

Mike Siroky, "C.P Firm Takes Lead in Voice Recognition," **Crown Point STAR** (June 20, 2002)

CROWN POINT -- Imagine you're driving home and suddenly remember you need to send a message to a family member, or to an employee of your doctor.

If you have a cellphone and the proper connection, you can simply dictate while you drive and the message will appear wherever you want it to appear, be it on a computer screen, in your on computer or n someone else's message screen.

The imagining is complete.

The reality is here.

People all over the world can now dictate to their computers, through spoken words, and have the dictation immediately transcribed and saved.

The genesis of this next offramp on the computer superhighway started right here, at 134 S. Main St., in the shadow of the magnificent old Lake County Court House.

Custom Speech USA has been working on the product for the past several years.

The actual idea came from a doctor's need to transcribe his notes quickly and efficiently. The system is voice recognition based, with any number of applications.

Doctors can now transcribe their own notes without using a third party. Public safety officials – policemen, EMTs, anyone with a need to file a prompt and accurate report – can use it. Families can message each other efficiently and easily. Coworkers can file reports.

"Initially, some doctors felt like they were being made into clerical workers," Ted Rosdil of Custom Speech USA. "So there was some reluctance."

But his company was not dissuaded.

In the past few weeks, the company has had 40 folks in town for a two-day training seminar on the revolutionary system.

The company has banks of computers ready to receive anyone's dictations from all over the world, transcribing the message and relaying the printed transcribed version to the site of the customer's choice.

Rosdil said, so far, the voice recognition computers can handle languages spanning English, Japanese, Portuguese, German, French and Spanish.

So there is no international barrier to the system.

"The original purpose was medical transcription, but public safety has really seen the benefit," said Rosdil.

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