MPR Survey Manager

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What Is the MPR Survey Manager?

- Mission critical software
- Designed to support data collection and sample management tasks
- Used across a variety of survey and social science research projects



History

- Microsoft Access shop until late 1990s
- First attempts at "reusable" systems:
 - Locating/tracing
 - Random assignment
- Started from scratch with .Net in early 2003
- Used on 11 projects since mid 2003



Core Objectives

- Build a core set of reusable components to cut development time/costs on new projects
- Retain flexibility to address individual project requirements
- Take advantage of web-based technology



Major Features

- Random assignment
- Locating
- Document processing
- Field survey management



Major Features (continued)

- Case retrieve/add/update
- Role-based authentication
- Tight integration with Blaise from Statistics Netherlands
- Tight integration with SurveyTrak from ISR at University of Michigan



Random Assignment

- Half the projects to date have involved random assignment.
- Random assignment process populates the database for later data collection.
- Remaining projects have begun with a sample data load from our statistics group.

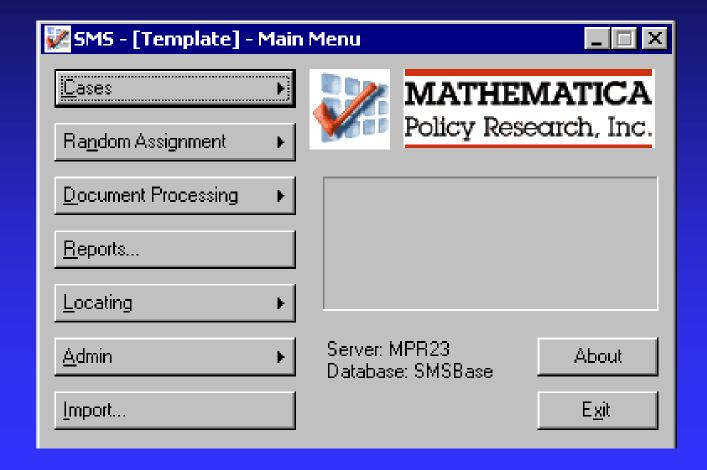


Four User Interfaces

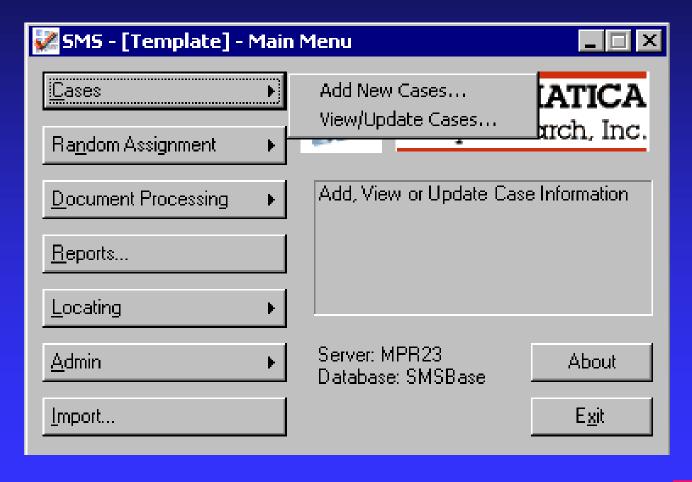
- Three-tier architecture allows:
 - Windows user interface
 - Browser interface
 - Smart client interface
 - Interoperability to non-Microsoft systems (Unix) via web services



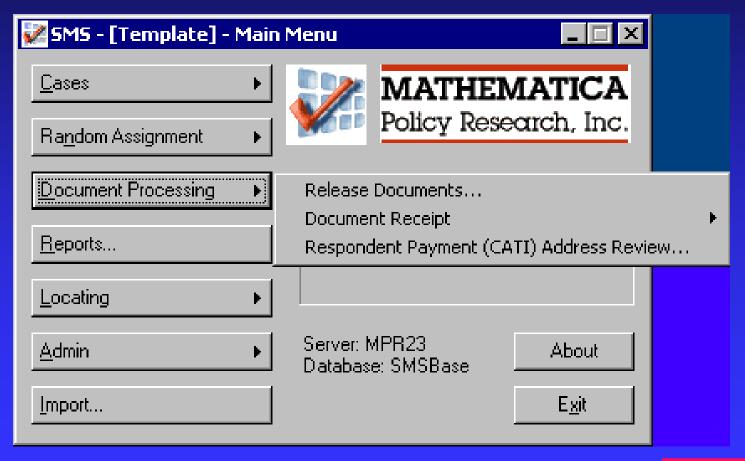
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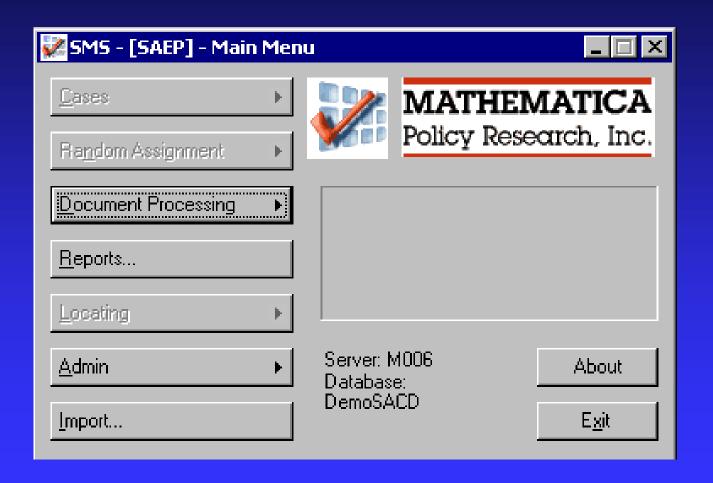
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Demo of Browser Interface



Back to the Desktop Interface



What Was Accomplished

- We successfully built reusable components.
- This allowed us to address requirements that were not possible under earlier approaches
- Flexibility was maintained but at a cost.

