Dictation Applications For Macintosh & PC Computers (7/94)

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TOPIC --

As part of our workstation development, we are trying to demonstrate the ability to dictate progress notes to a workstation. The dictation would be stored as a sound file until a transcriptionist converts it to text. Also the sound files would need to be accessible from other workstations as sound in the interim.

Two questions:

• What products should we be looking at to assist us in providing this capability?

• Are there any products which are portable across Apple and Intel machines? The sound files would be stored on a network server, but they would need to be stored in a format that both platforms understand.

DISCUSSION --

There is a dictation application called PowerSecretary from Articulate Systems, Inc. in Woburn, MASS. Articulate also makes a noise-canceling headset microphone, Voice Record and Voice Navigator software for the Macintosh.

There is another Macintosh application called SoundEdit 16 from MacroMedia that will save an AIFF sound file created with Voice Record as a Windows WAV file. It is then playable on an IBM PC class computer.

To locate a vendor's address and phone number, use the vendor name as a search string.

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