

# Efficient Population of Structured Data Forms Using Syntactic Constraints and Intermediate Text



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## • Filling Forms

- Major Frustration of EHR/EMR?
- Mayo Clinic Proceedings* July 2016:  
“Clerical burden and burnout  
in US physicians”
- GUI 2d layout mixes concerns:
  - display of data
  - acquisition of data

## • Information Flow

- Elements found / decided out-of-order / Sometimes different pages & screens
- Doctors should not have to wait / Do not like to wait
- Source of error / Incomplete documentation

## • Mouse Movement & Selection

- CCF SemanticDB outcomes reporting Bottleneck
- Mouse-to-Keybaord-to-Mouse is for Novices
- Minimized mouse movement, resized targets
- Scribes / Docs are experts, need Expert Modes

## • Auto-Generated Shortcuts

## • Syntactic Matching

- Nothing else matches NNN-NN-NNNN  
but Social Security Number
- Where there are two dates, MM/DD/YY
  - Define priority or
  - Require explicit shorthand

## • Conclusions

- Efficient in a real-time documentation setting
- Bridges the gap between natural language extraction and keyboard shortcuts
- Future statistical and database hinting
- EHR vendors should have this kind of R & D