Structured radiological reporting system

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Areas of interest of modern medicine

- increasing variety of diagnostic techniques and procedures
- unsatisfiable demand for medical services
- bureaucracy
- clinical data and reporting (store and exchange)

Typical workflow of a radiologist



Figure: Typically, a radiologist analyzes medical images and creates report's text simultaneously

Areas where productivity optimizations could be applied

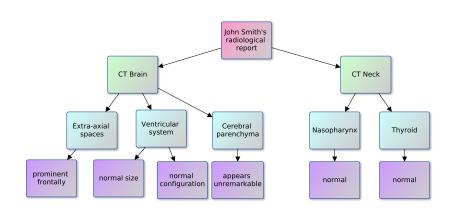
What can be improved:

- radiologists are very BAD at typing on keyboard
- speech recognition has problems with capturing medical language
- reporting quality

How:

- typing on keyboard replaced by checking boxes with predefined phrases
- reports represented as trees that have relations between causes and effects
- workflow organized around set of checklists and templates

Radiological report as a tree



Reporting ontology

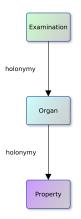


Figure: Types of entities and relations between them

Textual representation (simple report)

John Smith

date: 02.04.2005

CT Brain

Extra-axial spaces: prominent frontally.

Ventricular system: normal size; normal configuration.

Cerebral parenchyma: appears unremarkable.

CT Neck

Nasopharynx: normal. Thyroid: normal.

Textual representation (detailed report using Polish template)

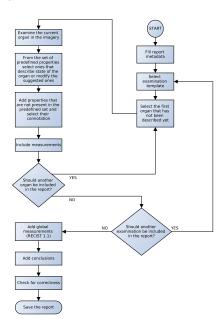
Adam Nowak



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Modified workflow

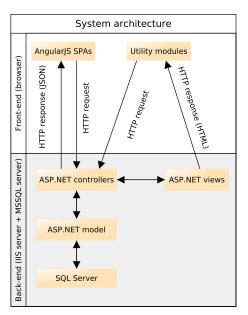


Technological stack

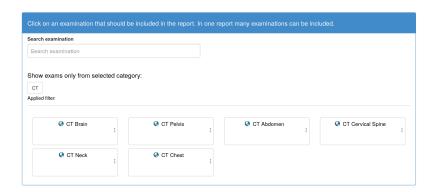
Web application

- backend
 - C#
 - ASP.NET
 - MS SQL
- frontend
 - AngularJS, ES5
 - utility modules use ASP.NET + Razor Views

System architecture and communication



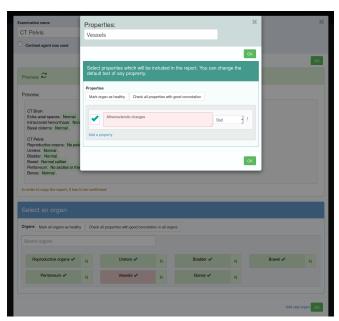
Report editor interface



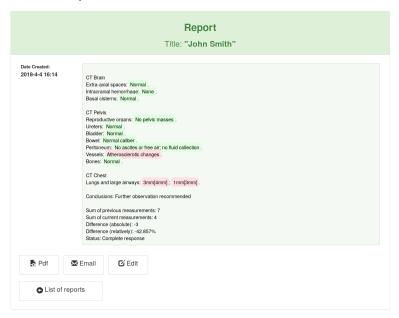
Organ list



Properties



Generated report with RECIST 1.1 measurements



Learning curve and productivity improvements

number of reports



Validation

Places where the software was used:

- Several independent teleradiologists
- Small hospital in Wieliszew
- Large network of clinics in Łódź

Conclusions:

- 25 battle-tested templates containing 180 organs
- about 1300 reports
- Reports generated about 3 times faster

Thanks for your attention