# DESIGNING A WEB *EES* MODIFICATION REQUEST (*EMR*) SYSTEM

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#### CHAPTER I

#### INTRODUCTION

The 5ESS<sup>TM</sup> Switching System is a major product of the Lucent Technologies Inc. It is a digital time division, distributed control system [1]. There are two test environments for the 5ESS<sup>TM</sup> Switch development community: the Laboratory Test System (LTS), which is a small office rigged with debugging equipment, and the Execution Environment System (EES), which is a software simulation of a small office that runs under the UNIX<sup>®</sup> operation system [2]. LTS is more complete and covers more tests accurately, but EES is more flexible and economical.

The developments of EES software products include the new products or enhancements to existing products. The EES Software Development Methodology is based on the ISO 9000-3 guidelines. Generally, most terms have been retained from the ISO standards/guidelines [3]. Figure 1 shows that there are 6 major phases from the original request for the software to the actual customer acceptance of the final product. Major outputs (primarily documentation) are shown for each stage with the output(s) requiring customer participation in *italics*.

There are two primary classifications of EES documentation produced during the development of software: (1) those produced as a result of driving or following the EES Software Development Methodology itself, e.g., Design, Test Plan, and (2) those

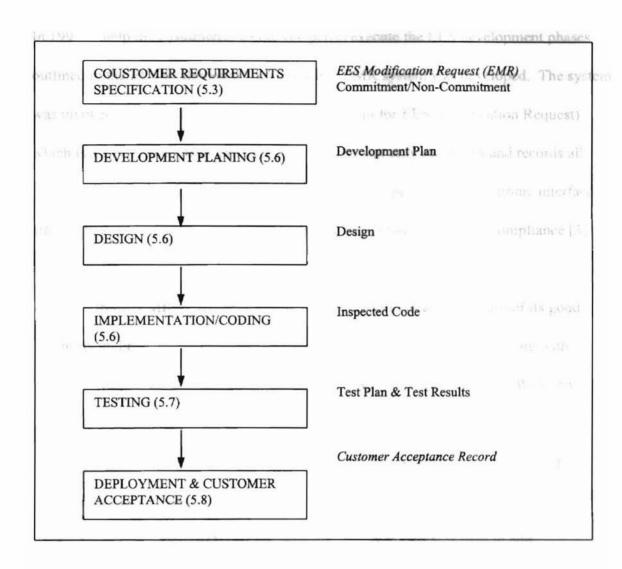


Figure 1. EES Development Phases with Major Outputs (ISO 9000-3 clauses are indicated in parenthesis)

primarily for users to be able to utilize the final product, e.g., man pages, user manuals.

In the beginning of the EES development, the EES Modification Requests (EMRs) was a documentation system for the EES Software Development Methodology. It was a paper-based system that included the US EMR system and the international Problem Statement-based system. The paper-based EMR system had been in use for a long time.

In 1993 to help the customer(s) and developer(s) execute the EES development phases outlined in the EES methodology, an electronic EMR system was developed. The system was invoked by a tool called *emr* (*emr* is an acronym for EES Modification Request) which is a UNIX shell program. The EMR system not only maintains and records all necessary documentation during development, but also provides an electronic interface and facilitates the kind of development tracking that is needed for ISO compliance [3].

The electronic EMR system works like an information system. Because of its good reliability and convenience, it has been used until today. However comparing with current information system, for example, an information system running a Web server with CGI (Common Gateway Interface), the EMR system has several disadvantages:

- Complexity: The command-line interface with too many keywords is not friendly.
- Limitation: The execution is restricted in UNIX system only.
- Difficulty: The UNIX text file with nroff or troff format is hard to edit.

To solve the above problems, a new design of the EMR system was given in this thesis. The new design used the similar EMR file structure, but replaced the *emr* tool with the Web server and the CGI programs. This approach allows the customer(s) and the developer(s) to use a Web browser to run the EMR system via the Internet. It also gave the possibility that an EMR document could be an HTML format.

Since EMR system includes a lot of functionality and features, it is impossible to cover all designs in this thesis. Based on the major requirements, the thesis have given the following solutions:

- · Creating or opening an EMR: A user can create or open an EMR.
- Searching an EMR: A user can search all documents in the EMR file system via
  the Internet. The documents could be HTML format.
- Updating or modifying an EMR: A user can download or create an EMR
  document into his/her local machine, edit or modify it by using a Web browser,
  then send or upload it back to the EMR file system.

#### CHAPTER II

#### RELATED WORKED

## The EMR System

Figure 2 shows the architecture of the original electronic EMR system. It includes a browser called *Hybrowser*, the *emr* tool, and the EMR files system.

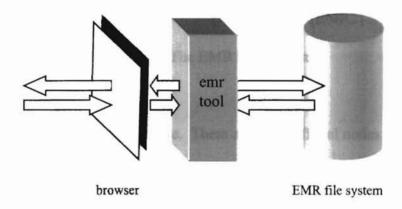


Figure 2. The Architecture of the Original Electronic EMR System

Hybrowser is a menu interface where the users can browse information or perform various operations by entering certain key combinations.

The *emr* tool was used to invoke the browser and connect to the EMR file system. Its primary functions are:

- To provide a centralized, electronic means of tracking EES development.
- To aid the writing process by supplying templates and/or guidelines.

 To aid the execution of the methodology by supporting operations on those documents.

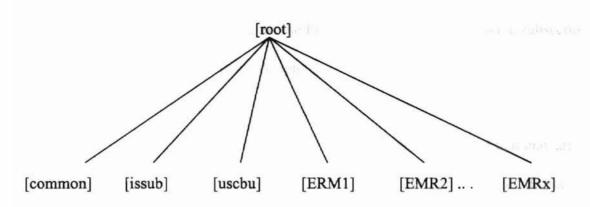


Figure 3. The EMR File Structure

Figure 3 shows the EMR file structure. There are three official nodes *common*, *issub*, and *uscbu*. Each node has a different purpose.

- common: The node serves as the root for all base system files. In all decisions,
   it serves as the default.
- iscbu: The node serves as the root for the international EES domain. It contains any variance from the base system.
- uscbu: The node serves as the root for the U.S. EES domain. It contains any variance from the base system.

When an EMR is entered into the system, its root node appears at the same level as these three.

#### Work Related to EMR

## The First Design of the emr Tool

In October 1993, Gary Barrett designed the first *emr* tool [4]. The following subsections describe the major components in his design.

<u>Viewpathing</u>. The *viewpathing* tool is used to resolve any conflict that may arise surrounding template contents, naming conventions, and anything that the tool displays to the user. The choice to viewpath influences the node structure within which information is stored.

A Generalized Algorithm. The *emr* tool's specific behavior is to be driven by information contained in files found down the viewpath. These files come in the following varieties:

- Rules files: These specify the action to take.
- Informative files: These supply information to be displayed.
- Menus: These provide the user with a choice of alternative actions.
- Naming conventions: These determine the name of phase and source files.
- Templates: These provide the user with starting points to writing documents
   The algorithm is simple. It consists of a loop, which executes until the user chooses to
   quit. Each loop locates the *rules* file, gives the current node and the viewpath, and
   executes, in sequence, each rule that it finds in that file.

Node Structure. There is one node under the root node for each development phase. A node is a directory and contains some subdirectories (subnode) and files. The nodes are named as follows.

Node	Phase	
rqs	requirement	
plan	development plan	
des	design	
code	implementation	
to	customer acceptance	

To accommodate the differing levels of testing and to assign the proper perspective to those levels, nodes that pertain to testing are contained within the various phase nodes.

Phase nodes typically contain the following subnodes.

Purpose
Information for this phase-level of testing
Information about reviews
Change records
phase document source

The *reqs* node also contains the *commit* subnode, for the commitment record. The *plan* contains no *test* node. The *to* node contains only the *doc* node.

A test node contains the following subnodes.

Node	Purpose
review	Information about reviews
change	Change records
result	Test results
doc	Test plan document source

The following table enumerates the files that can exist within system nodes.

File	Number allowed	Purpose
rules	one node has one	drives the emr toll
informative	one node may has any	
menus	one node may has any	
docname	one node has one	specifies source name
name	one node may has one	specifies title of node

The names of menu and informative files are determined by the content of the *rules* files.

All document sources is kept in EMR terminal node. Terminal nodes can also contain the following files.

File	Purpose
partitions	Design unit information
versions	Version history
original	Original document source
save	Saved document source
alist	Approver list
approved	Approval record
sent	Timestamp for commitment record sending
out	Document source lock file

Additionally, EMR root nodes can contain the following information source files.

Purpose	
Originator identity, copy-to list	
EES developer identifies	
EMR state	
EMR abstract	
EMR receipt acknowledgment	
	Originator identity, copy-to list EES developer identifies EMR state EMR abstract

Convention. The EMR number is constructed of a six-digit date, the originator's login id, and a two-digit numeric suffix. Login id's that are longer than six characters are truncated to six so that the EMR number is no longer than fourteen. The date portion of the EMR is constructed of the year, month and day of month so that EMRs can be easily sorted in chronological order. The EMR number is used as the name for the EMR's root node.

Locks are implemented as files that contain the login id of the person who has the file out for edit. The lock files, called *out*, are co-located with the document source. A file is locked when it is taken out for edit. It is unlocked when it is put back if any of the following conditions is true:

- The approval process for that document has not yet begun.
- The document is approved and the change made to it requires no additional approval.

Under all other conditions, the file remains locked. While locked, it is only the owner of the lock who can continue to take the file out for edit. The file can also be unlocked by the lock's owner via manual procedures.

The Main Program Loop. The program begins by initializing variables. It is this point where the CBU must be known so that a viewpath can later be constructed. Before entering the main program loop, the command line is scanned for input arguments and parsed. If there are no arguments, then the high level interface is invoked. Low-level invocations of the tool are made interactively, by passing arguments, or from the high level via hybrowse application macros. At the low level, after input commands are parsed and additional information is received, if needed, from the user, the program enters a large switch block where preliminary handling differs from one operation to anther. Some operations can be completed right there. Most others, however, complete by invoking the main program loop that locates the rules file and processes it one line at a time.

#### Release 2 of the emr Tool

In 1994, David Newkirk described a simplified user interface for the *emr* tool. The following subsections are the major components in Newkirk's description.

EMR states. An EMR can have the following states:

 open A new EMR that has not been submitted. An open EMR is created and owned by the originator. The originator can submit or cancel an open EMR.

- submitted An EMR that has been submitted but is unassigned. The administrator
  can reject, close, acknowledge or assign submitted EMR's.
- in-prograss An EMR that has been assigned. The developer or administrator can close or hold an in-progress EMR. The administrator can re-assign an EMR to a different developer.
- hold An uncommitted EMR is being held until it can be re-evaluated. The administrator can assign or close an EMR in the hold state.
- closed An EMR is closed after development is complete or it's uncommitted. The
  administrator can reopen a closed EMR, putting it in its previous state. The
  administrator can also delete a closed EMR from the database when it is no longer
  needed.

Figure 4 shows the state transition allowed for EMR's:

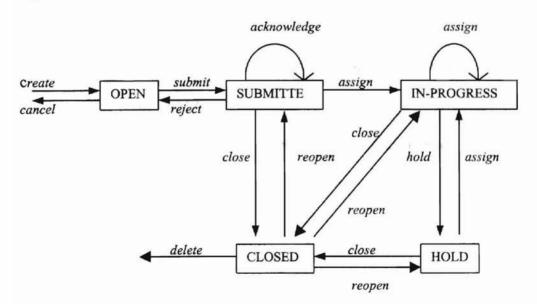


Figure 4. EMR States

Menu System. The emr tool includes eight menus as follows:

MAIN MENU Select an existing EMR to work on or create a new one.

- EMR OPERATIONS Perform operations on the EMR (such as printing its status).
- DOCUMENTS A list of EMR documents the user can choose to access.
- DOCUMENT OPERATIONS Operations specific to individual documents (create, browse, edit, etc).
- REVIEW & APPROVAL MENU Access the document review and approval data.
- CODE INSPECTION MENU Access data about a code inspection session.
- VERSION HISTORY MENU Access previous versions of approved documents and their review data.
- ADMINISTRATOR MENU Operations for the EMR Administrator, such as assigning or closing EMR's.

Main Menu is the first menu presented by the *emr* tool unless EMR environment variable is set to a valid EMR identifier. The current EMR number is displayed in the menu header field. The following list is the operations in the menu:

- a access an existing EMR (ACCESS EMR dialog)
- c create a new EMR (CREATE EMR dialog)
- s show summary of all EMR's (SUMMARY output)
- f send feedback about EMR tool (FEEDBACK dialog)
- A administrator menu (ADMINISTRATOR menu)
- h help (run the pager on the Main Menu Help file)

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q quit (QUIT dialog)
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The "A" operation is only visible if the user is the EMR administrator or the alternate.

EMR Operations menu lets the user choose a document to examine or perform an operation on the EMR. If the EMR environment variable is set to a valid EMR identifier, this is the first menu displayed. The EMR number appears in the menu header field. The following list is the operations in menu:

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s short EMR status (STATUS output)

f full EMR history (HISTORY output)

d choose a document (DOCUMENT menu)

p print all EMR documents available (PRINT ALL dialog)

r* submit the EMR requirements to the EES

c* cancel EMR (CANCEL EMR dialog)

a* change the abstract (CHANGE ABSTRACT dialog)

i* change the related IMR number (CHANGE IMR dialog)

H* hold EMR (HOLD EMR dialog)

C* close EMR (CLOSE EMR dialog)

m return to MAIN MENU

h help

q quit (QUIT dialog)
```

Documents menu lets the user choose a document to examine. The EMR number appears in the menu header field. The following list is the operations in the menu:

- r requirements
- c commitment
- n non-commitment
- p development plan
- d design
- i code inspection menu (CODE INSPECTION menu)
- t test plan
- T test plan results
- u user documentation
- a acceptance
- o return to EMR OPERATIONS menu
- h help
- q quit (QUIT dialog)

The 'c', 'n', 'p', 'd', 'i', 't', 'T', 'u' and 'a' operations are visible if the user owns the corresponding document or the EMR, or official documents are available.

Document Operations menu contains all the operations relevant to individual documents. Besides viewing and updating documents, this includes their review and version information, and ownership. The EMR identifier and the selected document name appear in the menu header field. The following list is the operations in the menu:

- b browser (BROWSER DOCUMENT dialog)
- p print (PRINT DOCUMENT dialog)
- c\* create (create a private document using the online

and lock the document)

- e\* edit (EDIT DOCUMENT dialog)
- r review & approval menu
- s\* submit change (SUBMIT DOCUMENT dialog)
- v version history menu
- u\* undo private change (UNDO CHANGE dialog)
- B\* backout official change (BACKOUT CHANGE dialog)
- P\* change owners (OWNERSHIP dialog)
- C\* create design unit (CREATE DU dialog)
- O open design unit (OPEN DU dialog)
- E end design unit
  - Close the current design unit, returning to high-
  - level document and updating the menu header.
- D\* delete design unit (DELETE DU dialog)
- d return to DOCUMENTS menu
- o go to EMR OPERATIONS menu
- h help (run the pager on the Document operation Help file)
- q quit (QUIT dialog)

The operations marked by an asterisk (\*) do not appear in the menu unless the user owns the current document. In addition, the 'c' operation is visible if no private or official document exists. The 'b', 'p', 'e' and 'r' operations are visible if an official or private document exist. The 's' and 'u' operations are visible if a private document exist. The 'v' operation is visible if there is more than one version of the official document. The 'B'

operation is visible if there is an unlocked and unapproved official document. The 'C' operation is visible only when the current document is a design. The 'O' and 'D' operation are visible if a design unit exists and the current document is a design, test plan or test result. The 'E' operation is visible if the current document is inside a design unit.

The other menus are ignored since this thesis doesn't cover the designing for those features. The information could be found in Newkirk's paper [5].

#### Related Tools

## Hybrowse

The *emr* tool uses *Hybrowse* as the browser interface. The *Hybrowse* is a program that simplifies access to online documentation by taking advantage of the structure provided by memorandum (mm) macros [6]. It provides readers with an annotated catalog of available documents, a Table of Contents for each document, commands to jump to selected sections, automatic lookup of references, and a context display (section heading and page number) on each screen of information.

Hybrowse was designed to minimize the cost of conversion, training, and administration, so it is practical for small applications. Hybrowse is useful for implementing online reference manuals, help systems, interactive tutorials, and browsing systems for collections of existing documents.

#### CHAPTER III

## NEW DESIGN: THE WEB EMR SYSTEM

## The Architecture of the New EMR System

The new EMR system is a Web EMR system. The design adopted the traditional architecture of a Web documentation information system shown in Figure 5. It is a client/server structure. The client site is a Web browser running on a local machine. The server site is composed of Web server, Common Gateway Interface (CGI), and the EMR file system [7,10,11].

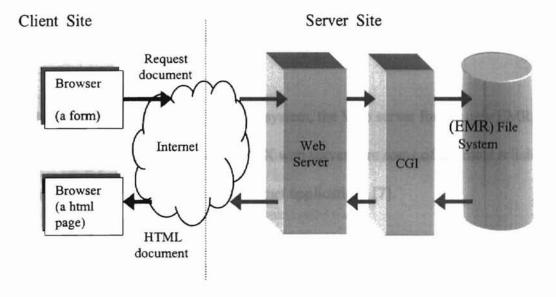


Figure 5. The Architecture of the Web EMR System

#### Retrieve and Restore a File

To retrieve the documentation, a user can input the request in the form that the Web server supplies. After getting the request of the user, the Web server will invoke the CGI program, retrieve the documentation from the EMR file system, and send it back to the user.

To restore a file back to the EMR file system, the user uses the Web browser to edit the document first, then saves this document somewhere in the local machine. Finally, the user can use the upload feature that Web browser supports to send the document back to the EMR file system to the remote machine.

#### The Web Server of the New EMR System

Since the EMR file system is a UNIX file system, the Web server for the new EMR server should be a UNIX Web server. UNIX web servers are some of the most reliable and secure servers that support a lot of Internet applications [7].

The new design selected the NCSA Web server 1.5.2a for the Web EMR system.

NCSA HTTPd is an HTTP/1.0 compatible Web server for making hypertext and other documents available to Web Browsers [8,9]. Because of the very good reliability and compatibility, it is widely used by the UNIX community. NCSA HTTPd server is written in C language, and the all source code is free.

## The CGI Programming of the EMR System

## The Interface for Searching an EMR

The Web EMR System works like an Internet search engine. It uses a form to get the request. Figure 6 is the interface and the source code. When a user links to the URL of

Web EMR System -- A global EES Modification Request System.

Please click the following keywords to do the EMR operations on an EMR.

Search -- for searching an EMR

Create -- for opening the space to stroe a new EMR

Update -- for uploading a document of an EMR

```
<html>
<head><title>Web EMR System</title>
</head>
<body>
<b><font size=+2>WEB EMR SYSTEM </font></b>- - A<font size=+0>
global EES Modification Request System.</font>
Please click a keyword to do the operation on an EMR.
<a href="http://127.0.0.1:8000/cgi-bin/findemr.cgi"></a>
<a href="http://127.0.0.1:8000/cgi-bin/findemr.cgi">Search</a> -- for
searching an EMR
<br/><br/><a href="http://127.0.0.1:8000/create.html">Create</a> -- for opening
the space to stroe a new EMR
<br/><br/><a href="http://127.0.0.1:8000/uploademr.html">Update</a> -- for uploading
a document of an EMR
</body>
</html>
```

Figure 6. Web EMR System Interface and the Source

the Web EMR system, this interface will be displayed to the user. The user can enterian EMR name into the open bar, and click the search button, then the request will send back to the server. After decoding the request, the server will invoke CGI script, the program findemr.cgi, search the EMR in the EMR file system, and send the result back to the user.

## The CGI Program for Searching an EMR

The CGI program findemr.cgi can support the following functionality,

- Search all EMRs and display them.
- 2. Search one EMR and display it.
- Search any content of one EMR, such as a design document, a test plan, or a review report, and display it.

Figure 7 is an example that shows all EMRs. If the user uses the mouse click an EMR's name, all items of the EMR will be displayed, as shown in Figure 8. If the user clicks one

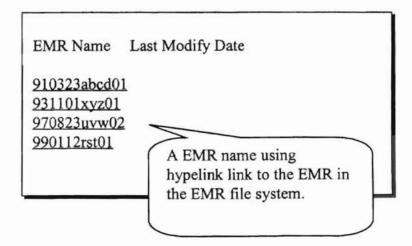


Figure 7. The Interface to Shows All EMRs

item, such as the *design* item, he or she will see the design documentation of that EMR via the Internet.

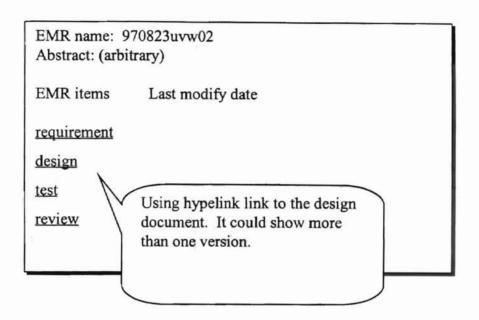


Figure 8. The Interface to Shows the All Items of an EMR

The source code of the program *findemr.cgi* is shown in Appendix A. This program is a good example for a small Internet searching engine [12].

## The Interface for Creating an EMR

To create a new EMR, the user can click *Create* button in Figure 6. Then the EMR Web server will display the EMR creating interface, as shown in Figure 9 to the user. Figure 10 shows the source of the EMR creating interface.

From EMR creating interface, the user can enter the name, login ID, telephone number, and EMR name, etc. The circular buttons are RADIO buttons for the RADIO input field. A user can check the RADIO button to get the EMR ownership or the access permission. For example, a user can select *requirement* button and submit the request for opening an EMR. After checking the request, the EMR administrator will set up the permission for the user. Then the user can put the requirement documentation back to the EMR file system. Similarly a developer should select the *design* button if he or she has a design assignment and wants to send the design document back to the EMR file system.

Your Name Phone
Login ID
Enter an EMR name (Format:yymmdd <keyword>)</keyword>
O requirement
O design
O testplan
O review
Enter the abstract
Submit Clear

Figure 9. The Interface to Create an EMR

```
<head><title> Create an EMR </title>
</head>
<br>
<h2>Create an EMR</h2>
<form METHOD="POST" ACTION="/cgi-bin/createemr.cgi">
First Name:<input TYPE="TEXT" NAME="first_name" MAXLEN="50" SIZE="15">
Last Name:<input TYPE="TEXT" NAME="last name" MAXLEN="50" SIZE="15">
<br>Login ID:<input TYPE="TEXT" NAME="login id" MAXLEN="20" SIZE="15">
<br/>br>Phone:<input TYPE="TEXT" NAME="phone" MAXLEN="20" SIZE="15">
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 <input TYPE="radio" NAME="Document" VALUE="EMR requirement document">
 requirement document
>
 <input TYPE="radio" NAME="Document" VALUE="EMR design document">
 design document 
 <input TYPE="radio" NAME="Document" VALUE="EMR testplan">testplan
document
<input TYPE="radio" NAME="Document" VALUE="EMR review">
 review document
Enter the EMR name
<input TYPE="TEXT" NAME="emr_dir" MAXLEN="50" SIZE="15">
<P>
Enter the abstract:
<textarea NAME="Abstract" ROWS=15 COLS=60></textarea>
>
<INPUT TYPE="hidden" NAME="log_filename"
 VALUE="/home/col/httpd/htdocs/log.txt">
<INPUT TYPE="hidden" NAME="log_fields"
 VALUE="first name, last name, login id, phone, Document, Abstract">
<NPUT TYPE="hidden" NAME="log_delimiter" VALUE="|">
<TNPUT TYPE="hidden" NAME="log_uid" VALUE="/home/col/httpd/htdocs/uid.txt">
<[NPUT TYPE="hidden" NAME="recipient" VALUE="col@blueston.com">
<input TYPE="submit" VALUE="Submit"> <input TYPE="reset"</p>
VALUE="Clear">
</form>
</body>
</html>
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Figure 10. The Source of the EMR Creating Interface

## Restore an HTML Document Back to EMR System

The EMR creating interface doesn't support the remote edit feature. It only allocates the space for a new EMR and gives the directory permission to a user or a developer. To restore an *html* file back to the EMR system, the design uses upload feature that the Netscape has. After clicking the keyword *Update* button from the Web EMR System interface, the upload interface will be brought up, as shown in Figure 10. The EMR name and the document type are for locating the path. After clicking the button *Browse*, the user can highlight a file that he or she wants to restore, click the upload button. Then that file will be send to the serve and written into the EMR file system. Before uploading the documentation, the user should use Netscape to edit the document, and save it in the local machine somewhere.

Upload an EMR file
To upload an EMR file, fill out the form below:
EMR Name :
O requirement document
O design document
O testplan document
O review document
Browse
Upload File! Clear Form

Figure 11. The Interface for Uploading an EMR File

#### CHAPTER VI

## COMPARISON OF NEW EMR AND EMR

The new EMR system used HTTP server and CGI technologies. It makes the EMR system more powerful and convenience. Comparing with the old EMR system, The Web EMR system has the following advantages:

- Widely access: A user can get the information of an EMR, or do an EMR operation via the Internet.
- Ease of operation: The Web EMR system replaced the menu system in the old EMR system by using a friendly GUI interface. For EMR operations, a user doesn't need to type a lot of keywords.
- HTML format: An EMR document can has HTML format. A user can change the font of a document easily.

The disadvantages of the Web EMR system are:

- The old EMR documents with nroff or troff format can not be displayed.
- The benefits that nroff or troff supported, such as some useful macros, are lost.

#### CHAPTER V

## CONCLUSION AND FETURE WORK

The Web EMR system is valuable because it inherits many benefits from the Internet technologies. This thesis gave the solutions for the Web EMR system as the follows:

- Search an EMR or a document of an EMR.
- · Create an EMR node.
- · Send a document back to an EMR node.

To completely build a Web EMR system, there is still more work to be done. The following topics are the major components for the future works.

- Add the others EMR operations, such approved, close, etc.
- Add the function to lock a document.
- · Add the administration feature.
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#### APPENDIX A

## THE SOURCE CODE OF THE PROGRAM findemr.cgi

```
#!/usr/bin/perl
# File name: findemr.cgi
# Define configuration constants
# $ROOT DIR is the full path to the root directory that FileSeek will look
# for files in. (Note that it should end with a directory delimiter.)
$ROOT DIR = '/home/col/httpd/htdocs/emr/';
#$ROOT URL is the URL of the directory specified by $ROOT DIR
$ROOT URL = 'http://127.0.0.1:8000/emr';
# $ROOT NAME is the name of the root directory that will be used within the
# program.
$ROOT NAME = 'EMR';
# $ICON DIR is relative path from your server's root directory where the
# icons for the different file types will be kept. (Note that it should end
# with a forward slash.)
$ICON DIR = '/fileseek/icons/';
# %TYPES matches file types to the corresponding icon files. With the
# exception of 'directory' and 'binary' default file types, each file
# type corresponds to a filename extension.
%TYPES = ('parent', $ICON DIR . 'parent.gif',
     'directory', $ICON DIR . 'directory.gif',
     'binary', $ICON_DIR . 'binary.gif',
             $ICON DIR . 'text.gif',
     'txt'.
             $ICON DIR . 'graphic.gif',
     'gif',
             $ICON DIR . 'graphic.gif',
     'jpg',
             $ICON DIR . 'graphic.gif',
     'ipeg',
              $ICON DIR . 'html.gif',
     'htm',
              $ICON DIR . 'html.gif',
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'html',

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#$ALLOWED DIR is the full path to the root directory that any files
# specified by the user must be in (e.g., template files). (Note that
# it should include a directory delimiter at the end.)
$ALLOWED DIR = '/home/col/httpd/htdocs/emr/';
#$DATE FORMAT holds the &format date() format for the file mod date & time
DATE FORMAT = '< wday>, < mon> < d>, < vear>, < h>:< 0n> < AP>':
# $PROGRAM URL is the URL of this program
$PROGRAM URL = 'http://127.0.0.1:8000/cgi-bin/findemr.cgi';
# $ERROR PAGE is the error page template that will be used by the error
# subroutine.
$ERROR PAGE = "/home/col/httpd/error page.html";
# $REQUIRE DIR is the directory in which all of your required files are
# placed. On most systems, if you leave the required files in the same
# directory as the CGI program, you can leave this variable blank.
# Otherwise, if you move the required files to another directory, specify
# the full or relative path here.
$REQUIRE DIR = 'require';
# Get required subroutines which need to be included.
# Push $REQUIRE DIR onto the @INC array for include file directories
# and list required files.
push(@INC, $REQUIRE DIR) if $REQUIRE DIR;
require 'formdate.pl';
require 'template.pl';
require 'error.pl';
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'pdf',

\$ICON DIR . 'pdf.gif');

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# Initialize other constants
@DAYS = ('Sunday', 'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday',
    'Saturday');
@MONTHS = ('January', 'February', 'March', 'April', 'May', 'June', 'July',
    'August', 'September', 'October', 'November', 'December');
DAY SECS = 24 * 60 * 60:
if ($ENV {'QUERY STRING'} !~ /sort=\d/ && $ENV {'QUERY_STRING'}) {
 $adjust = '&' . $ENV {'QUERY STRING'};
$NAME TITLE = "<A HREF=\"$PROGRAM URL?\$'sort=0\$'\$adjust\">Name</A>";
$SIZE TITLE = "<A HREF=\"$PROGRAM URL?$`sort=1$'$adjust\">Size</A>";
$DATE TITLE = "<A HREF=\"$PROGRAM URL?\$\'sort=2\$\'sadjust\\">Last
Modified</A>";
# Parse emrname string
(@args) = split(/\&/, $ENV {'QUERY STRING'});
foreach $arg (@args) {
 (\$arg, \$value) = split(/=/, \$arg);
 value = tr/+//;
 value = s/\%([\dA-Fa-f][\dA-Fa-f])/pack("C", hex($1))/eg;
 if ((\$arg eq 'emrname') && (\$value eq ")) \{ \$ARGS \{\$arg} = '.*' \}
 else { $ARGS {$arg} = $value }
sort order = (SARGS \{ 'sort' \} || 0);
$directory = $ARGS {'dir'};
$VAR{'emrname'} = $ARGS{'emrname'} if $ARGS{'emrname'};
$VAR{'root name'} = $ROOT NAME;
# Perform security and validity checks on directories and files
# Set the directory delimiter based on $ROOT DIR and make sure the
# different directory variables end or don't end with a delimiter as
# called for.
DD = substr(ROOT DIR, -1);
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if ($DD!~/[V:]/) {
       &error("\$ICON DIR must end with a directory delimiter.");
if ($ALLOWED DIR !~/$DD$/) { $ALLOWED DIR .= $DD }
if ($directory && (substr($directory, 0, 1) ne $DD)) {
       $directory = "$DD$directory";
directory = s/DD //g;
$VAR{'directory'} = $directory if $directory:
$VAR{'full dir'} = "$ROOT NAME$directory";
# Change to root in case an invalid directory was specified
if (!$ROOT DIR) { &error('$ROOT DIR has not been defined.') }
if (!(-d $ROOT DIR)) { &error("$ROOT DIR is not a valid directory ($!).") }
if (!(-r $ROOT DIR)) { &error("$ROOT DIR is not readable ($!).") }
chdir($ROOT DIR);
# Make sure they're not trying to access an invalid directory
if (\frac{\text{sdirectory}}{\text{ory}} = \frac{\text{DD}...}{\text{sdirectory}} = \text{"}
ARGS{\text{'head'}} = s/(^*ALLOWED DIR)|(^*DD)|(\.\.(^DD)^)//g;
ARGS' = s/(\hat DD) (\hat D
# Perform search or get directory listing
if ($ARGS {'emrname'}) {
       $VAR{'page title'} = "Search of $ROOT NAME$directory for
\"$ARGS {'emrname'}\"";
      # Recursively search directory
       &search("$ROOT_DIR$directory", ", $ARGS {'emrname'});
       chdir("$ROOT DIR$directory");
}
else {
       $VAR{'page title'} = "Directory of $ROOT NAME$directory";
       # Read list of files
       chdir("$ROOT DIR$directory");
       @link files = @files = <*>;
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}
num items = @files;
# Get file information
scount = 0;
foreach $file (@link files) {
  $filename = $files[$count];
  $directory{$filename} = -d $file;
                                         # Directory flag
  if (!$directory {$filename}) { $size {$filename} = -s $file } # Size (in bytes)
  $modify{$filename} = $^T - int((-M $file) * $DAY SECS); # Modification date
  $readable{$filename} = -r $file;
                                        # Read permission
  $full path{$filename} = $file;
                                        # Path from dir
 # Determine file type
  $ = $file:
  tr/A-Z/a-z/;
  if ((\land .([\land .]+)\$/) \&\& $TYPES \{\$1\}) \{ \$type \{\$filename\} = \$1 \} # Use extension
  elsif (-B $file) { $type {$filename} = 'binary' }
                                            # Check for binary
  else { $type {$filename} = 'txt' }
                                        # Otherwise text
  ++$count;
}
# Sort files
if (\$sort order == 1) {
  @sorted files = sort by_size @files;
  $SIZE TITLE = "<B>Size</B>";
}
elsif (\$sort order = 2) {
  @sorted files = sort by date @files;
  $DATE TITLE = "<B>Last Modified</B>"
}
else {
  @sorted files = sort by name @files;
  $NAME TITLE = "<B>Name</B>";
}
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# Generate the HTML page
# Generate the arguments for links back to the program
if ($ARGS \{'sort'\}) \{ \$sort \ \arg = "sort=\$sort \ \order \&"\} \ \else \{ \$sort \ \arg = "\}
if ($ARGS {'head'}) {
  $temp arg .= "head=$ARGS{'head'}&";
if ($ARGS {'foot'}) {
  $temp arg .= "foot=$ARGS{'foot'}&";
# Generate the HTML header
print "Content-type: text/html\n\n";
# Insert the page header if specified
if ($ARGS{'head'}) {
  if (!&parse template("$ALLOWED DIR$ARGS {'head'}", *STDOUT)) {
   &error($Error Message, ", ", 1);
  }
else {
  print <<END HTML;
<HTML>
 <HEAD>
   <TITLE>$VAR {'page title'}</TITLE>
 </HEAD>
 <BODY BGCOLOR="#FFFFFF">
END HTML
}
# Generate the directory header
print <<END HTML;
   <B>$VAR {'page title'}:</B>
   <P>
   <TABLE BORDER=0 CELLPADDING=0 WIDTH=100%>
    <TR>
      <TD HEIGHT=17 ALIGN=CENTER WIDTH=50 NOWRAP>
       $num items items
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</TD><TD WIDTH=5 ALIGN=LEFT>
         
      </TD><TD ALIGN=LEFT>
        $NAME TITLE
      </TD><TD ALIGN=RIGHT WIDTH=100>
        $SIZE TITLE
      </TD><TD WIDTH=5 ALIGN=LEFT>
         
      </TD><TD ALIGN=LEFT WIDTH=900>
        $DATE TITLE
      </TD></TR>
    <TR>
      <TD COLSPAN=6 HEIGHT=10>
        <HR>
      </TD></TR>
END HTML
# Generate the link to the parent directory if appropriate
if ($directory && !$ARGS ('emrname')) {
  $parent = substr($directory, 0, rindex($directory, $DD));
  $file link = "<A HREF=\"$PROGRAM URL?\$sort arg\$temp arg";
  $file link .= "dir=$parent\">\n";
  $file = '<I>Parent Directory</I>';
  link close = '</A>';
}
# Generate the directory listing
foreach $file (@sorted files) {
  # If the file is a directory, link back to the program
 if ($directory{$file}) {
    $file link = "<A HREF=\"$PROGRAM URL?\$sort arg\$temp arg";
    $file_link .= "dir=$directory$DD$full_path{$file}\">";
    $image link = $TYPES{'directory'};
    $file size = '-';
  }
  else {
    # Otherwise link to the file and format the file size
    $file link = "<A HREF=\"$ROOT URL$directory$DD$full path{$file}\">";
    $image link = $TYPES {$type {$file}};
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$file_size = &size format($size{$file});
  }
  # Remove the link if the file isn't readable by the user
  if (!\$readable\$\file\) \{\$\file \link = \$\link \close = "\}
  else { \sinh \ close = '</A>' }
  # Calculate the modification date
  $mod date = &format date($modify{$file}, $DATE_FORMAT);
  if ($ARGS {'emrname'}) { $file = $full path {$file} }
  # Print the file information
  print <<END HTML;
    <TR>
      <TD HEIGHT=17 ALIGN=CENTER>
        Sfile link
        <IMG SRC="$image link" WIDTH=16 HEIGHT=16 BORDER=0>$link close
      </TD><TD ALIGN=RIGHT>
         
      </TD><TD ALIGN=LEFT>
        $file link$file$link close
      </TD><TD ALIGN=RIGHT>
        $file size
      </TD><TD WIDTH=5 ALIGN=LEFT>
         
      </TD><TD ALIGN=LEFT>
        $mod date
      </TD></TR>
END HTML
print "
        </TABLE>\n
                        <HR>\n";
# Insert the page footer if specified
if ($ARGS{'foot'}) {
  if (!&parse_template("$ALLOWED_DIR$ARGS{'foot'}", *STDOUT)) {
    &error($Error_Message, ", ", 1);
  }
else { print " </BODY>\n</HTML>" }
```

```
# Search subroutine
sub search {
 # Initialize
 local($SEARCH ROOT, $search dir, $search query) = @;
 chdir("$SEARCH_ROOT$DD$search_dir");
 local(@filenames) = <*>;
 local($file);
 # Scan directory & subdirectories
 foreach $file (@filenames) {
   if (-d $file && -r $file) {
     if ($search dir) {
      &search($SEARCH_ROOT, "$search_dir$DD$file", $search_query);
     else { &search($SEARCH ROOT, $file, $search query) }
     chdir("$SEARCH ROOT$DD$search dir");
   if ($file =~ /$search query/i) {
     if ($search dir) { push(@link files, "$search dir$DD$file") }
     else { push(@link files, $file) }
     push(@files, $file);
 }
# File size format subroutine
sub size format {
 # Initialize
 local(size) = [0];
 # Format
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if ($size < 1024) { return("1K") }
  elsif ($size < 1048576) { return(int($size/1024 + .5) . "K") }
  else { return((int(10 * $size/1048576 + .5) / 10) . " MB") }
}
# Custom sort subroutines
sub by size {
  a2 = a;
  a2 = tr/A - Z/a - z/;
  b2 = b;
  b2 = tr/A - Z/a - z/;
  \{size\{b\} \le size\{a\}\} \| (a2 cmp b2) \| (modify\{b\} \le smodify\{a\});
}
sub by date {
  a2 = a;
  a2 = tr/A - Z/a - z/;
  b2 = b;
  b2 = tr/A-Z/a-z/;
  \$ \pmod{\$b} \iff \$ \pmod{\$a} \parallel (\$a2 \text{ cmp }\$b2) \parallel (\$size \$b) \iff \$ size \$a);
}
sub by name {
  a2 = a;
  a2 = tr/A - Z/a - z/;
  b2 = b;
  b2 = tr/A-Z/a-z/;
  ($a2 cmp $b2) || ($a cmp $b);
```

#### APPENDIX B

# THE SOURCE CODE OF THE PROGRAM uploademr.cgi

```
#!/usr/bin/perl
# File: uploademr.cgi
# set up configurable options.
BEGIN {
 $SAVE DIRECTORY = "/home/col/httpd/update";
 ALLOW INDEX = 0;
 $SUCCESS LOCATION = ""
######
 | = 1;
 chop $SAVE DIRECTORY if ($SAVE DIRECTORY = \sim 1.5);
 use CGI qw(:standard);
 query = new CGI;
 if ((!(-e $SAVE DIRECTORY)) ||
    (!(-W $SAVE DIRECTORY)) ||
    (!(-d $SAVE DIRECTORY))) {
        print header;
        print << END_OF_HTML_CODE ;</pre>
        <HTML>
        <HEAD>
        <TITLE>Error: Bad Directory</TITLE>
        </HEAD>
        <BODY BGCOLOR="#FFFFFF">
        <H1>Bad Directory</H1>
        <P>
        The directory you specified:
        \langle BR \rangle
        <BLOCKQUOTE>
        <TT>\$SAVE DIRECTORY =
          "<B>$SAVE DIRECTORY</B>";</TT>
        </BLOCKQUOTE>
        \langle BR \rangle
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is invalid. This problem is caused by
    one of the three following reasons:
    \langle OL \rangle
    <LI>The directory doesn't exist. Make
    sure that this directory is a complete
    path name, not a URL or something
    similar. It should look similar to
    <TT>/home/username/public html/uploads</TT>
     <P>
    <LI>The directory isn't writable. Make
    sure that this directory is writable by
     all users. At your UNIX command prompt,
     type <TT>chmod 777 $SAVE DIRECTORY</TT>
     <P>
     <LI>The directory you specified isn't
    really a directory. Make sure that this
    is indeed a directory and not a file.
    </OL>
    <HR SIZE=1>
    </BODY>
    </HTML>
    exit;
foreach $key (sort {$a <=> $b} $query->param()) {
    next if (\frac{skey}{\sqrt{s*}});
    next if (query-param(key) = /^\s*$/);
    next if ($key !~ /^file-to-upload-
                  (d+)$/);
    Number = 1:
    if (query-param(key) = /([^\\]+)$/)
      Filename = 1;
      Filename = s/^.+//;
      $File Handle = $query->param($key);
      if (!$ALLOW_INDEX && $Filename =~
       /^index/i) {
              print header;
              print
<< END OF HTML_CODE__;</pre>
              <HTML>
              <HEAD>
              <TITLE>Error: Filename
               Problem</TITLE>
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}

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</HEAD>
                 <BODY BGCOLOR="#FFFFFF">
                 <H1>Filename Problem</H1>
                 <P>
                 You attempted to upload a
                 file that isn't properly
                 formatted. The system
                 administrator has decided
                 that you can't upload
                 files that begin with the
                 word '<B>index</B>'.
                 Please rename the file on
                 your computer, and try
                 uploading it again.
                 <P>
                 <HR SIZE=1>
                 </BODY>
                 </HTML>
  END OF HTML CODE
                 exit:
             }
         } else {
             $FILENAME IN QUESTION = $query-
                   >param($key);
             print header;
             print << END OF HTML CODE ;
             <HTML>
             <HEAD>
                <TITLE>Error: Filename
                Problem</TITLE>
             </HEAD>
             <BODY BGCOLOR="#FFFFFF">
             <H1>Filename Problem</H1>
             <P>
             You attempted to upload a file
             that isn't properly formatted.
             The file in question is
          <TT><B>$FILENAME IN QUESTION</B></TT>
             Please rename the file on your
             computer, and attempt to upload it again. Files may not have forward or
backward slashes in their
             names. Also, they may not be prefixed with one (or more) periods.
             <P>
             <HR SIZE=1>
             </BODY>
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## \$FILES\_UPLOADED = scalar(keys(%Confirmation));

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if ($TOTAL BYTES > $MAXIMUM UPLOAD && $MAXIMUM UPLOAD >
0) {
        foreach $File (@Files Written) {
            unlink $File;
        }
        print header;
        print << END_OF_HTML_CODE__;</pre>
        <HTML>
        <HEAD>
            <TITLE>Error: Limit Reached</TITLE>
        </HEAD>
        <BODY BGCOLOR="#FFFFFF">
        <H1>Limit Reached</H1>
        <P>
        You have reached your upload limit. You attempted to upload
<B>$FILES UPLOADED</B> files, totalling
        <B>$TOTAL BYTES</B>. This exceeds the maximum limit of
<B>$MAXIMUM UPLOAD</B> bytes, set by the system
        administrator. <B>None</B> of your files were successfully saved. Please try
again.
        <P>
        <HR SIZE=1>
                   </BODY>
        </HTML>
  END OF HTML CODE
        exit;
    }
    if ($SUCCESS LOCATION !~ /^\s*$/) {
        print $query->redirect($SUCCESS LOCATION);
    } else {
        print header;
        print << END OF HTML CODE ;
        <HTML>
        <HEAD>
            <TITLE>Upload Finished</TITLE>
        </HEAD>
        <BODY BGCOLOR="#FFFFFF">
        <H1>Upload Finished</H1>
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<P>
        You uploaded <B>$FILES_UPLOADED</B> files totalling
<B>$TOTAL BYTES</B> total bytes. Individual
        file information is listed below:
        <PRE>
END OF HTML CODE
        foreach $key (keys (%Confirmation)) {
            print "$key - $Confirmation{$key} bytes\n";
        }
        print << _END_OF_HTML_CODE__;</pre>
        </PRE>
        <P>
        Thank you for using the File Upload! system.
        <P>
        <HR SIZE=1>
        </BODY>
        </HTML>
 END OF HTML CODE_
        exit;
    }
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