

Re: Thoughts – Saving Word documents in SQL Server?

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"Andy" wrote ...

> *Thanks for your input Rob.*

You're welcome.

> *Its a web based system we're thinking of. Did you open the word document in IE its self or allow the user to save it offline?*

The process goes something like this:

2 level access, Admins/Editors, Editors can add and update documents, Admins can create the 'structure' of the storage area – we employ a javascript tree on the front page of our application which displays the various levels (see below). An Admin/Editor logs into the application, selects the level of the tree to store the document, fills in some basic details on a web form – such as version number, document owner, owners email address, publish/review/obsolete dates etc, then the last field enables them to select the file from their local pc and upload it (we use SA-FileUp for this).

So – in answer to your question they select the file from their local pc/network drives – we dont actually have the word document open when they save it.

However... :o)

In the second application that I wrote(with colleagues – you never know – they might read this! :oD), there are some other steps...

The second system enables patient correspondance (I work for the NHS in the UK), to be uploaded in a similar fashion – this time without the tree/structure, but with a more complex search (consultant, gp, patient, nhs

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number etc), the first step which is different here is that we have a macro that is used via Word (as all of our users have MS Office installed), this populates most of the letter for them from our patient database, they then click a button on a toolbar, up pops a web browser asking them to login, once they done this a similar form is presented to them for some details, this time we used Soft Artisans X-File component to automatically snatch the file form the users PC (requires an activex component to be installed into the client browser) – the file is then transmitted when they click submit, along with all of the data from the form.

So I guess we kinda have both ways...

Hope this helps.

Regards

Rob