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CanReg5 and Cancer Registration

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Overview

- What is CanReg?
- Survey
- Design and implementation
- Future development plans



What is CanReg?

- Cancer registries need a tool to input, store, check and analyze their data.
- Cancer registration data that are collected and coded in a standard way make possible the production of comparable cancer incidence among various countries.

What is CanReg? (contd.)

- The goal of the CanReg5 project is to make available an easy to use and flexible software package to support cancer registries in accomplishing these tasks.

What is CanReg? (contd.)

- CanReg5 contains modules for:
 - data entry
 - quality control
 - basic analysis of the data
- Provides online help

Survey

- Before the CanReg5 production started, a survey was done to determine the needs of the users: the population based cancer registries around the world.
- Invitations were sent to all members of the International Association of Cancer Registries (IACR).
- A total of 89 responses were received from cancer registries in 48 countries.

Design and implementation

- After reviewing the results of the survey and weighing the various requests, we designed and implemented the software.
- Main improvements:
 - Open source and open standards
 - Multi-user/network
 - User friendliness
 - Improved database engine
 - Quality control standards

Open source

- CanReg5 is an open sourced program. (It is distributed under a GNU-General Public Licence.)
- The source code will be made available
 - For documentation purposes.
 - Allows more technical users to adjust the program to their needs, and to spot, fix and report programming errors.

Open standards

- At the heart of the program there is a standard compliant powerful open sourced SQL relational database engine.
- Open Standards allow users to access, and to a certain extent, design their own database using existing tools.
 - System configuration of CanReg5 is done using standard XML files.
- Improved interoperability with other programs.
 - Cut and paste to/from general spreadsheets etc.

Open standards (contd.)

Population Data Set Editor

Details | Population Data Set

Population Data Set

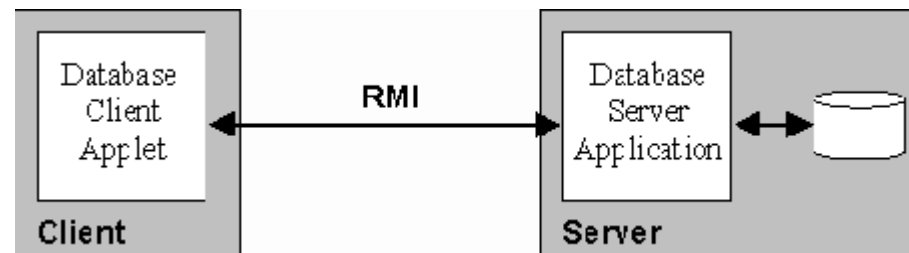
Age Group	Male	Female
0-4	94229	96223
5-9	62071	68627
10-14	55023	70246
15-19	56087	78065
20-24	68891	69780
25-29	61606	55525
30-34	42327	33740
35-39	26704	20348
40-44	17137	12847
45-49	11742	8581
50-54	9197	8448
55-59	4696	3899
60-64	3884	5135
65-69	2327	2437
70-74	1854	2856
75+	2586	3832

Name: Karma City, 1992
Source: Government Census
Description:
Date: 19920630

Buttons: New, Edit/View, Close, Delete, Locked, Cancel, Save

Multi-user/network

- Robust networked multi-user support was implemented by wrapping the database in a server application, easy to set up and run.
- Standard multi-tier design, using Java/RMI



Multi-platform support

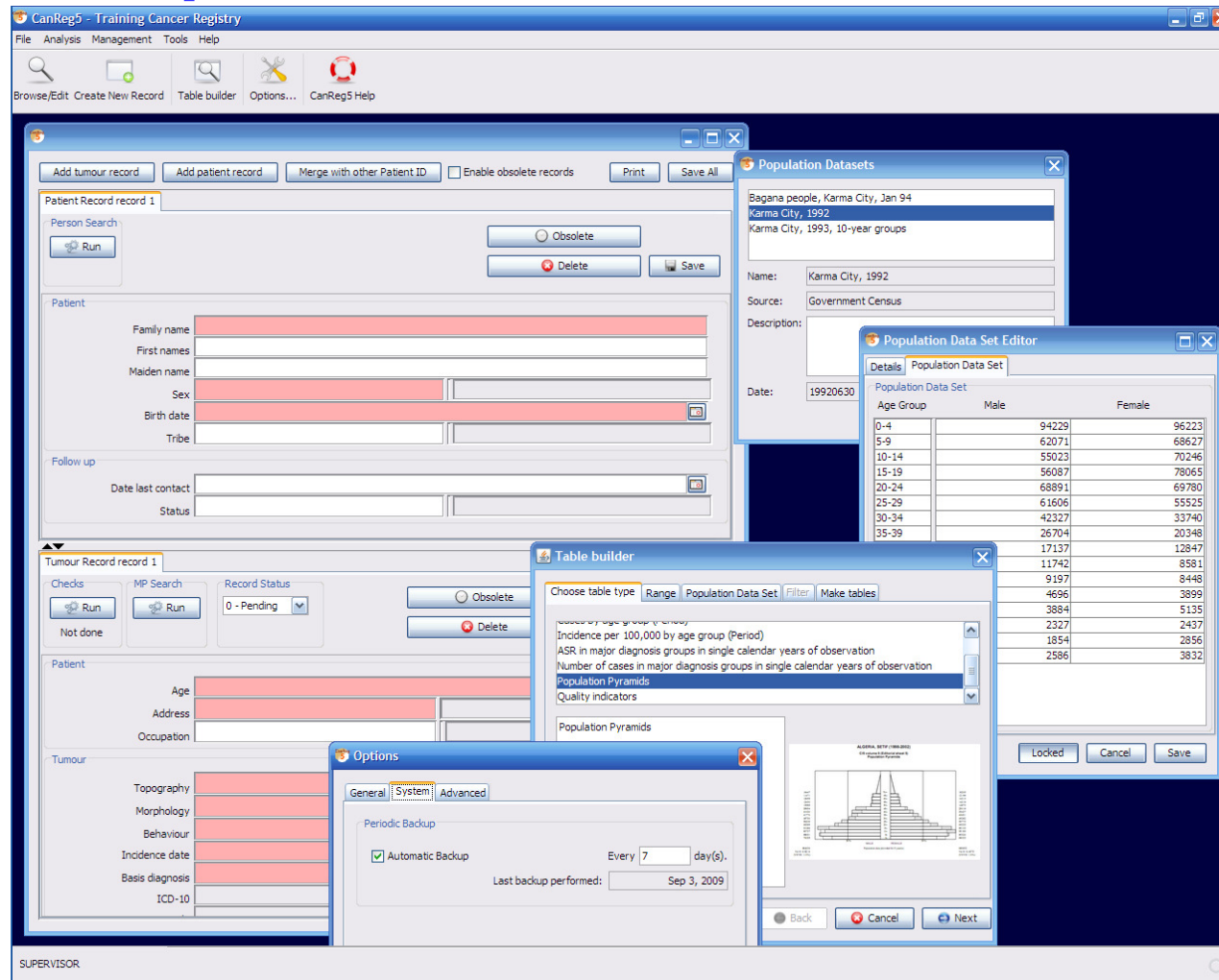
- CanReg5 was designed to run on all major operating systems (i.e. Microsoft Windows, Apple's OS X, Linux etc.)



User friendliness

- CanReg5 was designed with an emphasis on user friendliness
 - Has a modern user interface
 - Easy to navigate
- Is available in several languages

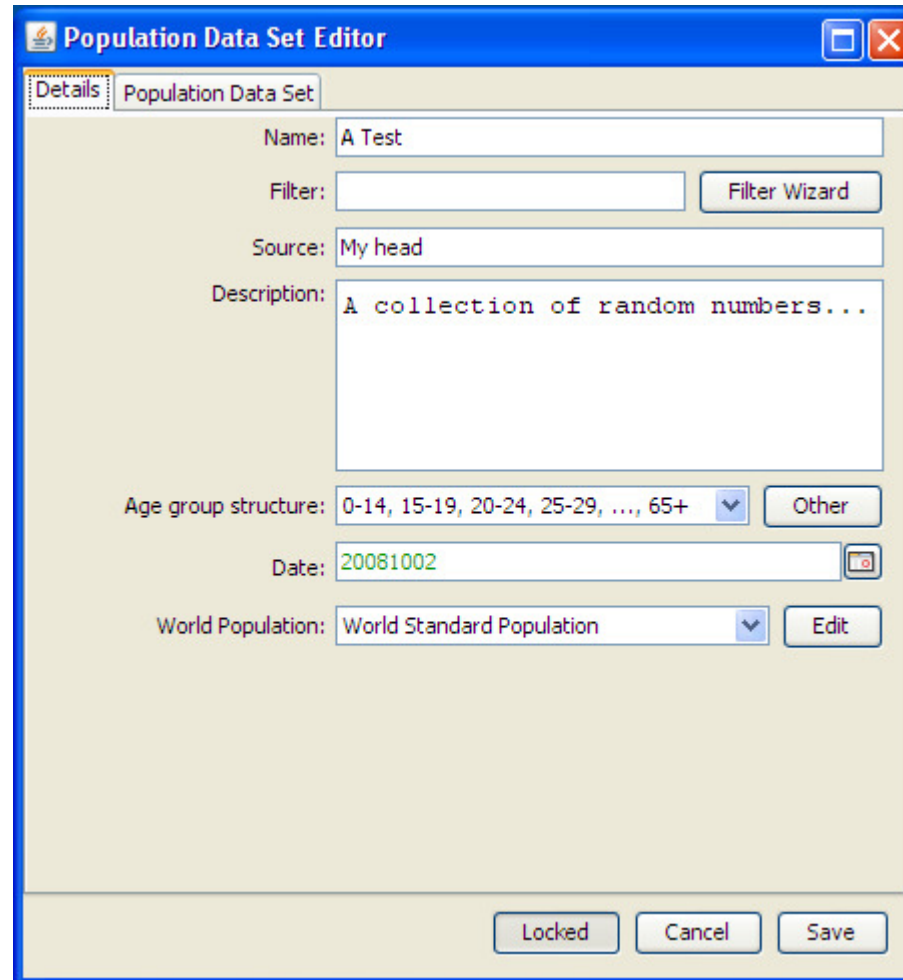
Multiple Document Interface



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Example window



The screenshot shows a software window titled "Population Data Set Editor". The window has a blue title bar with standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close). Below the title bar, there is a tab labeled "Details" and a sub-tab labeled "Population Data Set". The main area contains several input fields and buttons:

- Name:** A Test
- Filter:** An empty text box with a "Filter Wizard" button to its right.
- Source:** My head
- Description:** A collection of random numbers... (text area)
- Age group structure:** A dropdown menu showing "0-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, ..., 65+" and an "Other" button.
- Date:** 20081002 (text box with a calendar icon to its right).
- World Population:** A dropdown menu showing "World Standard Population" and an "Edit" button.

At the bottom of the window, there are three buttons: "Locked", "Cancel", and "Save".

Quality control standards

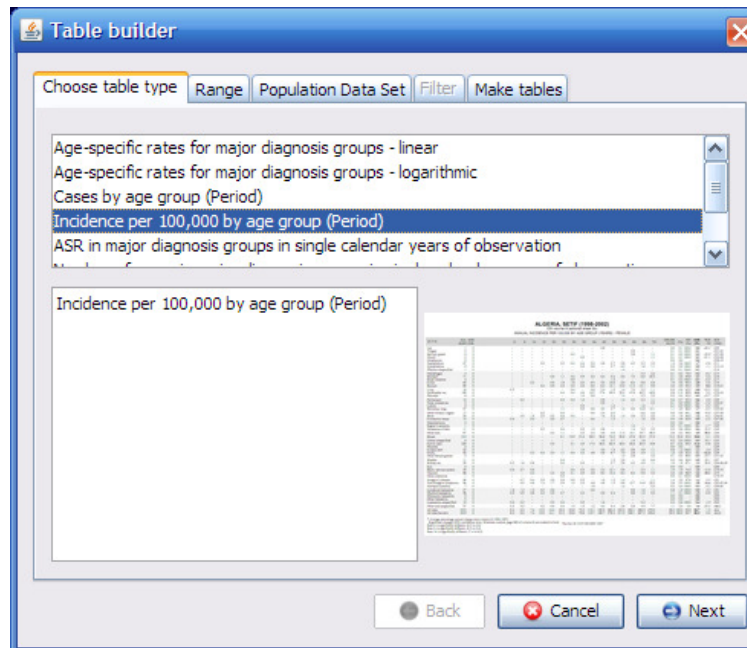
- Built into CanReg5 are several quality control mechanisms, such as:
 - Interactive code validation
 - Consistency checks for the most standard variables
 - Quality control reporting tools

Quality control standards (contd.)

- CanReg5 has a module for spotting and correcting potential duplicate patient records in the database and has a module that allows for tumour unduplication, using the 2004 multiple primary rules.
- The edit checks are based on the ones found in “DEPedit 2008”.

Improved analysis

- The data analysis part of CanReg5 has been improved to support more dynamic tables/reports.



Import and conversion of CanReg4 systems

- CanReg4 users can import their database into CanReg5 easily, using built-in modules that perform system definition conversions and import the database and dictionaries.

Beta testing

- The first closed beta version was released in January 2009 with cancer registries from Cyprus, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, France (Mulhouse) and Italy (Turin and Naples) participating in the testing.
- A workshop on CanReg5 was held in Istanbul in June 2009 with participants from the MECC countries and another one in China in September 2009.
- An open beta version of CanReg5 was released in early November 2009.

Future development plans

- Implement suggestions from users
- Improved registration via Internet
- Improved data entry
- Improved analysis
- Improved data quality report tools, linked with mortality data

Conclusion

- The most important changes from previous versions of CanReg is the fact that it is open source software.
 - Source code serves as documentation
 - Users may intervene to fix errors etc.
- Other improvements includes:
 - stronger network support
 - modern database engine
 - multi-platform support.

Thanks!

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