

# MTA Releases Online Manuals

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## New Online VA FileMan Manuals

VA FileMan 20.0 User and Programmer Manuals are now available online for Microsoft Windows 3.1. Users can search, view, copy, and print individual topics from the VA FileMan 20.0 User and Programmer Manuals using the winhelp.exe file that comes with Windows 3.1. People at this year's Annual Meeting exhibition had a chance to preview this new release at the MTA booth.

We asked several people to review these online manuals and they found them to be consistent in style and features with standard Windows Help documents. People accustomed to the Windows environment liked them. Even the uninitiated were impressed with the easy access this online document has. They had no problem moving around topics and executing searches. They said it was intuitive, user friendly, and stylized. Both the hotkeys for backup and for table of contents were considered very helpful.

VA FileMan Manuals for Windows are available to MTA members for \$45 and to nonmembers for \$65. They come on one 3 1/2" MS-DOS 720K disk (media D on the order form on page 61). The only system requirements are MicroSoft Windows 3.1.

## DRG GROUPER Version 10.0

Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRGs) form a manageable, clinically coherent set of patient classes that relate a hospital case mix to the resource demands and associated costs experienced in a hospital. There are 492 DRGs in the DRG Grouper, each representing a class of patients deemed medically comparable and requiring about the same amount of resources for care. DRG Grouper computes and displays the DRG for a patient based on that patient's diagnosis and any operations or procedures performed.

Although initially released with the Medical Administration Service (MAS) software package of the Department of Veterans Affairs Decentralized Hospital Computer Program (DHCP), the DRG Grouper has now been designed as a "black box" utility with stand-alone functionality and can be called by other DHCP applications.

VA FileMan version 18 and Kernel version 6.5 (or higher) are required to run this package.

The DRG Grouper software package includes machine readable documentation and approximately 30MB of global data. It is available on magtape (media A on the order form), 5 1/4" (media C) and 3 1/2" (media E) disks, to MTA members for \$100 (plus 10% shipping and handling).

## New MUGLIB Disk

MUGLIB is a unique collection of shared software distributed "as is" and is unsupported. MUGLIB 21 contains three programs:

- VA Calc is a spreadsheet that looks like other generic spreadsheets and contains menus for commands, much like Lotus 2.01.
- Desk Accessories Manager 4.1 creates memos, generates a five- or seven-day calendar, calendar reminder for future dates, room scheduler, and more. There is no documentation.
- Time and Attendance furnishes timekeepers and payroll personnel with direct and timely access to payroll data currently being stored manually. The package electronically collects biweekly payroll data.

MUGLIB 21 is available only to MTA members for \$10 and to nonmembers for \$20 on 3 1/2" 720K disks (media D on the order form on page 61). The only system requirements are M (MUMPS). **M**

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