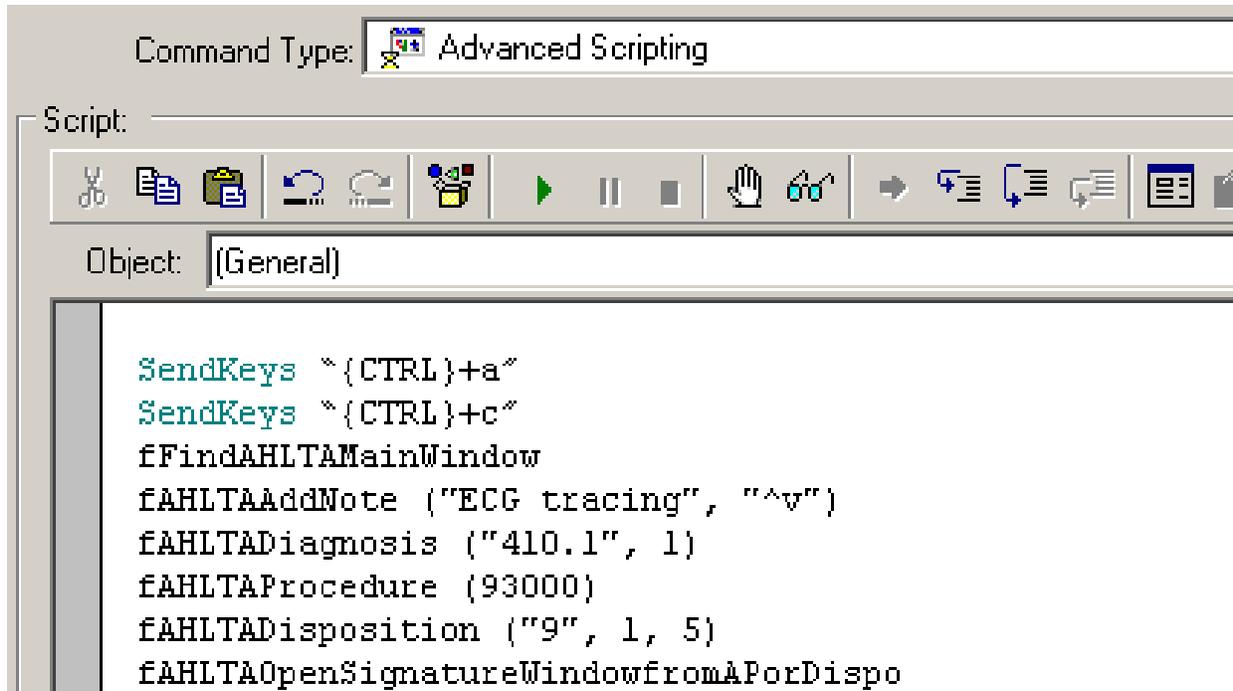


What is the Basement? Why do I care?

Wouldn't it be nice to perform an entire AHLTA encounter with 8 lines of Dragon script?



Now an entire encounter is done. This is the concept of the basement: Functions that do all the heavy lifting for you.

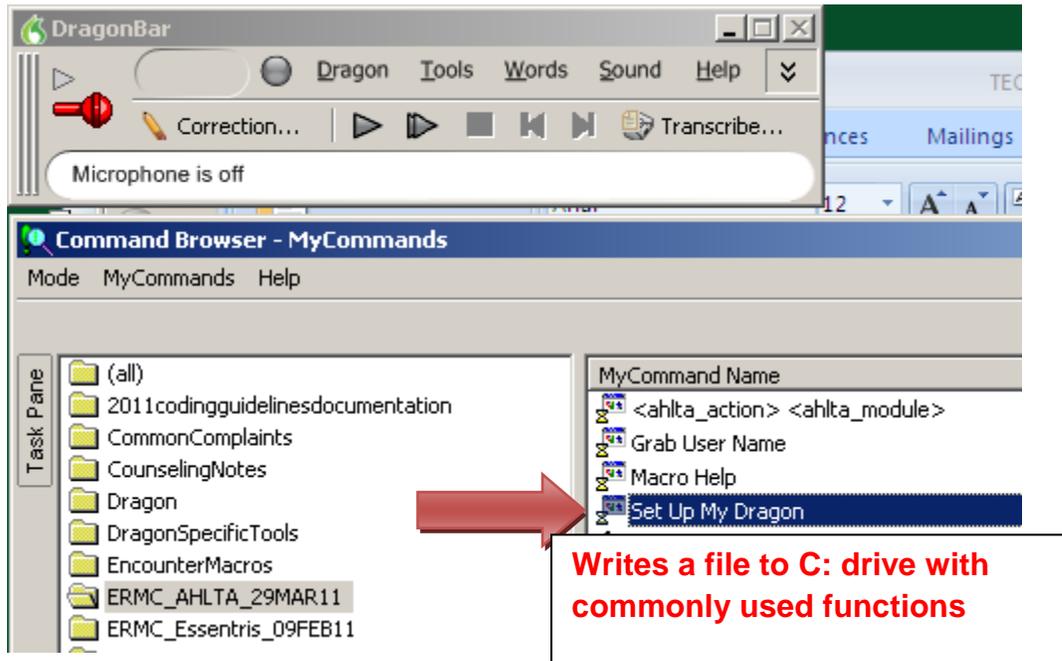
Concept/Goals:

- 1) Provide building block functions to allow basic programmers to access powerful commands and harness our EHRs.
- 2) Allow centralization of functions to simplify support and allow easy updating without reaching to each macro
- 3) Migrate Dragon Medical VB script functions to full VB/VBA/HTML platforms.

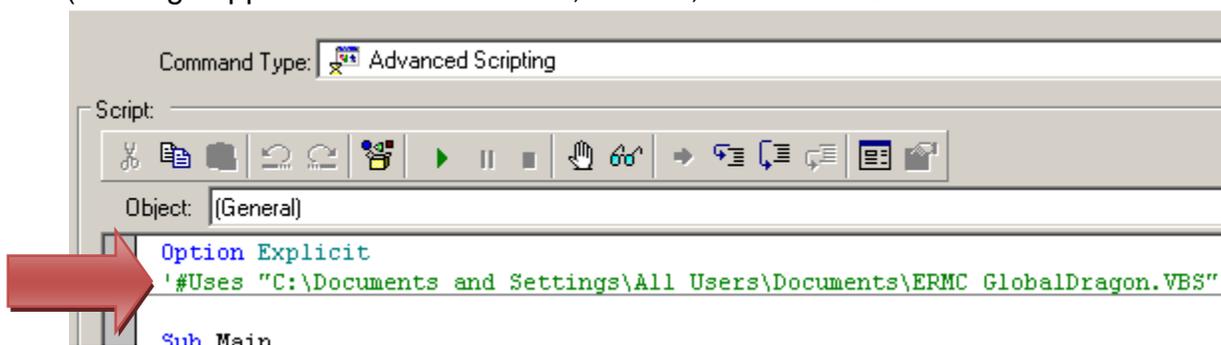
TECHNICAL PAPER FOR **MAPS** DRAGON FUNCTIONS

Required Set-up:

Say (or run) “**Set Up My Dragon**”

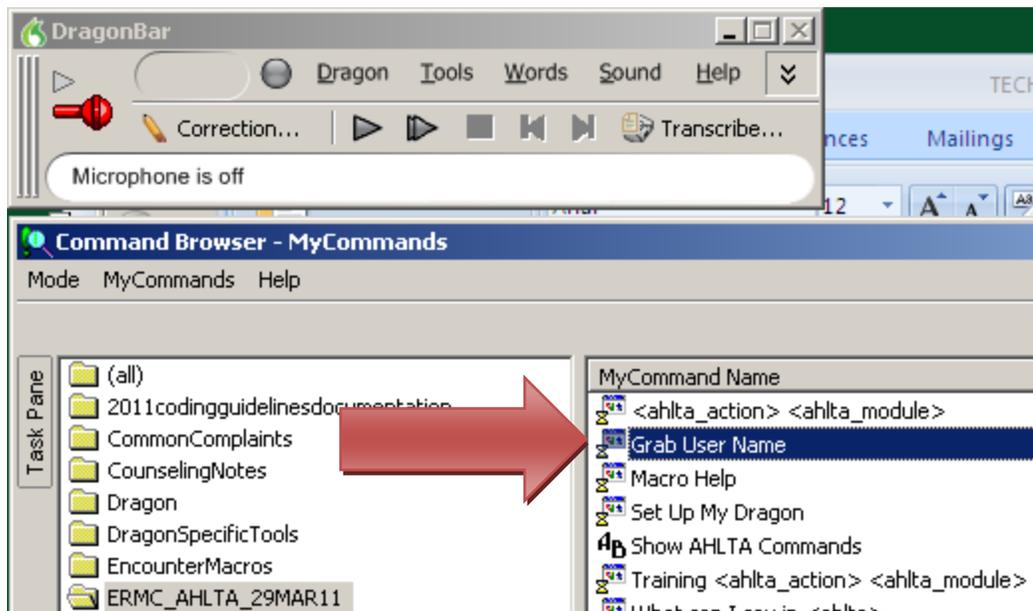


Dragon script using described functions MUST then have this before sub main:
'#Uses "C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Documents\ERMC_GlobalDragon.VBS"
(Although appears to be a comment, it is not, it references the VBA functions here.)



Optional:

Say (or run) “Grab User Name”



When:

- 1) If user uses same computer often (tablets, same exam room with personal log-on/CAC). NOT GENERIC KIOSK.

Instructions:

- 1) Must be logged into AHLTA (only 1 instance of AHLTA).
- 2) Run once (after “set up my dragon”), finds AHLTA on desktop and saves AHLTA user name under user’s folder on C: drive.
- 3) fFindAHLTAMainWindow function looks for file before searching for AHLTA. Saves time for AHLTA window search with macros.
- 4) **Never, ever run this on kiosks with shared/generic log-ons—captured user name will prevent others from using Dragon macros.** Can use on shared computers with CAC/separate log-ins.

Functions

fFindAHLTAMainWindow -- returns true if found

1) MUST RUN PRIOR TO CALLING OTHER AHLTA FUNCTIONS

- 2) If ran "Grab User Name", uses stored AHLTA username.
- 3) Otherwise, searches for "***(Privacy Act of 1974/FOUO)***" on desktop, and if 1 copy found, sets AHLTA user name to this for rest of macro.
- 4) If more than 1 copy of AHLTA open, gets last name of the users' profile (dll)
 - a. Reasons for failure of this ^{3rd} step:
 - i. CAC person not one logged into AHLTA
 - ii. Last name change, hyphenated/apostrophes different in user profile than in AHLTA
 - b. Gives error if unable to find AHLTA window with last name on dll

fSendMAPSKeys (String to send, # of repeats)

- 1) Time-saving repeating function -- fSendMAPSKeys("{TAB}",15) = SendKeys "{TAB}" 15 times with a 0.1second wait between each
- 2) Why? As a single command ({TAB 15}), not all will be executed by AHLTA or Essentris without short waits between
- 3) Greatly simplifies # of lines of programming

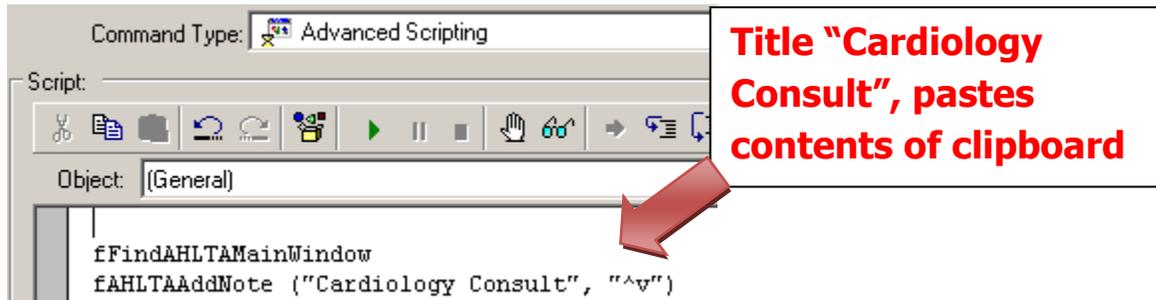
fActivateEssentrisMainWindow -- returns true if found

- 1) Activates Essentris using FindWindowsLike (searching for "***- Essentris***")
- 2) Only finds the main/root menus of Essentris, does not find pop-up windows

fAHLTAAddNote (NoteTitle, NoteText, Optional InitialWaitTime, Optional WaitTimeBetweenTabs) – returns true if completes

- 1) Places title and text into Add Note
- 2) Default 1.5 second initial wait after note appears prior to typing note title
- 3) Default 0.4 second wait between (2) tabs prior to putting in note text
- 4) 2&3 can be changed from default if macro too fast

Examples:



```

Object: [General]

fFindAHLTAMainWindow
fAHLTAAddNote ("EKG Procedure", "ECG done in clinic, see tracing in clinical notes")

```

**Title "EKG Procedure",
pastes standard
statement**

```

Object: [General]

fFindAHLTAMainWindow
Dim sTitle As String
Dim sText As String
sTitle = "ECG Procedure"
sText = "ECG done in clinic, see tracing in clinical notes"
fAHLTAAddNote (sTitle, sText, 0.5)

```

**Can use variables as defined
in script, change 1.5 sec wait
before sTitle to 3sec for a
slow connection, wait 0.5 sec
between tabs**

fAHLTAClinicalNote (FirstLetterofMTF, #NumberofMTF (within letter), FirstLetterofReport, #OfReportType (within letter), NoteTitle, ConsultText, *Optional* InitialWaitTime) – returns true if successful

- 1) Puts Clinical Note in AHLTA and saves it (does not close clinical notes)
- 2) Requires first letter of MTF, choice within letter
- 3) First letter of report type, number within that letter
- 4) Default 1 second after "clinical notes" appears before entering data
- 5) Examples:

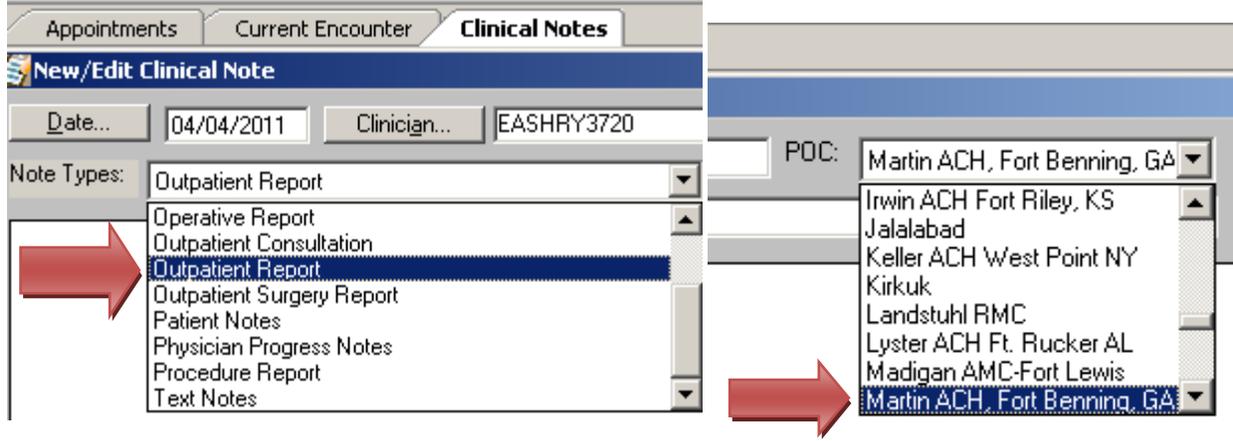
2nd MTF starting with "m" (Martin ACH), 3rd procedure starting with "o" (outpatient report), Test Title, then pastes content of clipboard

```

Object: [General]

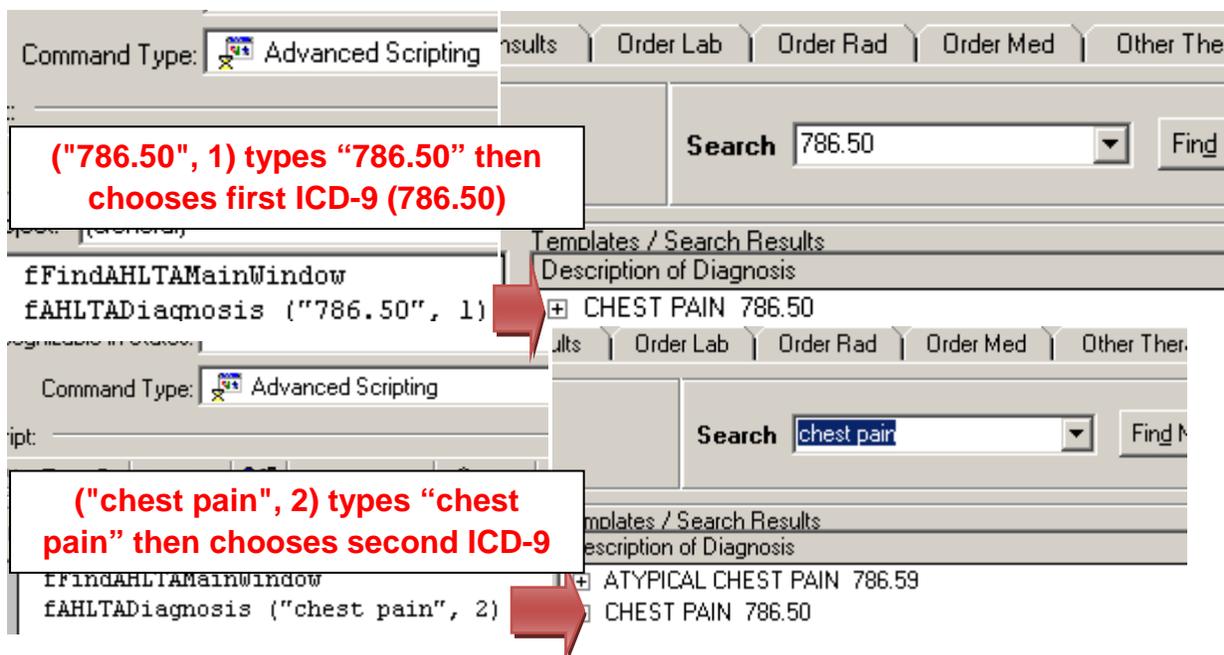
fFindAHLTAMainWindow
fAHLTAClinicalNote ("m", 2, "o", 3, "Test Report2", "^v", 1.5)

```



fAHLTADiagnosis (**DiagnosisName**, **DiagnosisChoice#**, *Optional* **WaitTimeBeforeDiagnosis**, *Optional* **WaitTimeAfterDiagnosis**) – *returns true if successful*

- 1) Navigates to A/P→diagnosis
- 2) Enters “0” until AHLTA gives an error (this is expected)
- 3) Then enters first diagnosis in AHLTA
- 4) Accepts ICD-9 number or name, requires choice #
- 5) If subsequent diagnoses are needed, can just add short wait and sendkeys “{ICD-9 code}” and alt-a, no need to use this command numerous times
- 6) Default settings of 1 second before diagnosis and 0.6 seconds after
- 7) Examples:



fAHLTAOrderSets

- 1) Opens order sets (does not do anything within)
- 2) Many providers like to be left here to allow entry of orders

fAHLTAProcedure (**CPTCode#**) – *returns true if successful*

- 1) Navigates to A/P→procedure
- 2) Enters “0” until AHLTA gives an error (this is expected)
- 3) Enters procedure CPT code (assumes this will be first code in AHLTA)
- 4) Example: fAHLTAProcedure (93000)

fOpenAHLTAModifiers -- *returns true if successful*

- 1) Opens up procedure modifiers window
 - a. Can enter units of service, modifiers

- 2) Although there are many options, be careful programming too much as choices depend on the permissions of the person logged in.

fCloseAHLTAModifiers

- 1) Closes the window (basically just hits alt-o)

fAHLTADisposition (FirstLetterofCategory, #OfCategoryChoice, #ofEMCodeWithinCategory, Optional WaitAdminOptionsReady, Optional sngWaitAfterAdminOptions) – returns true if successful

- 1) Finds AHLTA, opens disposition
- 2) Keeps hitting “%a” until “administrative options” window appears, then cancels this window (now computer is ready)
- 3) Moves down to “calculated” or “select” or “modifiers” tabs (can be any), then moves left 2 (ensuring is at “calculated”, then right 1, now at “selected” tab.
- 4) Enters E/M Code by typing “<” which brings up “<none>” (resets the E/M).
- 5) Types first letter of the category (i.e. “9” for 99499, “o” for office/outpatient visit). **NOTE: typing “o” after “<none>” may bring up a different choice than typing “o” from the default type of encounter—make sure you start at “<none>” when determining counts, as the program starts with this.**
- 6) Inputs the number of choice within letter (“o”, 2 would be outpatient consults)
- 7) Then moves down to the # of the choice within this category
- 8) Examples:

The image displays three screenshots of a software interface, each showing a function call to `fAHLTADisposition` with specific parameters. Red arrows point from the function call to a corresponding text box on the right.

- Top screenshot:** The function call is `fFindAHLTAMainWindow` followed by `fAHLTADisposition ("9", 1, 5)`. A red arrow points from the `"9"` parameter to a box labeled **Codes 99499**.
- Middle screenshot:** The function call is `fFindAHLTAMainWindow` followed by `fAHLTADisposition ("o", 1, 4)`. A red arrow points from the `"o"` parameter to a box labeled **Est Level 4**.
- Bottom screenshot:** The function call is `fFindAHLTAMainWindow` followed by `fAHLTADisposition ("o", 1, 9)`. A red arrow points from the `"o"` parameter to a box labeled **New Level 4**.

fAHLTAOpenSignatureWindowfromAPorDispo – *returns true if successful*

- 1) Opens up sign encounter screen from AP or Dispo

fAHLTAOpenSignatureWindowfromSF600

- 1) Opens up sign encounter screen from the SF600

General Functions

fCheckForWindow (TargetWindow, WaitMax (1sec), Show/HideMsgBox) – *returns true if finds window*

- 1) Waits for a window to gain the focus on the desktop
- 2) List # of seconds to wait for the window (cycles every second)
- 3) You control if a message box is made if the window fails to appear.
- 4) Typically used to wait for a window after giving a command.
- 5) Example (see next page):

Command Type:  Advanced Scripting

Script:



Object: (General)

```
Option Explicit
'#Uses "C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Documents\ERMC GlobalDragon.
```

```
Sub Main
```

```
    If fActivateEssentrisMainWindow Then
        Wait .1
        SendKeys "%n",1
        SendKeys "{ENTER}",1
    Else
        GoTo jumpout
    End If
```

Window Waiting for

Tries 5 Seconds

Message Box if Fails

```
    If fCheckForWindow ("Notes Menu Screen - Essentris",5,True) Then
        SendKeys "^n",1
    Else
        GoTo jumpout
    End If
```

```
    If fCheckForWindow("Select A Note Type",5,True) Then
        SendKeys "consolidated consult",1
        SendKeys "{ENTER}",1
    Else
        GoTo jumpout
    End If
```

```
    If fCheckForWindow ("Date/Time Selection",5,True) Then
        SendKeys "{ENTER}",1
    Else
        GoTo jumpout
    End If
```

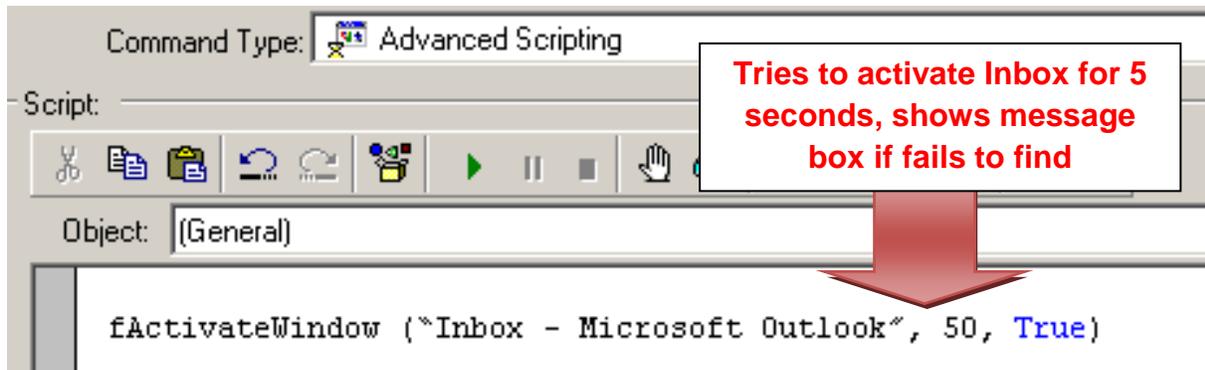
```
    If fCheckForWindow ("Enter or select a new note topic",5,True) Then
        SendKeys "Cardiology Consult",1
        SendKeys "{ENTER}",1
    Else
        GoTo jumpout
    End If
```

```
    If fCheckForWindow ("Consolidated Consult",5,True) Then
        SendKeys "Medicine",1
        fSendMAPSKeys ("{ENTER}",3)
```



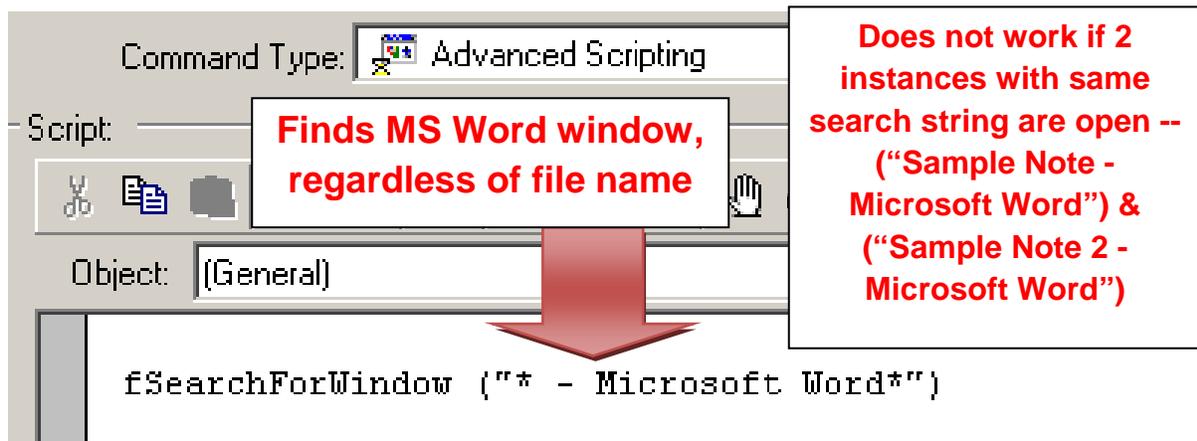
fActivateWindow (TargetWindow, intWaitMax (0.1sec), Show/HideMsgBox) – returns true if finds

- 1) Somewhat similar to fCheckForWindow, but tries to activate a window on the desktop rather than waiting for a new one to appear
- 2) Use when window is already open on the desktop
- 3) Cycles every 0.1 seconds, (50=5 seconds)
- 4) Control whether you want message box to appear if fails
- 5) Example:



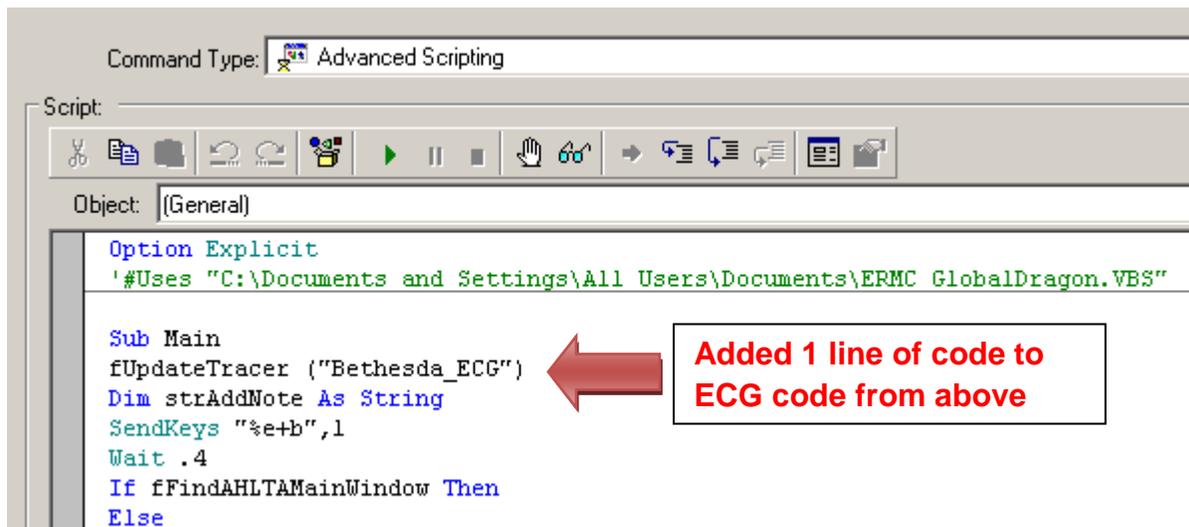
fSearchForWindow (TextToFind) – returns value 0 if not found, 1 if found 1 window with title, 2 if more than 1 window with title

- 1) Finds a window on the desktop
- 2) Uses "*" as wildcard
- 3) If only 1 copy that meets the criteria, brings this window to focus
- 4) Example:



fUpdateTracer (MacroName)

- 1) Simple counter function, creates a file in "c:/Documents And Settings/" + sFullname + "/" (fullname from GetUserName, that is, folder of user at time).
- 2) Saves a file named "MAPS Macro Tracer_" + sMacroName + # times used (updated every time used with prior file deleted) .EXE
- 3) .EXE is critical--although there is nothing in the file other than text saying it is harmless, the DoD has robust tracking programs for .EXE files. This allows us to follow, across the Army, use of every one of these macros for every user, and how many times used.



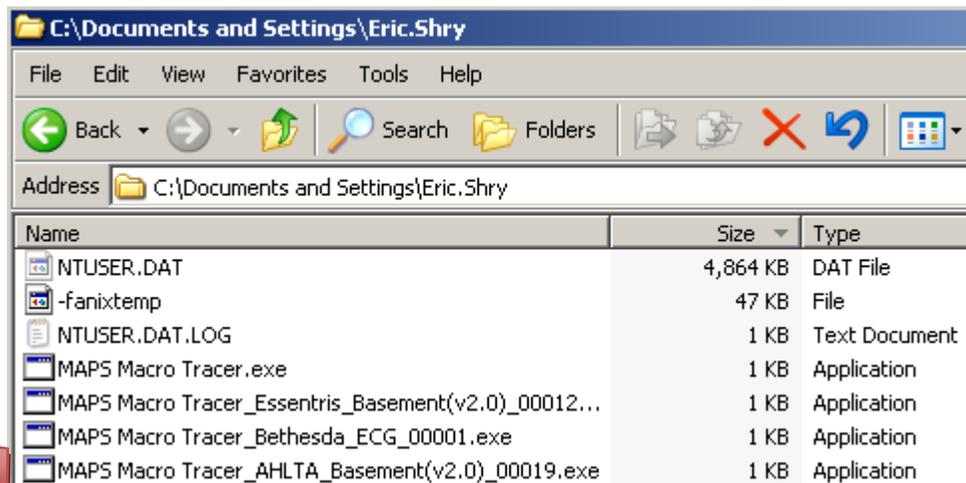
```
Command Type: Advanced Scripting

Script:

Object: (General)

Option Explicit
'#Uses "C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Documents\ERMC GlobalDragon.VBS"

Sub Main
fUpdateTracer ("Bethesda_ECG")
Dim strAddNote As String
SendKeys "%e+b",1
Wait .4
If fFindAHLTAMainWindow Then
Else
```



Name	Size	Type
NTUSER.DAT	4,864 KB	DAT File
-fanixtemp	47 KB	File
NTUSER.DAT.LOG	1 KB	Text Document
MAPS Macro Tracer.exe	1 KB	Application
MAPS Macro Tracer_Essentris_Basement(v2.0)_00012...	1 KB	Application
MAPS Macro Tracer_Bethesda_ECG_00001.exe	1 KB	Application
MAPS Macro Tracer_AHLTA_Basement(v2.0)_00019.exe	1 KB	Application

Tracer (Bethesda_ECG) shows up under the user's folder and use can be tracked. Note other tracers.


```
Command Type: Advanced Scripting

Script:

Object: (General)

Option Explicit
'#Uses "C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Documents\ERMC GlobalDragon.VBS"

Sub Main
Dim strAddNote As String
SendKeys "%e+b",1
Wait .4
If fFindAHLTAMainWindow Then
Else
    GoTo jumpout
End If
If fAHLTAClinicalNote ("n", 20, "p", 2, "ECG Image", "^v") Then
Else
    GoTo jumpout
End If
strAddNote = "ECG done in clinic, see tracing in clinical notes"
Clipboard strAddNote
If fAHLTAAAddNote ("Cardiology Consult", "^v") Then
Else
    GoTo Jumpout
End If
If fAHLTADiagnosis ("chest pain", 2) Then
Else
    GoTo jumpout
End If
If fAHLTAProcedure (93000) Then
Else
    GoTo jumpout
End If
fAHLTADisposition ("9", 1, 5) '99499
fAHLTAOpenSignatureWindowfromAPorDispo
jumpout:
End Sub
```

Can add waits between functions (at arrows) if needed depending on local speed. Also, add note and clinical note have default waits built in that can be increased.

MAPS Functions Improvement/Sustainment

- 1) Currently, for Dragon Medical users, requires them to “Set Up My Dragon” each time there is an upgrade
- 2) “Set Up My Dragon” VBA reference could be placed on share drive for those who use them only at work and have constant access, but requires reference at beginning of each macro to be changed to share drive.
- 3) HTML or VB-integration is better for big, highly used macros
 - a. Dragon has large memory overhead and significantly slows down macros.
 - b. Dragon script is less stable, lock-ups in VB can be broken with function break, but lock-ups in Dragon require task manager “end process”.
 - c. Obviously easier to maintain a HTML page that references an executable for common macros.
 - d. Talk with your IMD
- 4) However, for individual providers who dictate and then paste in notes with their signature blocks, specialized content, etc. continued Dragon Medical Scripting will be important over next several years.