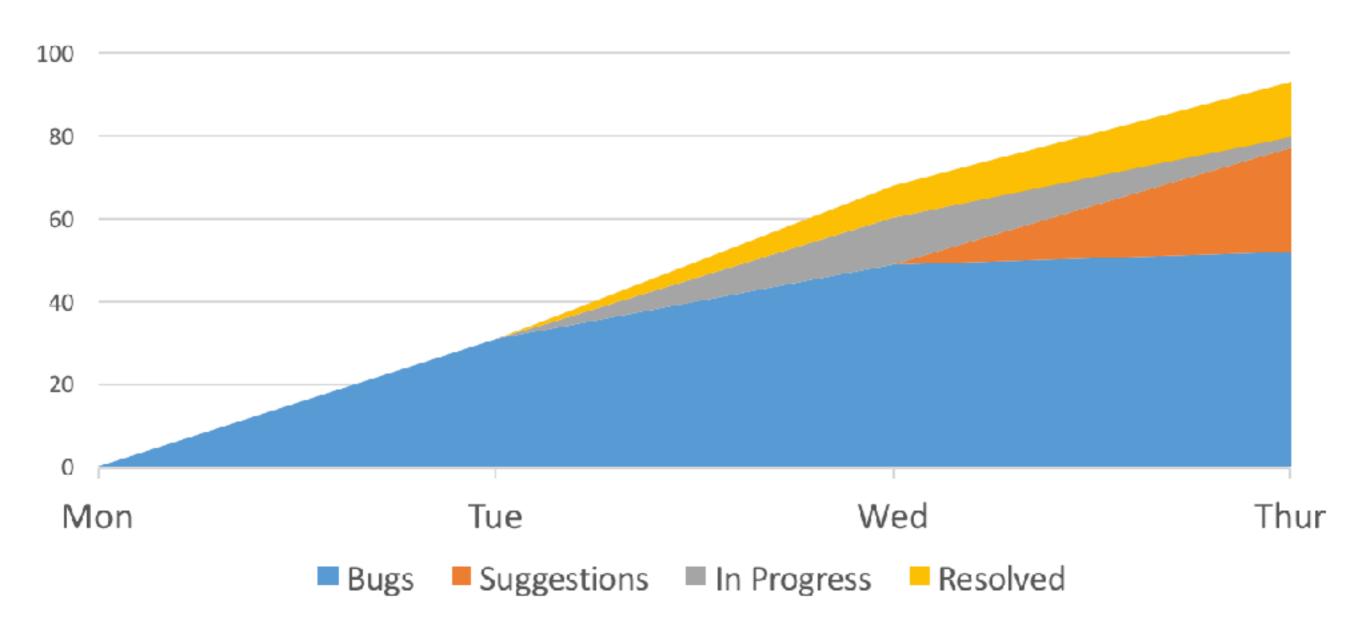








Issues Found



➤ different supply lines and fulfillment cycles by program
EM comes from CMST 3 regional warehouses (north, central, south)
using SAGE ERP; programs have 1-month and 3-month pull and push
cycles; using LMIS Forms as reporting tool not ordering

different approval process by program

EM goes thru MOH district process with budget rationing monthly; 1-step and 2-step; some go to program managers

> 30 districts

do data entry monthly of all 5 programs for all facilities



keep their paper "LMIS Forms": 5 monthly programs (Essential Meds, HIV, TB, Family Planning, Malaria)

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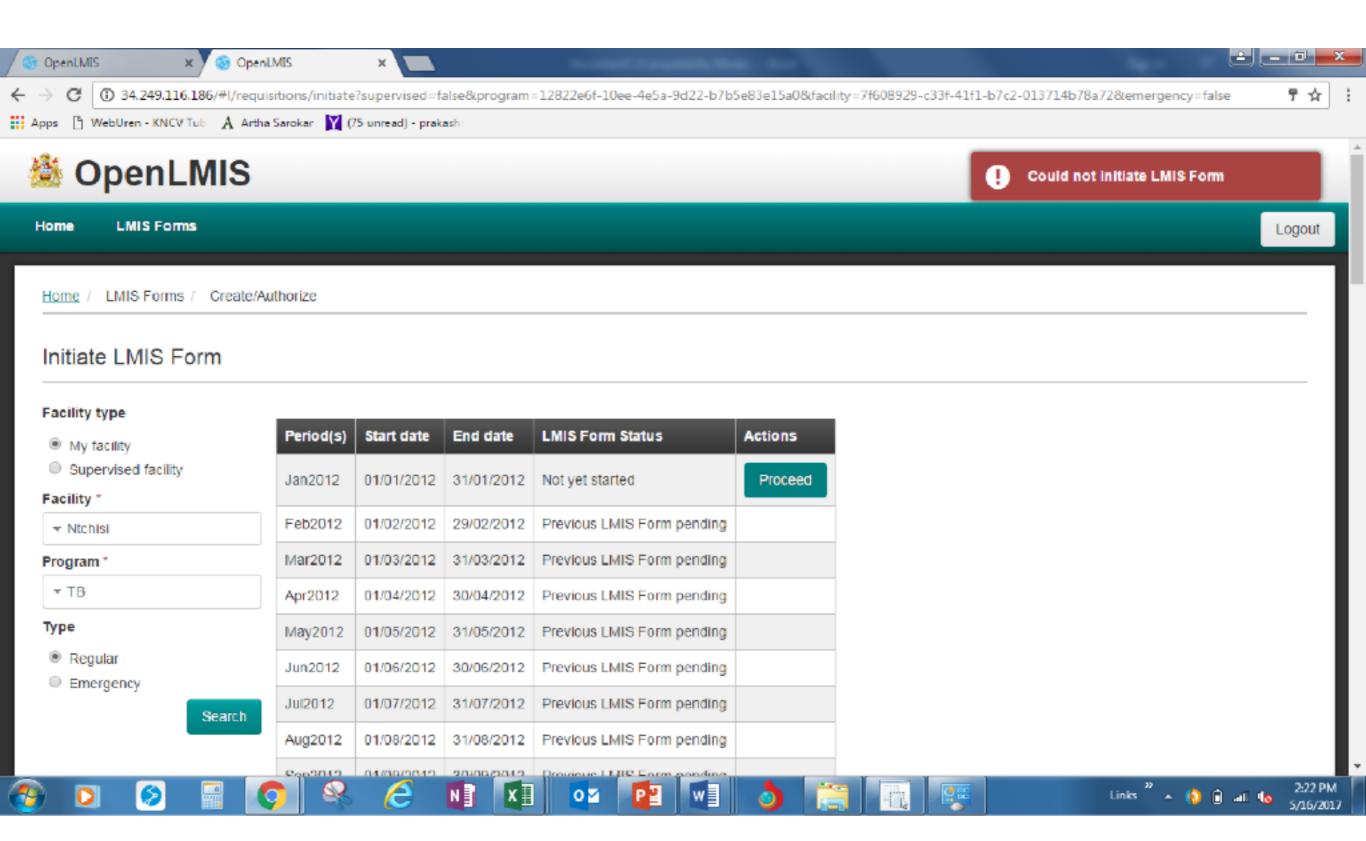
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2. Brittle

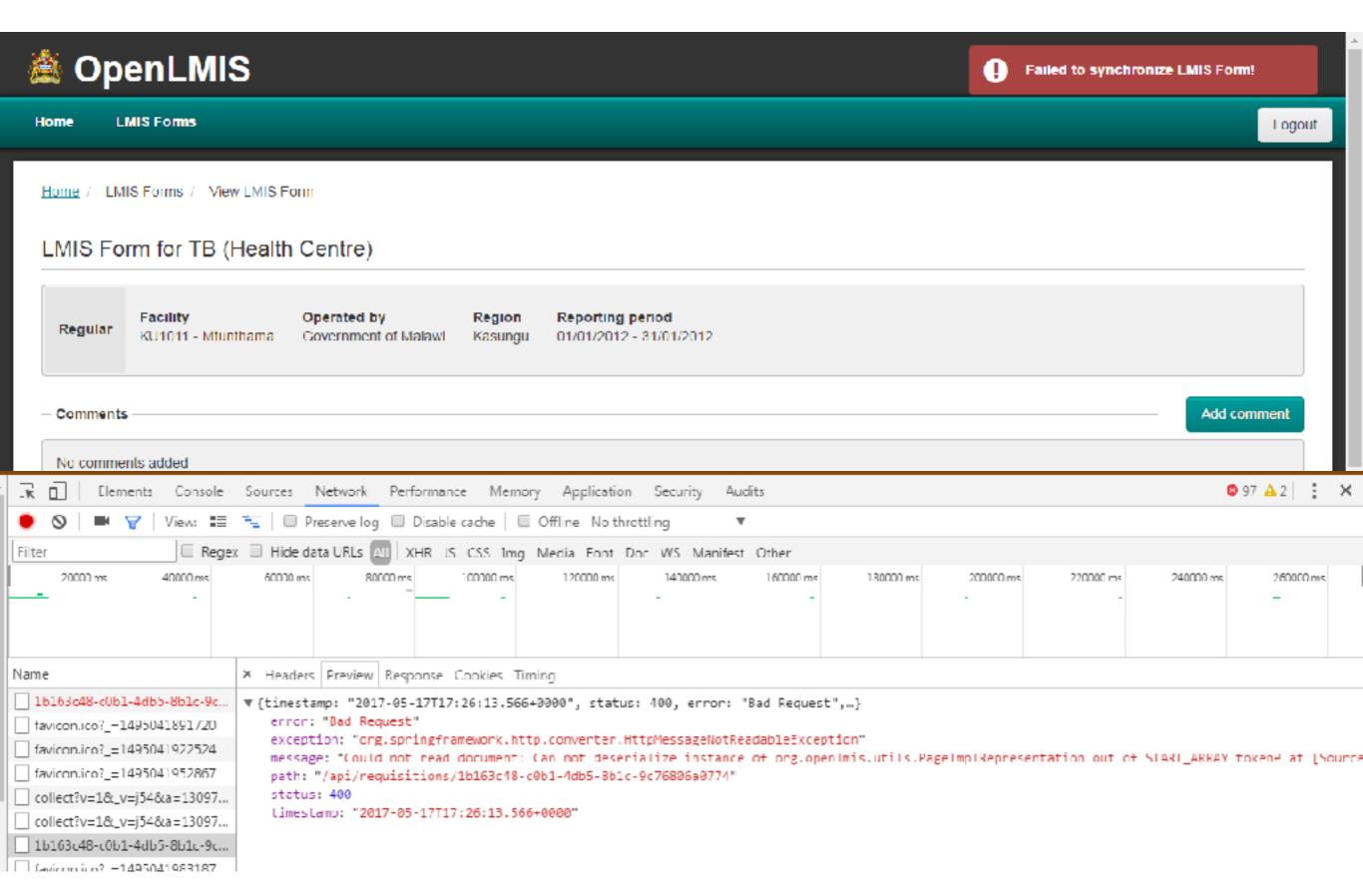
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4. Hard to use

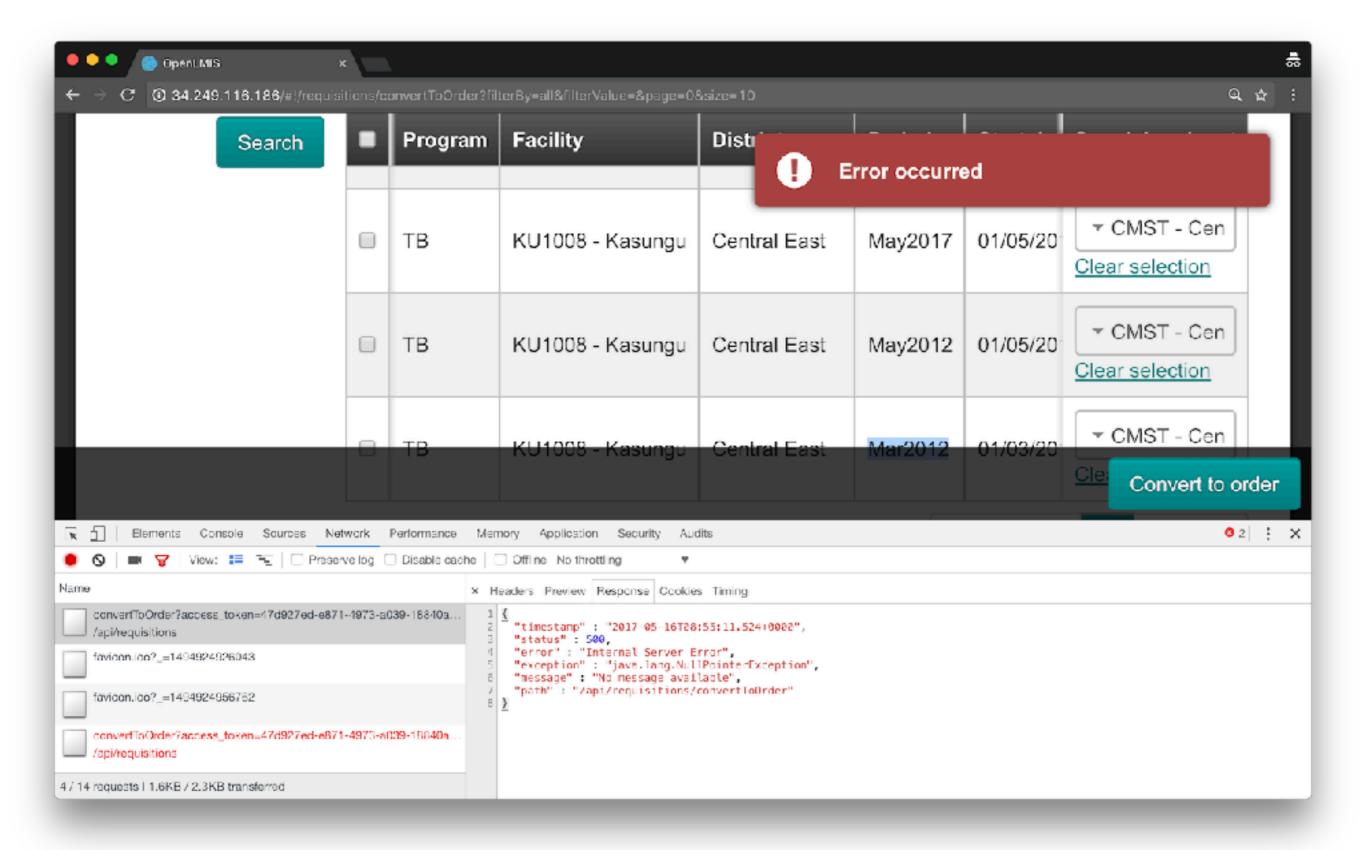
1. BUGGY



Cannot initiate requisition MW-177

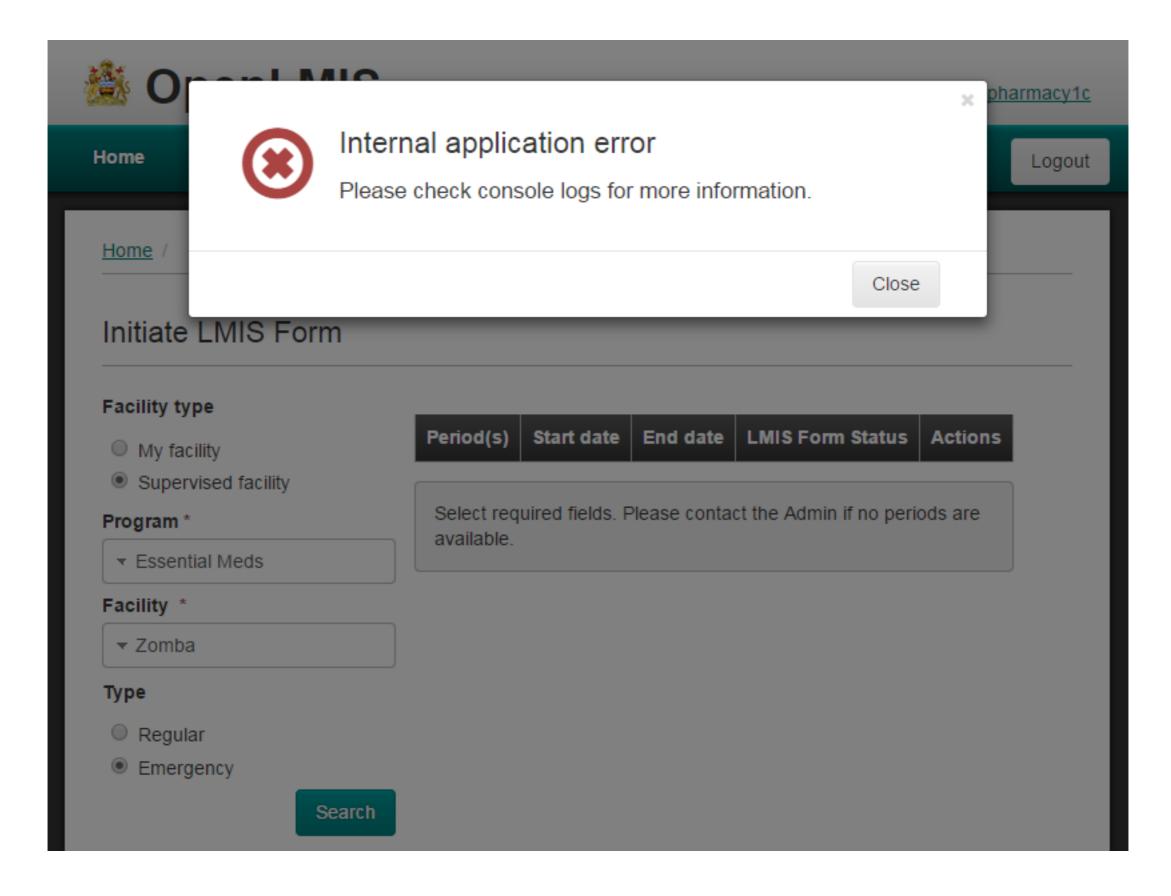


Cannot submit or authorize MW-225



Cannot convert to order MW-174

2. BRITTLE



Error on search for Emergency MW-212

(View Orders would not appear on the menu unless you also gave the user all 3 Requisition rights)

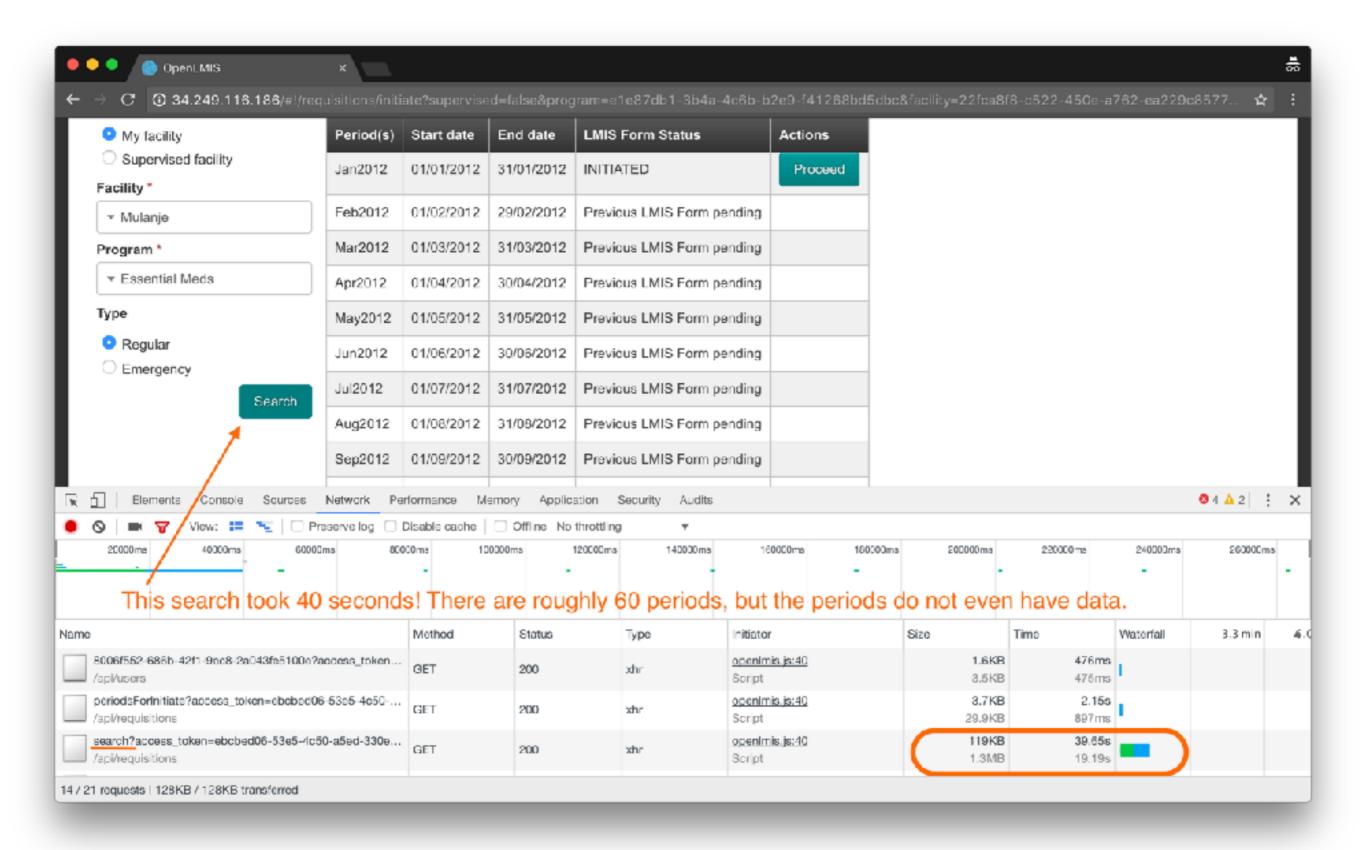
View Orders rights do not work MW-176

(e.g., Facility users from North Region were only shown the Southern Region warehouse and vice versa)

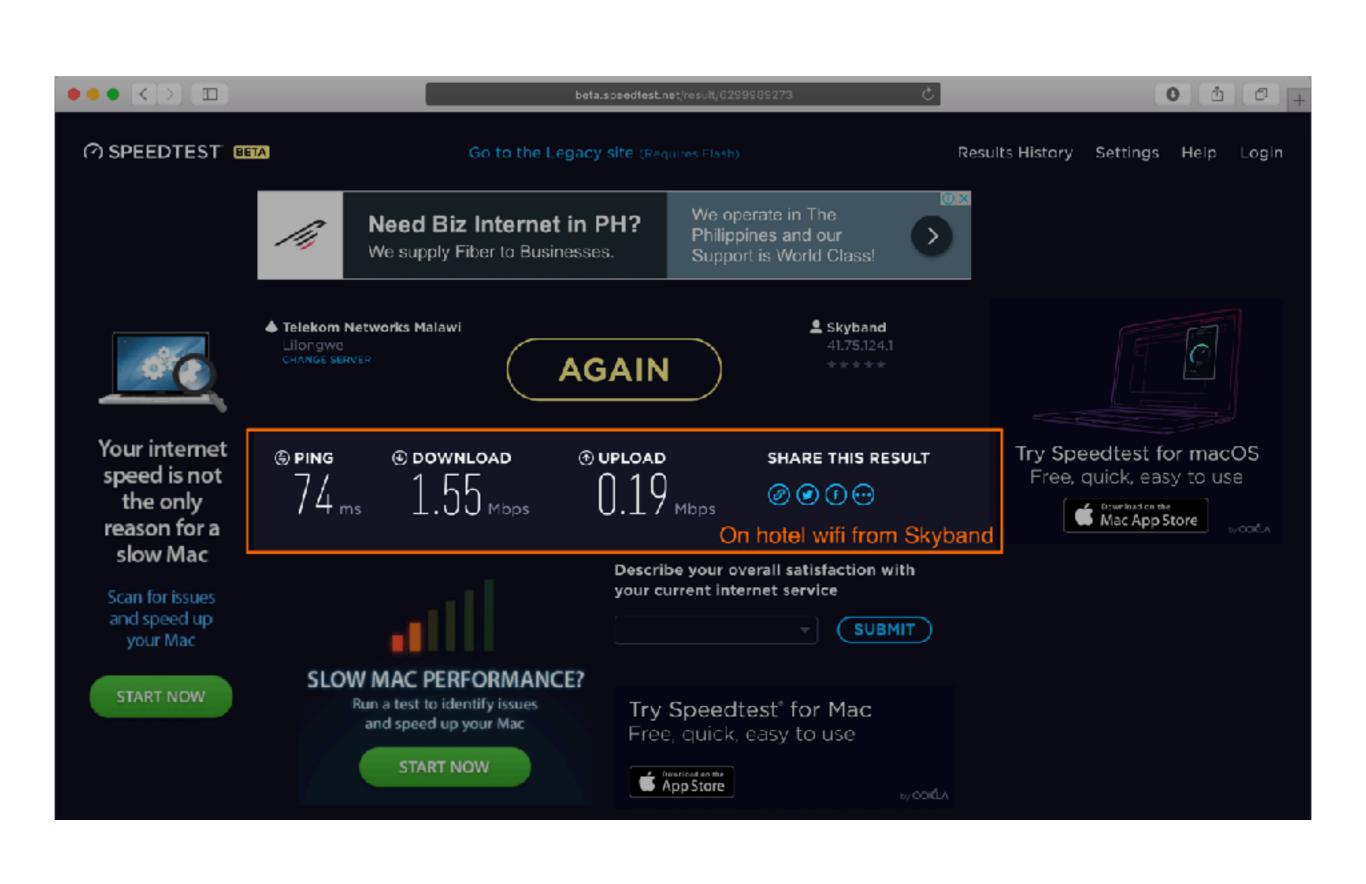
Wrong warehouses for convert to order

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3. SLOW

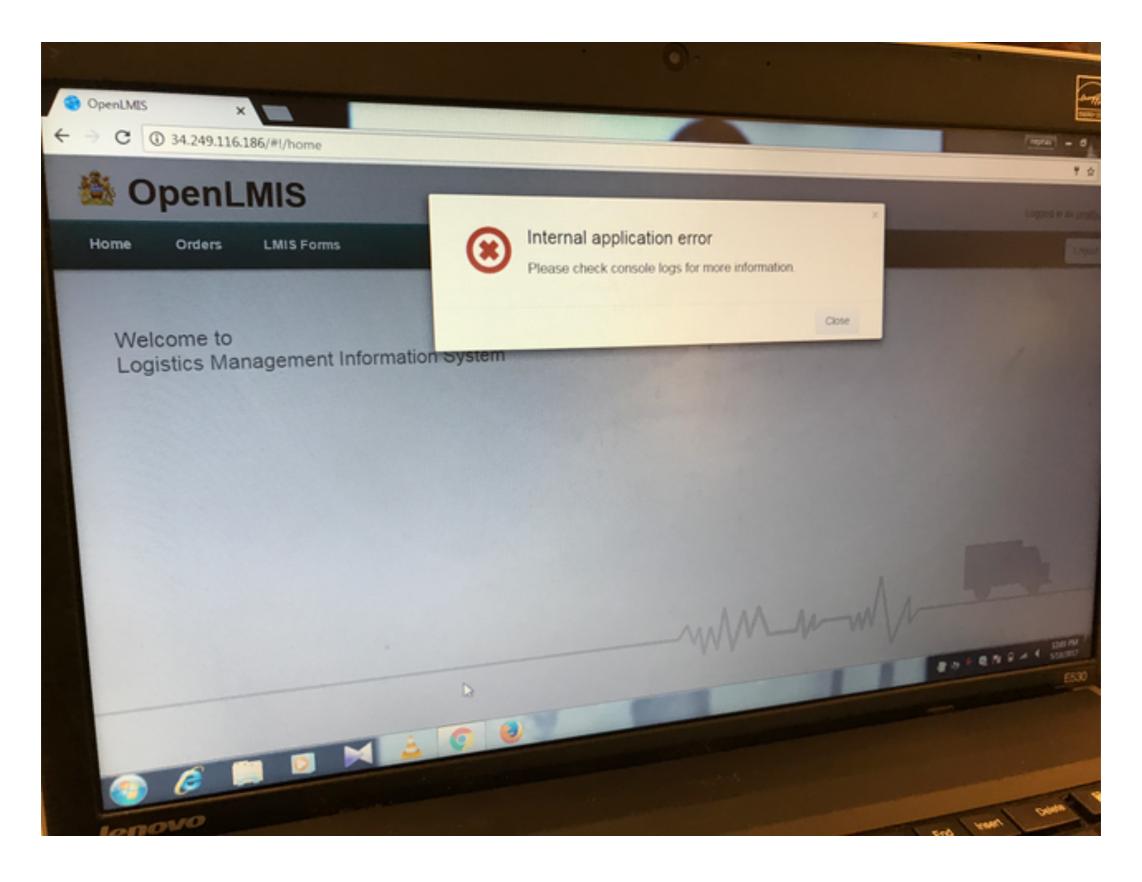


Requisition period search slow MW-164



3. SLOW

- ➤ MW-164 Requisition period search slow
- ➤ MW-165 Requisition initiate slow
- ➤ MW-166 Requisition submit slow
- ➤ MW-167 Requisition authorize slow
- ➤ MW-171 Requisitions > View search is slow
- ➤ MW-232 Convert to Order search is slow



Convert to Order search is slow MW-232

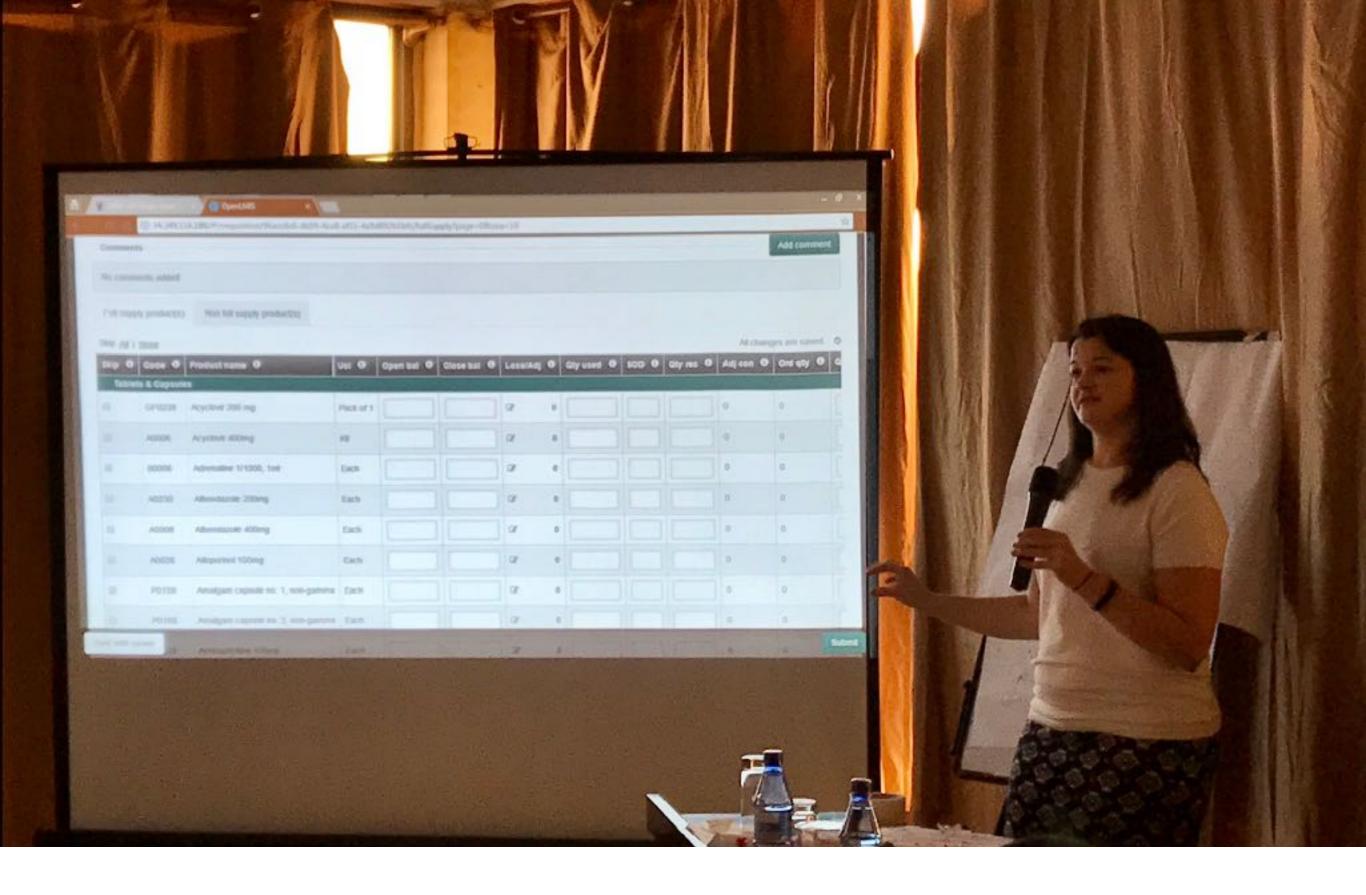
4. HARD TO USE

(All Requisition screens have no status indicator. Frequent confusion about why/when different buttons at bottom.)

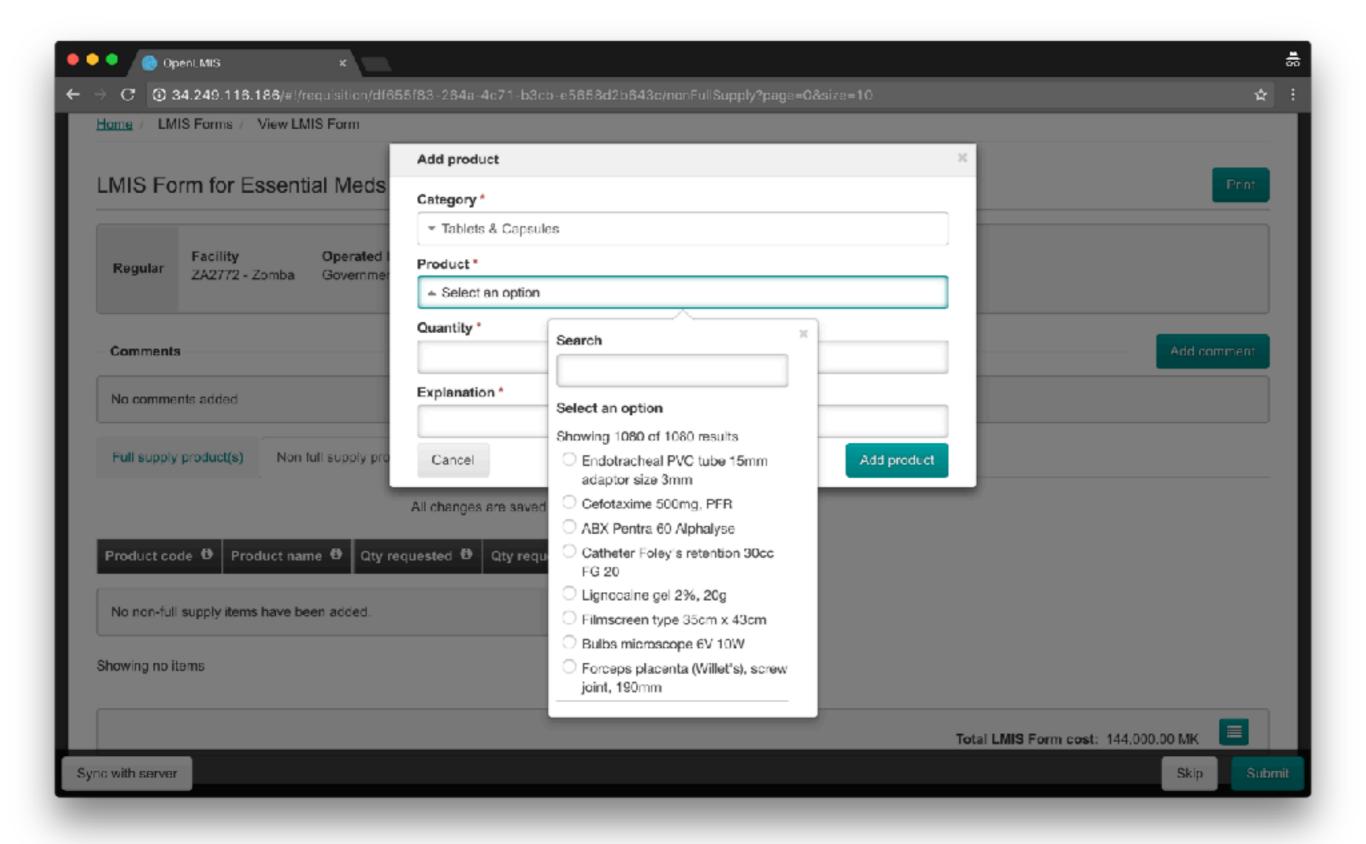
Viewing a Requisition shows no Status MW-242

(Requisition that are Rejected show as "INITIATED".)

Rejected requisitions not indicated MW-244



Scrolling both ways/hard to check math MW-207



Dropdowns: MW-217, 159, 186, 178, 214

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

1. Buggy

Testing.
 Test UI? Tests with each bug fix?

2. Brittle

2. Manage configurability. Docs? On-screen docs?

3. Slow

3. Optimize.
Test. (Idea for a rate-limit hotspot.)

4. Hard to use

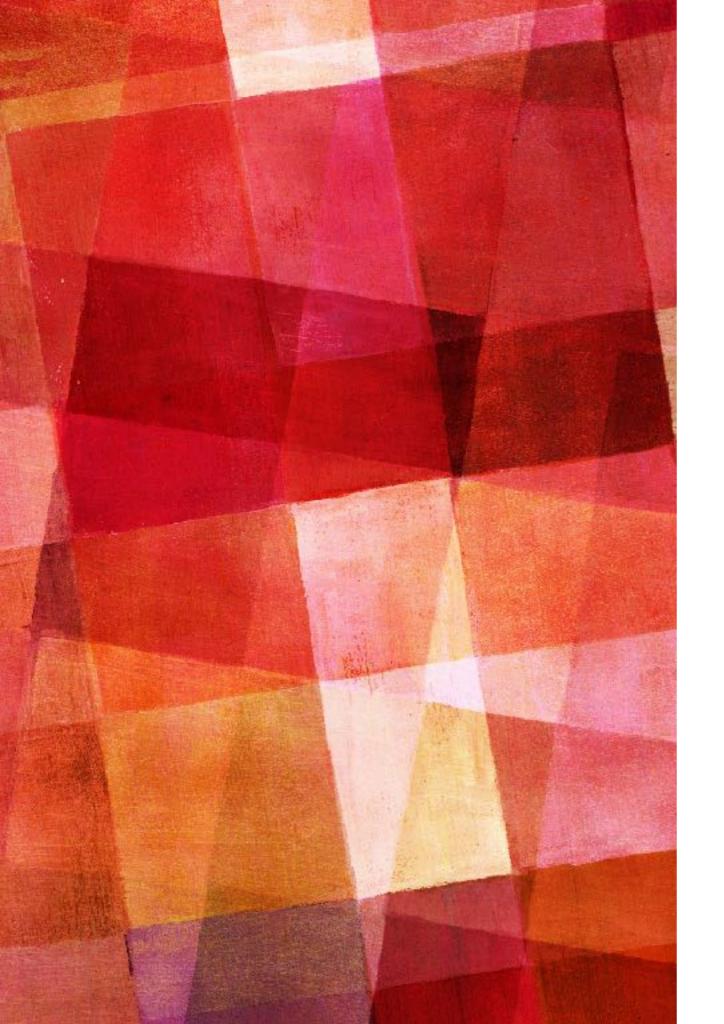
4. Spend more time with our users. "Rocket Surgery at a Distance"

THINK ABOUT IMPLEMENTORS

- ➤ Using the components; not ref-distro
 - versioning and release cycle
 - ➤ nginx, requisition; implementors need fast pull request and release timing, not 3-month cycle

THINK ABOUT IMPLEMENTORS

- ➤ Over-riding whole UI screens/files of code?
 - core would fix something but they would not get fix because they had "forked" that file
 - make sure our UI overrides are component-based,
 "atomic" or "granular"



UAT RESULTS

- ➤ Another round of UAT before sign-off to go live
- ➤ Possible timeline adjustment
- ➤ Lots of bugs to address
- ➤ Lots of master data issues
- Excitement and optimism by stakeholders about implementing OpenLMIS
 - "Made lemonade out of lemon peels and dirty water"