

Re: bashing for free EMR program

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Hi Tonks,

With EMR using this program, each patient has a single file (document) that holds all their medical data. Each new "page" in the document represents a new visit for that patient. This file can be housed at the doctor's office, or at MT's workplace, or if secure, at a website. The TSMR program does not need to be at both locations but it would be very easy to have it at both. If one opens "DoeJohn.doc" from a distant location, your local TSMR program automatically "attaches" to it and functions.

It would be easiest if the MT has electronic access to the physician's "C:/Patients" folder that houses all his patients' electronic records.

The naming of the patient file is automatic and allows for billions of names. Usually a file name in TSMR looks something like "123123123CartGilb 09261946 Gilbert Bruce Carter" with the 123123123 representing a medical record number. "CartGilb" represents a short name access tool derived from old IBM nomenclature when file names were limited to 8 characters. "09261946" represents dob. The last section represents patient's full name. But this is also automatic, ...taking about 15 seconds of typing perhaps. Retrieval of a file takes perhaps 1-2 seconds, including the typing of 5 letters which is all that's usually required.

If you open a file that is currently open at the doctor's office, MS Word notifies you that the file is open and offers to make a copy for you to work on, ... or you could postpone that one until the doctor's office is not active with it. You can work while the doctor's office is open.

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Your comments have raised some interesting ideas. One of the biggest problems in EMR implementation by physicians is the manual entering of numeric laboratory values. Having collated laboratory data in tables as well as other test results is a ****huge*** benefit to physicians because they can find it faster and it saves them time.

I'll check out making some code that automatically adds word or letter or line count to a "transcription log file" along with the patients' names and dates, in such a way that the bottom cell tallies a total. The next version of TSMR has an automatic timing table in each patient's file that logs in each date a file is opened and the time for which it is open. Adding on something for counting lines sounds easy.

One of the Ten Second Medical Record functions makes a "Patient Pocket Summary TM."

It is a global summary of data, meds, allergies, family history, allergies, problems, lab and other test results. It automatically grows visit by visit, year by year. It is handy.

Cheers,

Gil

"14tonks" <mail.2.14tonks@recursor.net> wrote in message news:2o7oidF7n5g1U1@uni-berlin.de...

> *Okay, I took a fast look at the site. Short of downloading and installing the program to play around with it, which I'm not about to do unless you are paying me a consultant fee, I don't really see anything that directly addresses some of my questions about integrating it with current standard MT work processes.*

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> *Could you outline for us exactly what the physician using this program would have to do to export documents, attach them to dictation for completion by transcription, and deliver them securely to the MT, and exactly what the MT would have to do to complete those documents and return them securely to the client for upload into the EMR? Or would it only be possible to work in a client's copy of your program by connecting to his computer over the internet and temporarily taking over its operation with a remote-control program of some sort? The latter scenario is distinctly less desirable, as it is slower, interferes with the client's use of the computer if done*

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- > *during working hours, and requires that separate copies of any MT tools be*
- > *installed on the client's computer.*
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- > *And, yes, we know Word does a crude character count and a crude line*
- count,
- > *but how would the MT generate a summary of characters added to the*
- exported
- > *document/record using either Word's count or, preferably, the count*
- > *generated by a more sophisticated line counter of their choice, or would*
- > *that be something we would all have to figure out, or pay someone else to*
- > *figure out, ourselves?*
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- > *If the exported base documents are Word documents, then naturally we would*
- > *be able to use any Word spellcheckers, medical dictionaries, and*
- > *Word-compatible expanders installed on our computers when working with*
- those
- > *documents, which is good.*
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- > *But I would like a succinct explanation of just how the export/import*
- > *processes would work at both client and MT end, if such a process is*
- indeed
- > *possible. How much is automated in the program, from file naming to*
- > *transmission, and how much would the client or MT be expected to provide*
- > *their own solutions for?*
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- > *Sheila*
- > *To reply to me, add the prefix real. to my address.*
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- > *"Gil Carter" <GilCarter@remove.surewest.net> wrote in message*
- > *news:10ht4kenc6qtq32@corp.supernews.com...*
- > > *Hi Tonks,*
- > > *Yes, ... it was developed originally with Word Perfect in about 1990 but*
- > > *changed to MS Word in '96. It requires MS Word 2000 or later to*
- function.
- > > *So, ... it does import from RTF and text. Yes, it allows spell checkers*
- > *so*
- > > *long as they are MS Word compatible. MS Word does of course count*
- lines,
- > > *characters. etc.. Altho I do not use VPN, it is confluent with internet*
- > > *resources.*
- > > *Gil*
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- > > *"14tonks" <mail.2.14tonks@recursor.net> wrote in message*
- > > *news:2o7cdiF7h514U1@uni-berlin.de...*
- > > > *Your question might better be addressed to your potential clients, but*
- > *if*
- > > > *you want the MT perspective, we probably only have a few questions:*
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- > > > *1) Can it export and import documents into Word/WordPerfect/other*

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> > > *RTF-compatible word processors where they can be completed offline*
using
> > *the*
> > > *usual MT tools of the trade?*
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> > > 2) *If not, does it include a good medical spell checker and an*
expander
> > *that*
> > > *can import entries from standard expanders on the market, or work with*
> > *those*
> > > *expanders, such as InstantText? Does it have the ability to count*
> > *character*
> > > *lines for transcription added to its records? Does its VPN connection*
> *for*
> > > *working in real time include the ability to allow the transcriptionist*
> *to*
> > > *access internet resources while working?*
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> > > > *Hi All,*
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> > > > *I occasionally drop in and out of this NG. I've been developing an*
> *EMR*
> > > > *program for years. Y'all are the best critics around for such. So,*
> *...*
> > > *I*
> > > > *invite your criticism. Of course it'd be good if it's constructive.*
> > > ;-)
> > > > *So, ... it's currently free and fully functional, ... The Ten Second*
> > > *Medical*
> > > > *Record TM at: <http://www.TenSecondMedicalRecord.com>*
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> > > > *tia,*
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> > > > *Gil Carter (md, jd, fp)*
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