

An Introduction to ProQuest

ProQuest is a microcomputer based information management system developed in support of an epidemiologic study to capture, manage, and report data on cohorts and associated topical issues. It allowed the research staff to set up a relational database system without the need for programming. The nature of a relational data base, where catalogues of information are related to one another through common key elements, facilitates the management and retrieval of information. Key elements in return are very much supportive of the categorization of data for statistical analysis.

ProQuest employs the Clipper application development system. This means compatibility with the popular xBase file standards while providing an open-architecture language that constitutes the leading-edge in form that continues to adhere to the open architecture. The type of thinking which cannot alone executable files free of

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of a study subject (people or would typically be associated with smoking history. There is no need to the study subject. The system is designed for a totally generic approach, data representation, files,

data manager. A data element is linked to another file. The data is an associated field for free-text. After the system is operational; the data is entered. The same holds true

editing the moment they are entered by time frames and other

invoked with a single keystroke, option, or any portion thereof. The system will provide additional insights into the data manager.

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programs called SWU (SoftWhere) for conversion of free-format text to xBase structures and data, as well as transfer protocols are being developed and added.

is designed in support of specific follow-up capabilities include a variety of

case they are lost on account of not entered into the system, but

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