

## Impressions of Basil

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### **Abstract:**

Basil is an alternative data entry program for Blaise questionnaires, specifically designed to handle self interviewing situations. Since Basil combines the strength of the Blaise rules engine with the flexibility of Maniplus, which allows programmers of Basil to create tailor-made applications, we have been testing the use of these capabilities for process and workflow management. This paper describes the overall functional requirements, the design and subsequent coding techniques used, including the integration of Maniplus, Basil and SQL Server, and lessons learned.