

# *Conquest DICOM Server version release 1.4.16beta*

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*Contact, Conquest DICOM server and many MicroPACS extensions*

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## SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION

The MicroPACS is a Windows, Linux or Unix based PACS system that has, at it's core, the UCDCM DICOM Network Transport libraries. This system has been combined with a complete user interface (Windows only), which also acts as installation program (written in Borland Delphi) to form the Conquest DICOM server. The Information Definition is designed to be field/run-time programmable. Below the DICOM interface is a database connectivity class that uses a stable built-in SQLite driver or DBASEIII driver driver, talks to ODBC compatible data sources (Windows only), to MySQL or PostGres. This combination permits a PACS system with the following features:

- Complete DICOM Interface. Including SCP's for run-time programmable storage IOD's, and SCP for DICOM Queries and Retrieves.
- Programmable SQL Database tables. This user-programmable feature allows the MicroPACS to be custom tailored to a particular Clinical/Research area. For instance, in a CR setting, the PACS system can be programmed to allow users to query on kvp and ma or in a CT setting, the PACS can be programmed to allow queries on slice-distance.
- The communication to the database is done via a built-in SQLite (default and advised for small archives of up to 1000.000 images), a built-in dbaseIII driver, ODBC (Windows only), MySQL or Postgres. This allows a de-coupling of PACS and SQL technology. ODBC has been tested with (Windows only):
  - Microsoft Access
  - SQL server (most reliable and advised for serious use)
  - Some users have reported successful operation using Interbase and Oracle. Oracle requires simple manual editing of the DICOM.SQL file, where the names of fields 'rows' and 'columns' are changed to, e.g., 'qrows' and 'qcolumns'.

*See appendix 1 for tests of the various database options.*

**Note:** The built-in dBaseIII driver (Conquest addition) is not a full SQL server and poses limitations on query keys: only queries like 'key' = exact match; 'key\*' = value starts with key; and '\*key\*' = value contains key, are supported, as well as date-range queries and multiple UID matching queries (since 1.4.7). Only common hierarchical queries are supported with fields that are listed in the single de-normalized table for the selected query level (see file DICOM.SQL). Regular queries passing PatientID, StudyUID, and/or SeriesUID will be (very) fast, even for huge archives. Other (image) queries in large archives (>1000.000 images) may be very slow. Server startup time for huge archives may be long due to in-memory index creation (about 1 minute per 1000.000 images). During indexing the server is read-only and only shows indexed images. Due to these limitations, DBASEIII is no longer advised for production servers. Use SQLITE for minimal installations.

- (Conquest addition) Fast and safe (CRC checked) error free compression (>2x) of image data on disk. Do not use this option if you want to read the image files directly from disk yourselves using third party software.
- (Conquest addition) Easy installation of many servers on a single PC. Servers may run as service(s).
- (Conquest addition) A database browser and slice viewer (Windows only) integrated in the

PACS system with options for: viewing the DICOM information in a slice, creating BMP files (ideal for slides), sending selected images, printing, and database fix tools such as changing patient IDs, and deleting and anonymizing studies and series. Also tools to merge or split series. Drag and drop to load DICOM or HL7 files or directories.

- (Conquest addition) A simple query/move user interface (Windows only) for diagnostic purposes, to improve your knowledge of DICOM, and to grab missing data from another server.
- (Conquest addition) Fully integrated functionality in one user interface.
- (Conquest addition) Simple print server (Windows) - to default printer.
- (Conquest addition) Log files, which are daily zipped (Windows only). We use the TZipMaster VCL by Chris Vleghert and Eric W. Engler.
- (Conquest addition) Correct display of JPEG and RLE compressed images in browser (Windows only).
- (Conquest addition) Flexible configuration of JPEG and NKI private compression with optional (de)compression of incoming, dropped, transmitted and archived files. The actual JPEG (de)compression is done using a modified version of the International JPEG group code Jasper.
- (More conquest additions) Highly improved performance (e.g., using a read-ahead thread), and simple image forwarding/action capability.
- The archive is well suited as DICOM server for the DICOMWORKS viewer by Phillipe Puech.
- If the BDE is not installed, we use the MiTeC DBFTable component by MichaL MutL. For other data sources ADO is used (Windows only). mysql and SQLite are accessed directly.
- The server core of version 1.4.8 up runs and compiles on Linux and has a preliminary WEB interface.
- Version 1.4.9 up has preliminary DICOM Worklist query functionality with HL7 import and translation to DICOM worklist.
- Version 1.4.10 up has preliminary virtual server functionality: queries and retrieves can be forwarded to up to 10 other servers. (see appendix 7).
- Version 1.4.12 can use a native MySQL driver (based on Rangel Gustavo Reale's TMySQLDataset and Matthias Fichtner's mysql.pas) and includes a preliminary advanced series viewer based on EZDicom / K-Pacs (many thanks to Chris Rorden and Andreas Knopke). Fixes: strip group 2 information of any files sent, retry logic, worklist query.
- Version 1.4.12 improves database performance, has some important bug fixes (rare crashes, incomplete deletion and grabbing, and rare database corruption on dbaseIII). Further it has the possibility to forward multiple images on a single association, and improved documentation (appendix 5-7).
- Version 1.4.12b and c add importconverters and bug fixes in dbaseIII driver and web access and does not allow .dcm with nki compression
- Version 1.4.13 has a web viewer based on K-PACS, SQLite is now included, and more import and export converter options were added such as delayed forwarding and

preretrieval. Then small fixes were made in native mysql (also the driver is now included in the package), and several other aspects of the server, such as handling of compression errors, out of memory conditions, and others. Finally, more automatic setup of the databases has been added to simplify installation.

- Version 1.4.14 extends and fixes the web interface; adds computed fields like 'Number of Patient Related Instances' extends the exportconverters; and offers many fixes.
- Version 1.4.15alpha: 64 bit supported (to support very large dicom objects), postgres supported, improved virtual server performance, jpg images possible in web interface, multiframe support in serversideviewer, sequence access in scripting, anonymize\_script.cq, better handling of corrupt DICOM files.
- Version 1.4.15: Bug fixes and a few more scripting options
- Version 1.4.16beta: Internal JPEG (IJG) and JPEG2000 (Jasper) support added by Bruce Barton, more scripting options and bug fixes.

## SECTION 2. WINDOWS INSTALLATION GUIDE

This section details how to setup the Conquest DICOM server / MicroPACS system, as well as how the various components work together. More information and discussion may be found at the forum: <http://www.image-systems.biz/phpBB2/viewforum.php?f=33>

### 2.0 INTRODUCTION

For clarity/brevity, this section makes the following assumptions:

The server is located in "c:\dicomserver"  
Your Image Storage drive is "c:\dicomserver\data"  
You have only one image drive  
All Conquest DICOM server / MicroPACS files are on "A:\", i.e., after unzipping 'dicomserver1416beta.zip'.

Minimum System Requirements:

- \* Windows95/98/ME/NT/2000/XP/Vista/Windows7 (for Linux see appendix 3).
- \* 32 or 64 bit OS
- \* 96 megabytes of memory
- \* 1024x768x256 display.
- \* 20 MB free hard disk space (for some images).
- \* TCP/IP functioning on your machine [WSOCK32.DLL compatible].

Recommended System Configuration:

- \* Windows 2000 or higher (for Linux or Unix see appendix 3).
- \* 64 bit OS if very large DICOM objects (e.g., 1 GB) occur.
- \* Pentium 100 or faster
- \* 256 megabytes of memory or more (memory limitations affect the largest dicom object that can be transferred).
- \* 1024x768 true color display (requires 2 MB display card).
- \* As much disk space as you can get.
- \* TCP/IP functioning on your machine [WSOCK32.DLL compatible].
- \* BDE (Borland Database Engine) installed on your machine. If not, the system will attempt to use ADO or use built-in DBF or SQLite support.

It is recommended that the user familiarize themselves with the Appendices, Discussions and examples before starting to use the newly installed Conquest PACS.

**Changing database or configuration files may result in extremely long regeneration times for large datasets.**

## 2.1 First time installation.

Any part of the installation can be repeated at any time without loss of data, since the database may be (re-) generated from the images stored on disk. **However, database regeneration may take a long time and active connections may be terminated during some of the installation steps.** Also, the modality worklist cannot be regenerated; it therefore has its own clear button.

### Optional – not for first time users

First, optionally, install the BDE. To install it, download bdeinstall5.zip from the web page, unzip it and run setup.exe. Without the BDE, the database browser will lack search on patient name. Next, optionally install a database system of choice, such as SQL server, MySQL or Posgres and note the superuser/root user name and password.

### End optional – not for first time users

Then, you must enter the following commands from the command prompt (or perform similar functions using the explorer):

```
md c:\dicomserver
cd \dicomserver
unzip DICOMSERVER1416beta.ZIP here, using folder names
conquestdicomserver
```

It is preferred to install the server in a directory without spaces in its name (a warning will be given if you try otherwise). If everything went correctly, the server should display a message that this is a first time installation (this window can be recalled at any time by deleting **dicom.ini** and starting the server):



The database type for automatic setup should be selected here. You can choose: Built-in SQLite driver, Built-in Dbase III without ODBC, Microsoft Access (ODBC), Microsoft SQL server (ODBC), Native MySQL driver or Native PostGres driver.

Built-in SQLite is used as default, since this driver does not require pre-installed software or ODBC configuration. This default is advised for small archives of up to 1000.000 images and

can also be used for huge archives with some restrictions on query speed. It can be used fine for small production systems such as DICOM cache systems.

The built-in DbaseIII driver is quite OK, but startup is slow for large archives, and uncommon queries may not be supported or may be slow.

Native MySQL support and Postgres support are available since 1.4.14 and 1.4.15alpha. Under windows these options need client DLL, and not all 32 and 64 bits versions may be supplied in the release package..

To use ODBC access to SQL servers or database drivers not listed here (e.g., Interbase or Oracle), an ODBC data source *must* be selected here. Then, ODBC configuration must be made by hand instead of using the "**Make ODBC data source**" button that will be explained later.

The SQL server option requires a running Microsoft SQL server running on this or another PC. The server will attempt to configure a database (default called "conquest", set through ODBC), login name ("conquest", set in dicom.ini) and password ("conquest1415", set in dicom.ini). To be able to do this the user interface will ask for the SA password as described later. The 'conquest' login should have full permissions for the 'conquest' database. SQL server is much more stable than Microsoft Access and is suitable for large-scale and multi-user archives, although MySQL and PostGres are maybe even better.

After pushing "OK", the server window should open. If this does not happen the following problems may exist:

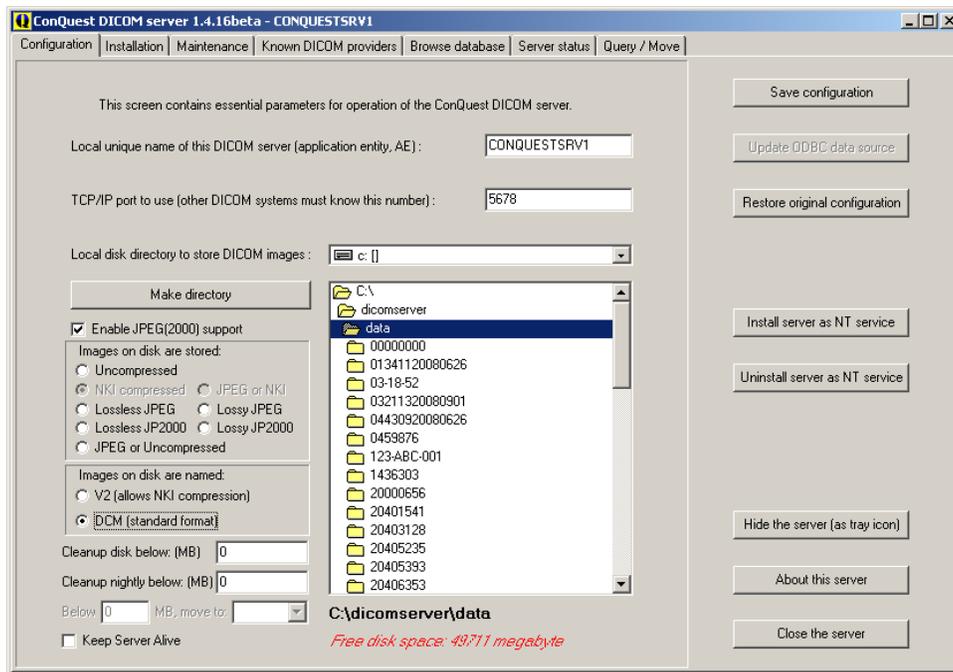
ODBC not installed (not required for Dbase III without ODBC). ODBC comes with Microsoft Office.

TCP/IP not installed (comes standard with Windows 95 up)

Ask your system administrator for help in installing/updating these products.

*The following steps are not required when choosing "Default install".*

Fill all entries in the "**Configuration page**" of the Conquest DICOM server.



These settings can be changed later at any time if required. The following entries may be configured (the defaults are OK as a first test):

- \* Local unique name of this DICOM server (default "CONQUESTSRV1")  
(AE name of this server, maximal 16 characters). To use special characters in the name, close the server, edit the name in *dicom.ini* and restart the server!
- \* TCP/IP port to use (default 5678)  
(use another value if there are multiple DICOM AE's on one machine). Port 5678 may be occupied in Vista or Windows7. If the server has trouble starting, please try another port number.
- \* Local disk directory to store data (default c:\dicomserver\data)  
(NOTE: **double** click a directory to select it. Patient directories will be made under the selected directory. The selector does not work when a UNC path is set in *dicom.ini*, e.g., '\\server\share\path')
- \* Enable JPEG support.  
When set, the server accepts incoming JPEG compressed images over the network, and will compress and decompress JPEG images as required by the following option.
- \* Images on disk are stored: (default uncompressed)  
Storing images compressed may limit your ability to read the images directly from disk using third party software. JPEG and especially JPEG2000 compression is slow and lossy compression affects the fidelity of the images. The options presented in the user interface correspond with the parameters in *dicom.ini* named IncomingCompression and DroppedFileCompression set to 'un', 'n4', 'nj', 'j2', 'j6', 'jk', 'jl', and 'uj', respectively. Double click the label to edit the string directly.
- \* Images on disk are named: (default V2)  
Storing images as V2 may limit your ability to read the images directly from disk using

third party software. DCM precludes using fast NKI compression. The options presented in the user interface correspond with the parameter in *dicom.ini* named FileNameSyntax. Double click the label to edit the string directly.

- \* Cleanup disk below ... megabyte (default 0= do not delete even if disk full) (Cleaning the disk involves deleting least recently loaded patients, may be configured as the oldest latest study). This option requires the GUI to be running to function.
- \* Cleanup nightly below ... MB (default 0= do not delete even if disk full) (This cleaning of the disk occurs each night at 01:00). This option requires the GUI to be running to function.
- \* Below ... MB move to ... (default 0= do not move even if disk full) (Moves ... MB data from MAG0 to e.g., MAG1 at 02:00). This option requires the GUI to be running to function.
- \* Keep server alive: if set, the server self tests once per minute and is automatically restarted in the rare event of a software crash. This option requires the GUI to be running to function.

Push "**Save Configuration**". When JPEG support is changed the user will be prompted about overwriting *dgatesop.lst*, which specifies the accepted transfer syntaxes. When the file *dicom.sql* existed, a backup will be made of it, and it is overwritten. The user will be warned that full db regeneration is required when its layout has changed. On a first install, the installation page is then automatically displayed (you can go back for the next item later).

Optional (NT4 and up): Use "**Install server as NT service**" to run the actual DICOM server (*dgate.exe*) independent of this user interface (it will then also re-start automatically when the computer is booted). This option will install the service such that it logs in with a system account. Only system administrators should use this option.

To work, the databases and images should reside on the local system with sufficient access rights. Otherwise an error message is generated (push 'Uninstall server as NT service' to restore the previous situation). ODBC is installed with a system datasource and should work without modifying the service. However, if a network share is used, make sure the service has access to the network resource. Do not use drive mapping, since services do not get these.

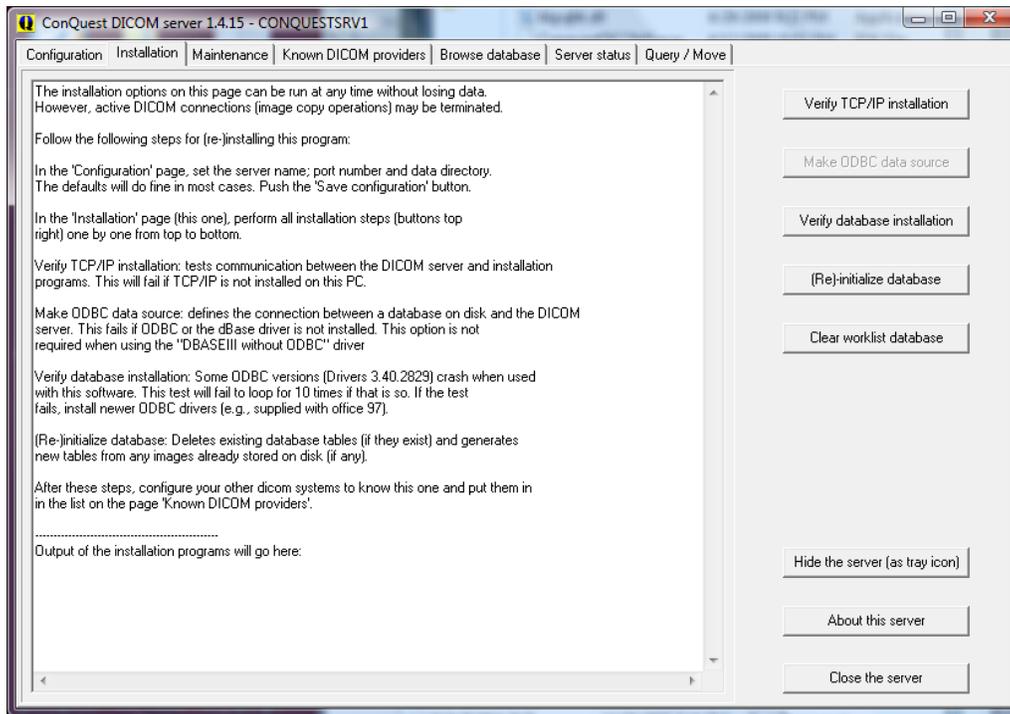
'Kill and restart the server' from the server status page can be used at any time to restart the service. The name of the server is used as service name, and cannot be changed while using this option. Use "**Uninstall server as NT service**" to restore that the DICOM server functions only if *conquestdicomserver.exe* is running and to allow a change of server name.

NOTE: this version (v1.4.16beta) will not run as service if the directory path where the server executables reside includes space characters. Since version 1.4.7 a service will log to *serverstatus.log* even if this user interface is closed.

The following hidden option exists: when the service buttons are alt-right clicked, the service is installed four times (e.g., with ports 5678...5681). Each server runs independently against the same data(base). Use to increase speed or reliability or for testing purposes.

Next go to the "**Installation**" page of the Conquest DICOM server.

### 2.1.1 Verify Installation



Push button **"Verify TCP/IP installation"**. It should respond with the following messages:

```

----- Start TCP/IP test -----
[CONQUESTSRV1] This output is generated by the dicom server application
[CONQUESTSRV1] If you can read this, the console communication is OK
[CONQUESTSRV1] This is systemdebug output; can you read this ?
[CONQUESTSRV1] This is a very long text output for testing -- This is a very long text output
for testing -- This is a very long text output for testing -- This is a very long text output
for testing -- This is a very long text output for testing -- This is a very long text output
for testing --
[CONQUESTSRV1] ----- Succesful end of test -----

```

If the response is different, TCP/IP may not be installed (correctly) on your computer. Ask your system administrator for help.

When not using Dbase III without ODBC or native MySQL, push button **"Make ODBC data source"**, unless you want to configure the ODBC data source by hand. After a confirm, it should respond with the following messages:

```

----- Start ODBC data source update or creation -----
[CONQUESTSRV1] Creating data source
[CONQUESTSRV1] Driver = Microsoft Access Driver (*.mdb)
[CONQUESTSRV1] Options = DSN=conquestpacs_s;Description=Conquest DICOM server... [CONQUESTSRV1]
Datasource configuration succesful
[CONQUESTSRV1] -----
[CONQUESTSRV1] Creating data source
[CONQUESTSRV1] Driver = Microsoft Access Driver (*.mdb)
[CONQUESTSRV1] Options = DSN=conquestpacs_s;Description=Conquest DICOM server... [CONQUESTSRV1]
Datasource configuration succesful
[CONQUESTSRV1] -----

```

If the response is different, ODBC may not be installed on your computer or the selected driver has not been installed. Ask your system administrator for help. It is best to have a recent full ODBC installation, e.g., from Microsoft Office 97 or later. For MsSQL server, the same button will read: **"Make ODBC and database"**. In that case it will also ask for the SA password. If this

is correctly given, the application will attempt to create the conquest database. This will fail harmlessly when the database already exists. In this way it is possible to use free MsSQL products that do not come with a user interface to create databases. For native mysql and or Postgres, the button will read "**Make mysql/postgres database**", and will ask for the database name and the root password (that default is empty). If this is correctly given, the application will attempt to create the conquest database. This will fail harmlessly when the database already exists. In this way it is possible to use mysql/postgres very easily.

Note that it is perfectly possible to create or edit an ODBC datasource by hand. This is required to use another database driver as the two ODBC options given in the first time installation window.

Push button "**Verify database installation**". It should respond with the following messages:

```
----- Start ODBC test -----
[CONQUESTSRV1] Attempting to open database; test #1 of 10
[CONQUESTSRV1] Creating test table
[CONQUESTSRV1] Adding a record
[CONQUESTSRV1] Dropping test table
[CONQUESTSRV1] Closing database
[CONQUESTSRV1] Attempting to open database; test #2 of 10
[CONQUESTSRV1] Creating test table
[CONQUESTSRV1] Adding a record
[CONQUESTSRV1] Dropping test table
[CONQUESTSRV1] Closing database
.
.
[CONQUESTSRV1] Attempting to open database; test #10 of 10
[CONQUESTSRV1] Creating test table
[CONQUESTSRV1] Adding a record
[CONQUESTSRV1] Dropping test table
[CONQUESTSRV1] Closing database
[CONQUESTSRV1] ----- Successful end of test -----
```

When using ODBC, if the response is different, the ODBC version may be buggy. Ask your system administrator for help. When using native MySQL or PostGress and the response is different, database conquest may not exist (or password and username may be wrong) or mysql may not be running. Attempt to create the database again using mysqladmin (with 'mysqladmin -u root create conquest') and make sure mysql runs using mysqld-nt.

Push button "**(Re)-initialize database**". After confirmation, it should respond with the following messages (plus some indexing messages for the built-in DbaseIII driver):

```
----- Start database init and regeneration -----
[CONQUESTSRV1] Regen Database
[CONQUESTSRV1] Step 1: Re-initialize SQL Tables
[CONQUESTSRV1] ***Failed SQLExecDirect : DROP TABLE DICOMPatients
[CONQUESTSRV1] ***Failed SQLExecDirect : DROP TABLE DICOMStudies
[CONQUESTSRV1] ***Failed SQLExecDirect : DROP TABLE DICOMSeries
[CONQUESTSRV1] ***Failed SQLExecDirect : DROP TABLE DICOMImages
[CONQUESTSRV1] ***Failed SQLExecDirect : DROP TABLE UIDMODS
[CONQUESTSRV1] ***Failed SQLExecDirect : DROP TABLE DicomWorkList
[CONQUESTSRV1] Step 2: Load / Add DICOM Object files
[CONQUESTSRV1]
[Regen]E:\QUIRT\APP\CONQUEST\DICOMserver\newinstall\Data\HEAD_EXP_00097038\0001_002000_8
92665661.v2 -SUCCESS
[CONQUESTSRV1]
[Regen]E:\QUIRT\APP\CONQUEST\DICOMserver\newinstall\Data\HEAD_EXP_00097038\0001_003000_8
92665662.v2 -SUCCESS
[CONQUESTSRV1] Regeneration Complete
```

These or similar "failed" messages occur when the server attempts to delete tables that are not there. The [regen] messages show that each image file is entered into the database. They will be missing if the database is empty. If the response is otherwise different, you may have not performed the full installation correctly. Best is to retry from the start or get help.

The button "**Clear worklist**" will create and/or re-initialize the worklist table: it will not be re-created automatically if it already contained data.

Go to the "**Known DICOM providers**" page and enter information about the systems that you want to communicate with. A similar step is required at those systems to make the Conquest DICOM server known to them. Push the "**Save this list**" button. The server will load the changed list at this point, without a restart. Note that only a single server reloads the list. If multiple servers run (using the hidden four-service option), they have to be restarted in another way to reload the list.

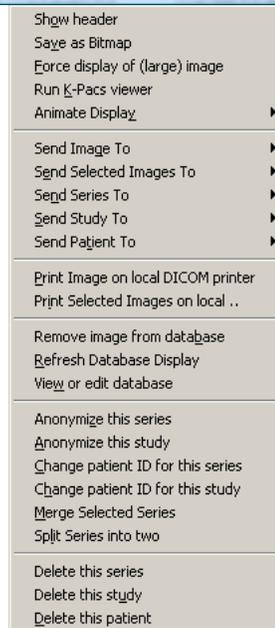
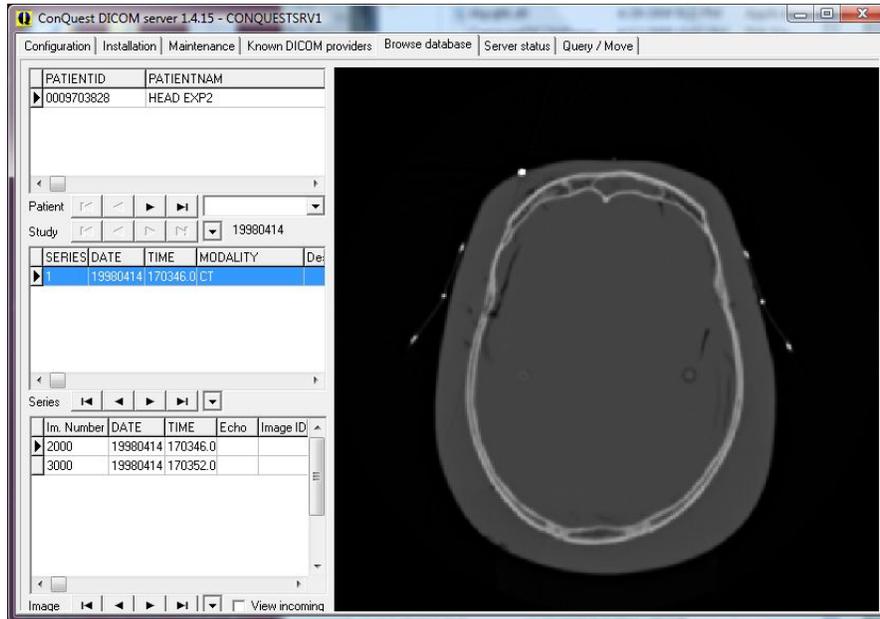
After installation is complete: you can test the server in the following ways:

1) Try buttons on the "**Maintenance**" page (with the exception of "**(Re)-initialize database**" since this action can take quite some time).

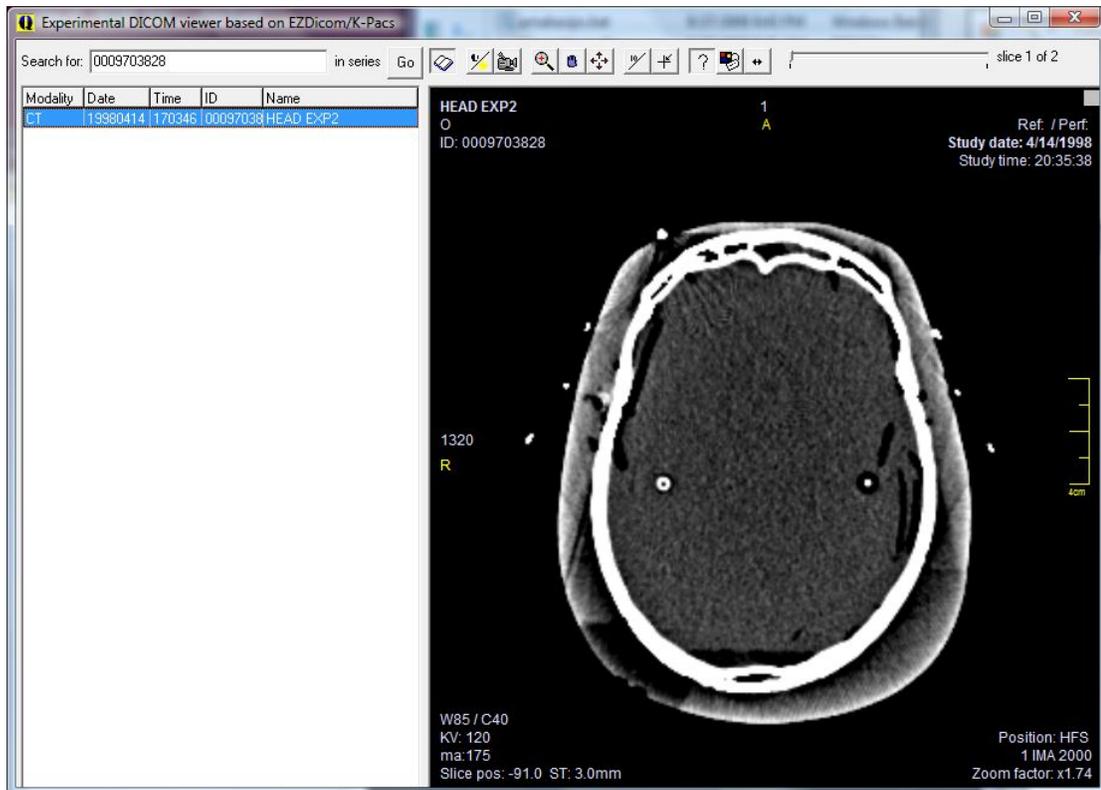
2) Browse through the database and look at some pictures in the "**Browse database**" page. If the browser does not work (happens with Ms SQL server on windows server 2003) try setting "BrowseThroughDBF = 1" in dicom.ini. When the '**View incoming**' check box on the browser page is set, each newly stored slice is displayed, with a red overlay of the calling AE. This option also displays incoming images to be printed. While this option is ON, the built-in elementary DICOM printer is disabled. Right-click the image with the mouse for several extra options:

- "**Show header**" lists the DICOM header of the currently selected image. Use keys CTRL-A = select all, CTRL-C = copy to clipboard, CTRL-F = find text, CTRL-S = save as text file and F3 = search again.
- "**Save as Bitmap**" saves the currently visible file as windows BMP file.
- "**Force display of (large) image**" can be used to display images that exceed 1 MB (configurable) or that are stored on a jukebox that are normally not shown by the browser.
- "**Run K-Pacs viewer**" shows a more advanced viewer (since version 1.4.11, experimental).
- "**Run external viewer**" (if configured in **dicom.ini**) starts an external viewer program with the selected DICOM image as argument.
- The "**Animate Display**" options animate the current series in various ways.
- The "**Send ... To**" options allow sending the current image, selected images of the current series, the current series, the current study, or the current patient to another DICOM station.
- The "**Print Image on local DICOM printer**" option prints a full page printout of the selected image using the built-in DICOM print server on the default Windows printer.
- The "**Print Selected Images on local DICOM server**" option prints a selection of images of the current series using a selectable page layout (default 4x6 images on a portrait page) on the default Windows printer.

- The **"Remove image from database"** option effectively hides an image from queries (until the database is re-generated or the image is re-entered, e.g., by dropping it onto the server from an explorer window). Also allows removal of orphaned DB entries (without an image) from version 1.4.7.



*Database browser and its popup menu.*



*The K-PACS viewer – first in version 1.4.11, flip left-right button new in 1.4.14*

- The "**Refresh Database Display**" option can be used to show changes in data when editing the DICOM database through a third party product or when new data has been sent to the server while the browser window is open.
- The "**Anonymize**" options remove patient information from the selected images and generate a new study, series and SOP instance UIDs for consistency. Since version 1.4.15alpha, a script called `anonymize_script.cq` (for syntax see `ImportConverter0`) may be created to fine control the anonymization process.
- The "**Change patient ID**" options change a patient ID for the selected series/study and generate a new study, series and SOP instance UIDs for consistency. Because of the changed UIDs, the changed slices will belong to new studies and series even if the patient ID is changed back to its original value. I.e., images with a new patient ID are considered as completely new images.
- The "**Merge selected series**" option will give a list of all series in this study and will next merge selected series (generating a new series UID and new SOP UIDs for consistency).
- The "**Split series**" option will give a list of all images in this series and will next split selected images from this series (generating a new series UID and new SOP UIDs for the selected images for consistency).
- The "**Delete ..**" options will delete the selected images one by one or an entire patient at once.

Note that in some cases, the database browser may not correctly update changes made through the menu. In those cases, select a different page of the server and go back to the browser page to fully refresh the database browser.

3) Try to query or copy some images using the "**Query / Move**" page. You may query your own database or copy *from* your database *to* your database as a first test. Hint: try different "**Query levels**" and observe the results.

To quickly fill in information such as the patient ID, double click on the result window where the patient ID is shown. Double clicking a patient ID with the control button pressed will add that ID to a comma separated patient ID list to copy several patients at once. This feature is only available for the patient ID. The "**Query level**" button also allows you to select three query methods.

The default method is a PatientRoot query, but lower in the list you will find query levels which use the StudyRoot and PatientStudyOnly query methods. These query levels are provided because many DICOM servers do not support the default PatientRoot query method.

Finally, it is possible to query a *modality worklist*. Default the queries are on human-readable entries. Since version 1.4.12, by double-clicking on the label next to the Series number edit box, the query mechanism switches over to using UIDs. This is less readable but supported by more servers. To read the long responses, it is possible to resize the GUI.

The "**Find Local Missing Patients**" button finds all patient data on the selected DICOM system that is not present on the LOCAL server for copying to a DESTINATION server. For example, to grab all new data from a CT scanner, enter today's date into "**Study date**", select the CT scanner as DICOM system, and select the local server as DESTINATION. Push "**Find Local Missing Patients**", which may take a while. The missing patients (if any) are listed. Then push "**Copy to destination**" to copy the missing patients into the local server.

4) Entering DICOM or HL7 files into the server is provided through a drag and drop interface. Just drag and drop files or directories from the explorer to add them. The dropped files are copied into the data directory of the server and the database is updated to include the new files. Images of a single patient may be entered with a changed patient ID by pressing the ALT key while dropping the files or the directory. This latter option will generate new study, series and SOP instance UIDs for consistency. HL7 files update the worklist database only and patient ID changing is not available. Since version 1.4.15, a variety of compressed archives can be dropped as well, that will be decompressed by 7za.exe.

5) Look at the "**Server status**" page to see connection activity and print server progress. To read long lines, it is possible to resize the GUI. This page also contains the "**Kill and restart the server**" button which is needed when the DICOM server has crashed (has not happened in our hospital the last year).

The "**Hide this server (as tray icon)**" and other buttons do what you expect of them. The small up/down arrows set the amount of debug information displayed when **debug log** is switched on (up=more, down=less). At high debug levels also internal communication from the server is logged.

### 2.1.2 Installing multiple servers on the same PC.

Installing two or more servers on one PC is a nice way to test DICOM since it allows copying and querying in a simple way. Many servers can be running simultaneously. However, it is *essentially helpful to leave the first server(s) running* while attempting to *install* new ones (otherwise the same TCP/IP ports will be used and the servers will fail to operate simultaneously). The installation must be done in different directories. So replace "c:\dicomserver\" by, e.g., "c:\dicomserver2\" and perform all installation steps again. The servers must be made known to each other using the "**Known DICOM providers**" page. If SQL server is used as database, each DICOM server should have its own SQL server database and login.

### 2.1.3 Updating to newer versions.

Typically, a new version can be installed by just replacing the **exe** and **dll** files with newer versions (it is a good idea to keep backups of the older ones).

For full function, updating to versions above 1.4.11 require addition of the worklist database in **dicom.sql** (this is automatic), initializing (clearing) it through the installation page, and updating **d gatesop.lst**.

Naturally, the server must be stopped before files can be replaced. In case the server runs as a service it must be stopped using the control panel or by un-installing it as a service. To enable use of a new database layout (*requires a full regen!*) and/or new modalities and JPEG communication, the files **dicom.sql** and/or **d gatesop.lst** must be manually deleted prior to installation. New versions of these files are then recreated when **conquestdicomserver.exe** is restarted.

To choose a new database driver delete **dicom.ini**, which also causes **dicom.sql** to be overwritten. Be careful, since installing a modified version of **dicom.sql** *requires re-initialization of the image and/or worklist database* using the buttons on the installation or maintenance page. Typical regeneration speed is 10-60 slices per second. Regeneration may take a very long time (several days) for large databases.

For this reason, the database definition from version 1.4.8 (still the same for 1.4.13) is very complete and it should suffice for most users. In 1.4.14, and 1.4.15 some items have been moved and resized to make the database more DICOM compliant. Make sure that you do not replace **dicom.sql** if you do not want to regenerate the database.

*If you do not want to regenerate the database, keep a copy of your previous dicom.sql and restore it (making sure it has the worklist database entries in it) after upgrading.*

To create entries for new options in **dicom.ini** use the "**Save configuration**" button. To enable the DICOM printer function of version 1.3.12 up or the worklist query of 1.4.9 up, the older version of file **d gatesop.lst** must be manually deleted and the server restarted.

Note: The Linux version uses / in paths in the database instead of \. Therefore, do not exchange database files between Windows and Linux.

## APPENDIX 1. Database setup and benchmarks

The conquest DICOM server can use any ODBC database and includes a few native drivers. Since there have been a number of issues with database performance, I decided to stress test a few database solutions. Note that the server can be installed both with or without the Borland Database Engine BDE. This choice only affects the browser GUI, the server core does not use BDE at all.

The benchmark is a set of queries that will duplicate a snapshot of our hospital's Conquest research PACS (Built-in DbaseIII driver) from 2004 with 4.375 million images into a test server. The records are transferred through command "dgate -clonedb:conquestsrv1" on conquestsrv2 from conquestsrv1 to conquestsrv2. This is equivalent of a regeneration of a big server (14700 patients, 36000 studies, 195000 series and 4.375 million images), but EXCLUDING the read time of the objects. Hence we purely test database write speed – which is the most demanding database operation. The operation that is performed is that, for each patient, study, series and image, it must be found out if it already exists on the server. If not, the item is added else it is updated. The queries are special in the sense that the primary keys are DICOM UIDs, which are quite long strings. Next, a query test is performed where of 2000 patients all images are listed, on average 300 images per patient.

The recent tests were run a AMD sempron machine (3400+) from 2007 with 2.5 Gbyte of RAM, without hyper-threading, running Windows XP home, and using SATA disks. This is not a fast machine, but the nvidia main-board provides adequate bus speed. Both source and destination servers run on the same machine, but in practice the source server is barely loaded.

### MICROSOFT SQL SERVER (SQLEXPRESS 2000/2008)

This setup runs out of the box. First install SQL server (using all defaults, *but using SQL server authentication*). Then install a conquest server using SQL server for database. The server will first ask for the SQL server name. This is (local) for the default SQL server instance. If using SQL server express 2005 with a named instance, select COMPUTERNAME\SQLEXPRESS or similar as SQL server. The server then asks for a database name, login and password for the database to be used with the DICOM server. The database and login will automatically be created if they did not yet exist (harmless error messages appear if they did exist). Finally, the server asks the SA password to be able to perform the installation automatically. Note: installation of SQLEXPRESS 2008 takes a very long time. I would prefer SQL server 2000 over the new one, but this server cannot be installed on Vista.

Alternatively create database conquest, with login conquest (important: use SQL server authentication) with password conquest by hand. Initialize the database. I then ran the clonedb task to load 4.3 million images into the system.

*Write speed.* With conquest 1.4.13, the clonedb operation took 5 hours and 38 minutes for SQL2000 on a pentium IV. With SQLEXPRESS 2008, and conquest 1.4.15, the operation took 6h22. There is no noticeable speed difference for large or small studies or early and late in the process. The database size is 3.3 GB.

*Read speed.* Directly after regeneration the database is very slow: the query test took about 2 hours. The low speed is because the default install of SQL express 2008 claims all (2.5 GB) server memory during running. After restart the database browser is fairly responsive. With SQL server 2000, directly

after a regen queries in the image list on patient ID are veryyyyy slow and overload the machine. After a "database maintenance plan" has run ('Reorganize data and index pages') the server becomes very responsive. So it is essential to run this task regularly (e.g., weekly) and directly after database regeneration.

SQL server cannot be used from Linux.

## **MYSQL 5.0**

I used mysql-essential-5.0.67-win32.msi, and installed with all defaults, and gave it a root password. Then I installed the conquest server using the Native MySQL driver option. The server asks for the root password to be able to install the conquest database, and it will then actually run as root database user by default: i.e., the database username is set to root. MySQL works extremely fast. Without manual configuration, MySQL works fine both in MYISAM or INNODB mode. The new test is with MYISAM.

Note that the server will also set the following registry entries to avoid that mysql chokes during extensive activity such as dropping thousands of files into the server:

HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Tcpip\Parameters\MaxUserPort = 65534

HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Tcpip\Parameters\TcpTimedWaitDelay = 30

*Write speed.* With the MYISAM setup, and conquest 1.4.15, this clonedb operation took 3 hours and 50 minutes. On average 317 images are loaded per second. Again there is no noticeable speed difference for large or small studies or early and late in the clonedb process. The database size is 1.7 GB. With INNODB (not the default) the speed is similar but the database is more than twice as big.

*Read speed.* Is very impressive with INNODB and MyISAM. After rebooting the PC, starting the Mysql daemon, and performing the first query, (long) lists of images for a particular patient ID appear in about 1, maximal 2 seconds. After a few queries it goes even faster. The query test took 11m15 (more than 3 full patient image lists per second), which is the fastest of all servers.

## **BUILT-IN DBASE III Driver**

The built-in dBaseIII driver runs out of the box. The parameter IndexDBF in dicom.ini should, however, be initially set to about 10 times the expected number of million images to be loaded in one session (the default allows loading 100.000 images). This allocates enough data to store the index buffer. Spare space is allocated when the server is restarted.

In contrast to the "real" sql servers, the DbaseIII only includes indexes on Patient ID. This index is kept in memory and generated each time the server is started. So, starting a large server takes several minutes (the source test server takes 8 minutes to start). This also means that any (image) query that spans multiple patients will be veryyyyy slow – this should, however, not be a problem in routine use, as these queries are never used.

*Write speed.* With this setup, and conquest 1.4.15, the dbclone operation took 6 hours and 22 minutes. On average about 185 images are loaded per second. There is some speed difference between large or small studies – small patient studies load at 250 images per second, reducing to about 100 images per second for a patient containing 3000 images. There some slowdown late in the clonedb process. The

database size is 6.4 GB, which is almost completely taken up by the denormalized dicomimages table.

*Read speed.* Even querying large patients (with 2000 images) takes about 1 second for a full image query from the test database of 4.374 million images. Queries that are not supported by the index (e.g., search individual images on patient name) take very long (minutes). Because the index is kept into memory, the server is very responsive once the index is done during server starting. The query test took 17m30, which is the fastest of all SQL servers except MySQL.

This driver is the default for Linux and is advised for first testing but no longer for production systems. Use SQLite for small production systems.

## Microsoft access

The setup (on Windows XP home SP 1, with Office 2000, using access driver 4.00.6019.00), runs out of the box. Just select the access driver and install the server.

*Write speed.* With this setup, and conquest 1.4.12, the dbclone operation did not conclude. On average again about 200 images are loaded per second. However, the database size grew very quickly - reaching 2 GB at 250000 images after 30 minutes – and then new images could not be added any more.

*Read speed.* At this size, typical image queries (400 records) take 1 s or so.

## Built-in SQLite driver

The setup runs out of the box. Just select the sqlite driver and install the server. Run the clonedb task to load 4.3 million images into the system.

*Write speed.* With conquest 1.4.15 (SQLITE 3.4.0), the clonedb operation took 5 hours and 0 minutes. On average 240 images are loaded per second. There is no noticeable speed difference for large or small studies, however, write speed does goes down from about 280 images per second early in the process to about 190 images per second late in the process – when the database gets large. The database size is 2.9 GB.

*Read speed.* The database browser is a bit slow, probably because it does not access the sqlite database directly, but uses the dgate.exe to create dbaseIII clones per patient. Queries to the server are reasonably responsive. SQLite can also be used in Linux. The query test took 24m07.

## Postgres8.3

This database driver was originally only available on Linux, but support for windows has been added with version 1.4.15. With version 1.4.15 on windows, the write speed is impressive: 5 hour 22 minutes, or 215 images per second. The database size is 3GB. The query test took 20m20. Installation on windows (all defaults) takes about 5 minutes.

## NULL Driver

From version 1.4.15, if no SQLServer name is entered in dicom.ini, a NULL driver is used for the database. This driver accepts all writes and updates, and responds with 0 records for any query. This driver is useful for speed testing, to run database-less image receivers, and for DICOM routers. With the NULL driver, the server clone operation took 2 hours and 50 minutes, processing 421 images per second. This is the overhead of the server. Excluding this time from the tests, it shows that MySQL takes about 1 hour to process 4.3 million images, versus 2 hours or more for other servers.

Type	Built-in dbase	Built-in SQLite	MsSQL 2008	MySQL MyISAM	MySQL INNODB	Postgres	NULL	Ms Access
Standard sql (all queries allowed)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Write speed (images per s)	185	240	190	<b>312</b>	208*	215	421	138*
Read speed (pat / s)	1.9 <sup>1</sup>	1.4	0.27	<b>3.0</b>	Very high*	1.5	N/A	High*
Storage (10 <sup>6</sup> images)	1.5 GB	0.7 GB	0.77 GB	<b>0.39 GB</b>	0.89 GB	0.7 GB	N/A	8 GB
Limits	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	250.000 images
Easy to setup	Very	Yes	Slow install	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	ODBC required
Startup speed	Slow	Fast	Fast	Fast	Fast	Fast	N/A	Fast
OS	W/L	W	W	W/L	W/L	W/L	W/L	W
For very large databases	Slow startup	Slightly reduced speed	db maintenance required	High CPU load*	Fine*	Not tested	N/A	Max 0.25 million images
Can servers share database? <sup>3</sup>	No	No	Yes*	Probably	Probably	Probably	N/A	No
Free	Yes	Yes	No	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes

Table. Summary of database tests: tested writing 4.375 million images and then performing queries listing all (average 300) images per patient. Notes: 1) Queries into the image that do not pass a patient ID are very slow, and not all fields can be queried at all levels. 2) For personal use. 3) Useful for multi-headed archive: multiple conquest servers running against the same database and data storage: they all show the same images, and can use mirroring to allow fast access to images for e.g., different hospital departments. \*) Not recently tested.

## Conclusions

See the table above.

For beginner users the built-in SQLite drivers is perfect: it is easy to install and also very fast for

common queries. DbaseIII works OK but should be avoided for heavily loaded production systems. Best performance is definitively found with MySQL5.0, although Postgress is catching up. More experienced users may benefit from SQL server although performance problems occur under certain situations. Using Microsoft Access should be avoided.

Since database speeds are similar, familiarity with a database may be the best reason to select one!

## APPENDIX 2. Using Conquest 1.4.12 with Wampp (Apache, MySQL, PHP) through ODBC by Dipl.-Ing. Hans Dietmar Voigt, 20070121.

NOTE: Parts of this section do not apply to native MySQL driver in version 1.4.16beta, other parts apply to any ODBC based database.

I would advice using of Wampp cause you can build up a web interface for conquest with php. Of course you can also install with mysql 5.0X only.

You need the following files:

Wampp 1.6.6 ( <http://www.wampserver.com/en/index.php> )  
MyODBC-3.51.12.exe ( <http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/connector/odbc/3.51.html> ) msi version  
mysqlcc-0.9.4-win32.zip ( <http://public.planetmirror.com/pub/mysql/Downloads/MySQLCC> )

The installation of Wampp is really easy, just follow the recommended steps:



press next and follow the steps



here you should press ok, www is the folder for your php progs



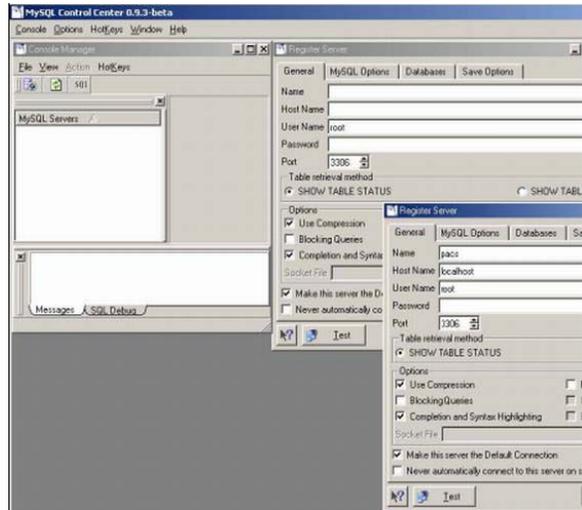
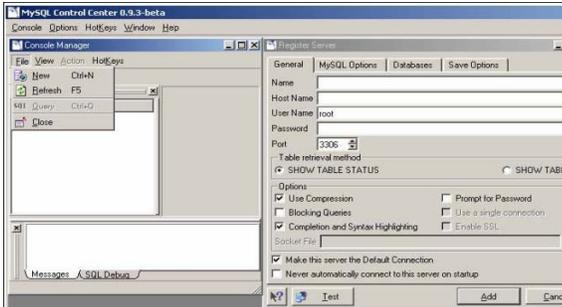
Here you should look for the folder where the executable file of the Internet Explorer is stored, maybe the Microsoft explorer or Firefox.



now the package should be installed successfully. Now you should restart all services. A small icon should appear in the task line. You should read the message – all services running –.

## Creating the Database Conquest with the MySQL control center THIS IS NOT REQUIRED WITH THE NATIVE MYSQL DRIVER IN VERSION 1.4.16beta!

Now we install the MySQL control center ( mysqlcc.exe ) There is not much to talk about, you only should follow the steps. Creating the server and the database conquest. We open the the MySQL Control Center, there the Console Manager and follow the steps below



there we name the server, like 'pacs' in this example, the user is root, but you can name another user as well. We create now the "conquest" database



For this you need to open the line **New Database** and add conquest



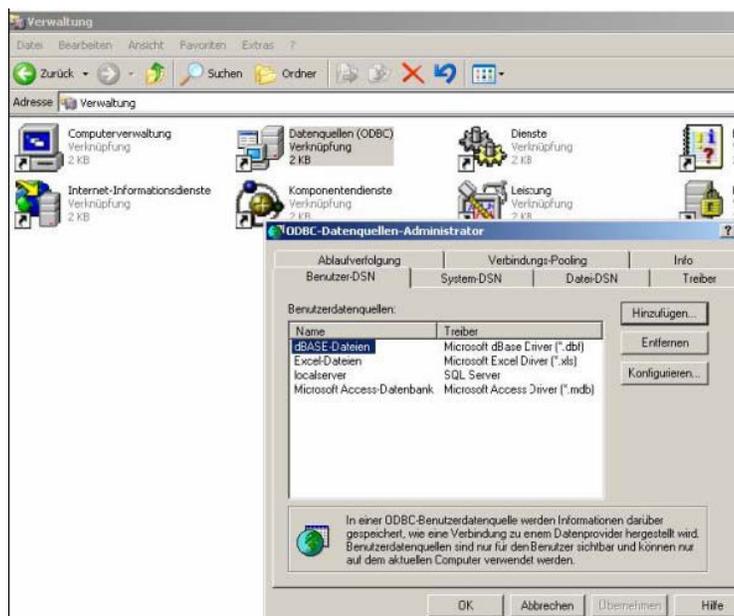
choose your user ( root in our example ) and set the markings as suggested and press Apply

You can choose any other user, but then you have to create one before. I personally would prefer the superuser root.

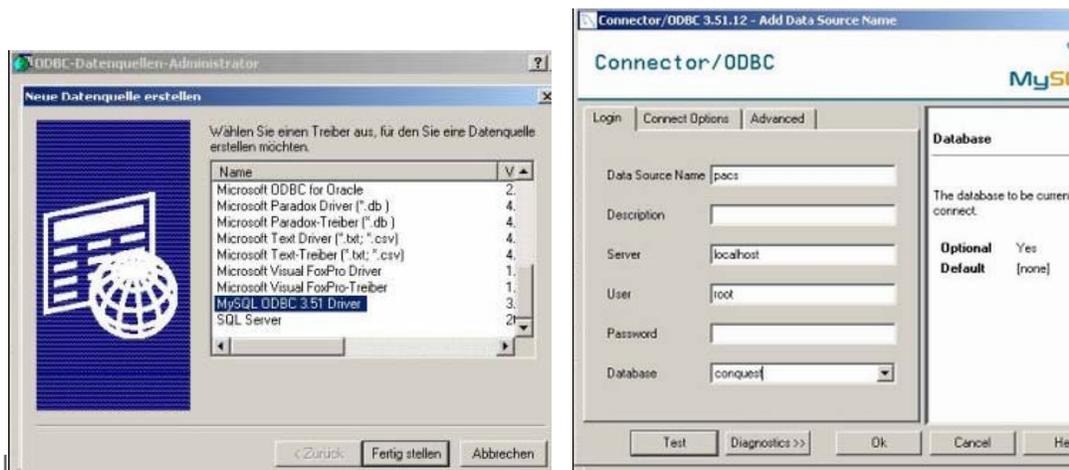
## Setting up the ODBC Driver

**THIS IS NOT REQUIRED WITH THE NATIVE MYSQL DRIVER IN VERSION 1.4.16beta!**

Now we configure the ODBC driver to point to the new "conquest" database you have just created: For this you have to open the administration and there the odbc icon ( here in German: )



Now you have to add the driver. You should add it to the System DSN and the User DSN, the steps are equal.



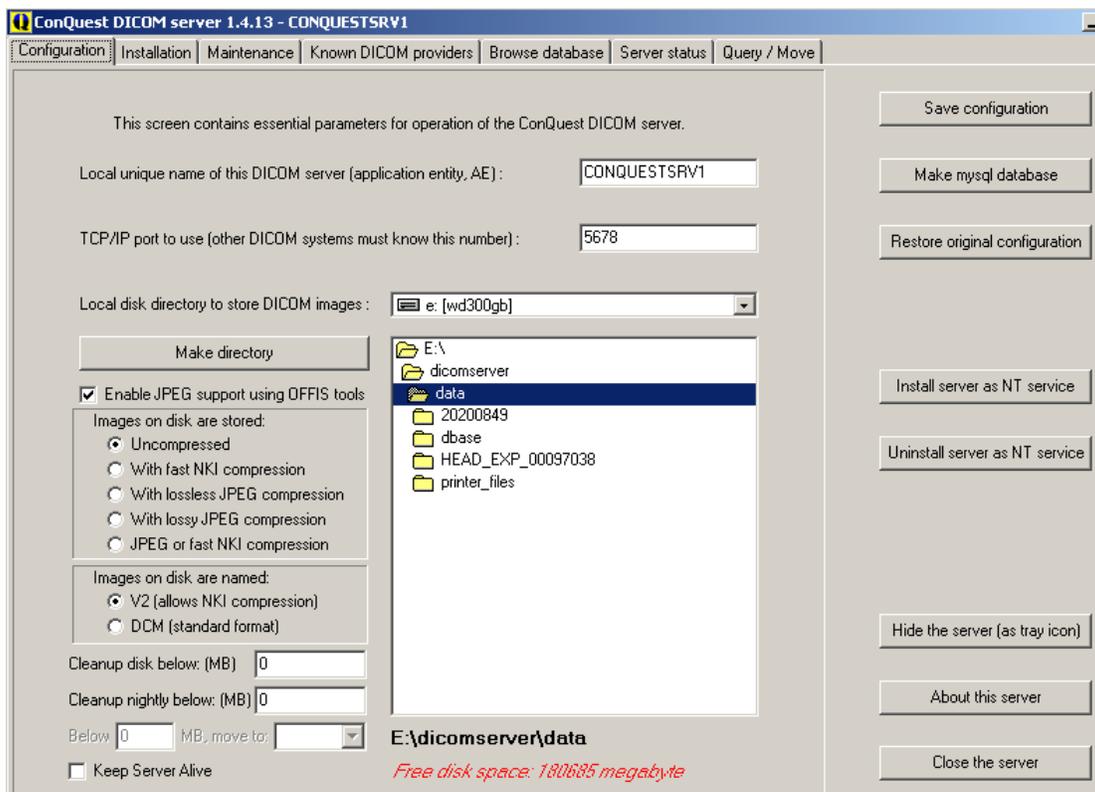
Fill the lines like suggested above. If everything is correctly configured, you can try the server by pressing the button "test data source."

## Configuring Conquest, using ODBC access to any server (not for native MySQL)

Unzip all the conquest-files to 1 folder ( apart from the DATA folder and the bdeinstall ), named like Conquest or Pacserver or what ever you like. Then start the conquest dicom server with a double click, then there should appear the following pop-up:



You should the sql driver even when using MySQL and press okay then. If you choose the native MySQL driver, the installation is simplified.



Here you name your server and make your entries. Then push "Save configuration". To make the CONQUEST server running, close it, make the following changes in the file dicom.ini inside the Conquest directory (THIS IS NOT NECESSARY WITH THE NATIVE DRIVER), and then restart the server:

```
# Host(ignored), name, username and password for ODBC data source
SQLHost = localhost
SQLServer = pacs
Username = root
Password =
DoubleBackSlashToDB = 1
```

Then you should restart the server and verify the database installation. After this you should reinitialize the database at least with a dicom test-file. I use a patient study for this. Furthermore I would create a shortcut from the ConquestDICOMServer.exe and put it in the autostart folder, then the conquest server is always running

when you have started your system, otherwise install server as NT Service.

Thats all, your system should run now. The installation with MsSQL2000 is similar, and may be easier. For the rest you should look at the manual.

Viele Grüße und viel Erfolg  
Dipl-Ing. Hans Dietmar Voigt

## APPENDIX 3. Using Conquest as a DICOM router and gateway.

The Conquest DICOM server has functionality to route incoming DICOM images to other servers (DICOM router) and to forward incoming query/move requests to other servers (DICOM gateway or virtual server). The first option is often used to distribute images over multiple servers based on filters. The second option makes Conquest a perfect image cache and/or central point of access for your hospital's PACS.

Configuration of both options is through DICOM.INI. It is advised to only change DICOM.INI when the server is closed, as "save settings" in the GUI will overwrite your fresh changes. However, for making things work: most items can be changed while the server is running except *ExportConverters*.

### DICOM Routing

The following shows some examples of DICOM routing. There are 6 export converters installed (out of maximal 20: *ExportConverter0..19*), with different filter options:

```
ForwardAssociationLevel      = IMAGE
ForwardAssociationCloseDelay = 5
ForwardAssociationRefreshDelay = 3600
ExportConverters             = 6

ExportModality0      = CT
ExportStationName0  = CT_SCANNER
ExportCalledAE0     = CONQUESTSRV1
ExportCallingAE0    = CONQUESTSRV2
ExportFilter0       = Rows = 512 and Colums = 512
ExportConverter0    = forward to SERVER1

ExportModality1     = MR
ExportConverter1    = forward compressed as j2 to SERVER2

ExportModality2     = RT*
ExportConverter2    = forward to RTSERVER; forward to RTSERVER2

ExportConverter3    = forward patient to VIEWERAE
ExportConverter4    = forward study to SERVER3
Exportconverter5    = ifequal "%u","SERVER2"; stop; between "9", "17"; defer; forward to SERVER2
```

**Note that one or more spaces around the " = " are obligatory!** The item *ExportConverters* determines the number of converters in use. An export converter is an external or internal program that is run for each incoming image slice of prescribed Modality, StationName, CalledAE and CallingAE (\* matches anything, this is the default value). Note that an empty string is not the same as '\*', empty string will only match, e.g., empty Modality. Since version 1.4.12, it is also possible to match against, e.g., "RT\*".

Files that match all items above are tested against an optional SQL statement in *ExportFilterN*, e.g.,

*ImageNumber LIKE '1%'* matches all images with an image number starting on 1. All fields in the database can be used in the SQL statement with the exception of PatientID (ImagePat may be used instead), StudyInstanceUID and SeriesInstanceUID. Since the SQL filtering is relatively slow it is advised to also/only use the hard coded filter options.

Note: When the built-in dBaseIII driver is used, filter queries are limited to fields in the de-normalized image table, and only queries like: *ImageNumber LIKE '1%' and Modality = 'MR'* are supported. Supported fields are listed in the DICOMImages definition in dicom.sql, and only the *and* keyword is supported. Spaces should be used exactly as in the example.

The 'forward compressed as .. to' option may use any style of NKI or JPEG compression using the same values as defined for DroppedFileCompression. In the example, MR is forwarded using loss-less JPEG compression to SERVER2.

Since version 1.4.8, when an export fails, exports on that converter are blocked for 60 s (=FailHoldOff); while 100 s (=RetryDelay) after the last failure they will be automatically retried based on data stored in files like 'ExportFailures5678\_0' (where 5678=port number, 0=converter number). These files may sometimes need to be deleted (the GUI asks so at startup) to stop endless retries or limit the number of retries by setting *MaximumExportRetries* other than 0.

Before version 1.4.12, each image was forwarded on a new association – causing problems on some host systems. With version 1.4.12, new options have been added to change this behavior. The flag *ForwardAssociationLevel* may have values [GLOBAL, SOPCLASS, PATIENT, STUDY, SERIES, IMAGE]. Forwarders keep the association open as long as the UID at *ForwardAssociationLevel* does not change. The default is IMAGE, creating a new association for each image as before. By changing to more global settings more images are sent per association.

However, associations are always closed when a new image type [SOPCLASS] is sent that was not sent before by this converter. After *ForwardAssociationCloseDelay* seconds of inactivity (default 5), the association is closed. After *ForwardAssociationRefreshDelay* seconds of inactivity (default 3600) the list of known sop classes is deleted. This latter option avoids having to restart conquest when other servers change their capability.

The 'forward patient to ' option is new in 1.4.13 and is a 10 minutes (configurable though *ForwardCollectDelay*) delayed forward of the entire patient study (entire study or series can be handled in the same way) to another server. I.e., even if a single image is received, the entire patient is forwarded. This is useful to ensure that all data at a given patient level is available when forwarding i.e., a new image to a viewer like k-pacs (needed for the typical situation where a physician would like to compare a new scan with older scans, giving fast access). It is also useful to ensure that all data is transmitted on a single association. Other new delayed export and import options are "prefetch" (read data from disk to put it in cache, useful when data is stored on hierarchical storage) and "preretrieve SERVER" (collect all data on incoming patient from server, useful when conquest is used as cache for a big PACS). They are all executed on a single thread one at a time in order of reception. Data that is collected by a "preretrieve" statement is not processed by import- or export-converters. The maximum number of retries for these delayed options is set through *MaximumDelayedFetchForwardRetries*.

Export converters lines are executed asynchronously (they are queued in memory in a queue of *QueueSize* length) but will somewhat slow down operation of the server. If one line contains multiple commands (separated by ;) these are executed one by one in sequence. Im- and exportconverts now

have a small scripting language; allowing even more flexibility in routing, see A5.2.1, page 31.

Exportconverter5 is a real-life example of this scripting language. This script uses the commands 'ifequal "%u","SERVER2"; stop;' to ignore all data with calling AE of 'SERVER2'. This will avoid any data from SERVER2 to be sent back to SERVER2 causing a potential loop. The commands 'between "9" and "17"; defer' cause the converter to wait until after 17:00 before subsequent commands are processed using the retrying mechanism. The last command forwards the data to SERVER2. Having a similar line in SERVER2 forwarding to SERVER1 will cause both servers to synchronize after 17:00 without a loop.

## DICOM Gateway or virtual server

DICOM gateway operation is simpler. Just add lines like these to your DICOM.INI:

```
VirtualServerFor0 = SERVER1  
VirtualServerFor1 = SERVER2
```

Queries and move requests sent to the local server are forwarded to the given AE titles in VirtualServerFor0..9. The AE titles must be known in *ACRNEMA.MAP*. The client will effectively see all data of the listed servers and this one *merged* – at the cost of query speed. The merging occurs during *each* query in memory. When moves are performed, images retrieved from the listed servers are stored locally (i.e., the server functions as a DICOM cache). This option makes Conquest a perfect image cache and/or central point of access for your hospital's PACS.

With version 1.4.15, a flag VirtualPerSeries0..9 has been added. It defaults to 0, meaning that a virtual server collects images on an image per image basis. In some cases this may not work, setting this value to N means that if there are more than N images to be collected this will be done on a series per series basis. For Kodak, N should be set to 1000.

## APPENDIX 4. How to set up a Redundant Conquest DICOM Server in a Two-Node Windows Cluster Environment

Alternate Titles I couldn't decide :)

Conquest Redundancy in Eight Easy Steps

Conquest Freedom in Eight Easy Steps

Conquest Cluster in Eight Easy Steps

To set up Conquest in a failover, redundant environment that will be virtually seamless to end-users who need a highly reliable system, we installed Conquest in a Windows Clustered environment. This environment is Active/Passive meaning that only one node has control at any time of the shared drive where all the images are received. The second node sits passively waiting to be manually or automatically failed-over.

This how-to will not explain how to install and configure Windows Clustered Services. There are many documents online detailing how to set up a 2+ node Windows Cluster, and Windows Cluster fundamentals. Setup will require the expertise of a Windows server administrator.

In our case, the cluster environment already existed and we installed Conquest as a DICOM server/listener on these existing servers. If the cluster is in place, you can set up and test all of the following in a couple hours especially if you are already familiar with Conquest

### SET-UP

OS: Windows 2003 Server, Clustered Environment

FileSystem: Veritas Volume MGR installed to manage SAN shares - you can use whatever you want as long as there is a shared drive available.

Nodes: Server A (192.168.1.6), Server B (192.168.1.7)

Virtual IP Address created for cluster: 192.168.1.5

Local drive letter: C:\

Clustered drive letter: G:\ drive for example represents a SAN share that is available to the active node in the cluster

DICOM SCU Device: any CT scanner, DICOM workstation, or other hospital PACS, in our environment we use TeraMedica Evercore since we require storage of DICOM-RT and DICOM-RT-ION.

### INSTRUCTIONS

(1) Set-up two Windows 2003 servers if not already in place. Configure clustered services and a shared drive if not already in place.

(2) Once the cluster is configured, you should have a drive letter typically mounted from a SAN that is shared to only one server node at a time. In this case, we call it G:\ drive.

(3) Once the cluster is configured and tested for fail-over, you will have a Virtual IP address (e.g., 192.168.1.5) and two physical servers: Server A (192.168.1.6) and Server B (192.168.1.7). When you ping the Virtual IP, you are actually pinging whatever is the active node in the cluster. Once you complete all steps, when ever you send DICOM data to the Virtual IP, you are actually sending it to whichever node is active as the primary node.

(4) Install Conquest on the active node local hard drive C:\

(5) The active node is connected to the shared, clustered drive, G:\ drive in our case. Configure Conquest to use some G:\ path instead of C:\ path for all DICOM files. Configure Conquest to use the same exact AE Title and port number on both nodes. You can use the default AET/port# provided by Conquest

(6) Install Conquest as an NT Server Service so that it will run 24/7 listening for incoming data. Follow the rest of the Conquest instructions for customization, setup, etc..

(7) Failover or ask your Windows Server Admin to failover to second node, Server B. Now that Server B is the active node. repeat steps #4, #5, #6 on Server B.

(8) IMPORTANT: now configure your CT scanners, PACS, other DICOM SCU device to send ONLY to the "VIRTUAL IP" address for the Windows Cluster (e.g., 192.168.1.5). This means that no matter which node is currently active, all the files will go to the G:\ drive. Both nodes have the same port# and AET, but it won't matter since only one node is actually receiving data at a time, because only one node receives data through the virtual IP.

Conquest is technically listening actively on both nodes but it doesn't matter. All DICOM data is being sent to the virtual IP address so only the active node that is actively connected to the G:\ drive will actually receive the data. As soon as cluster is failed-over to second, passive node, then that server becomes active and starts receiving the DICOM files.

We tested this many times causing the nodes to fail-over while actively sending files before and during a fail-over. It works pretty well and usually our DICOM SCU's just attempted to resend if it failed while the nodes were in the middle of a fail-over. Your mileage may vary, but it makes your system a lot more redundant and you don't have to worry about any single server point of failure. Although this was done in a Windows Cluster, I'm sure you could create the same situation in a Linux Cluster.

Happy ConQuesting!  
Kim L. Dang

## APPENDIX 5. Using CONQUEST WEB server

Since version 1.4.8, a small WEB interface has been built in into the Conquest DICOM server. To enable it, you need to put **dgate.exe**, a special **dicom.ini**, (**optional**) **dicom.sql** as well as (optional) scripts into the cgi-bin directory of your WEB server, and **ActiveFormProj1.ocx** and **conquest.jpg** in the www directory of your web server. This has been tested with Apache servers running and Windows, WAMP5, and Microsoft IIS under NT4/WIN2K/XP. For Linux or Unix, the file **dgate.exe** is replaced by the file **dgate**.

The dgate executable acts as a CGI interface (see routine DgateCgi in dgate.cpp) to a dicom server (another dgate executable) that runs elsewhere (most likely on the same computer, but may be on another computer). It uses DICOM.INI to set various things like the IP port on which it communicates, and it uses DICOM.SQL to autoformat database pages (e.g., for the worklist). The communication goes through a private DICOM interface. This setup has the advantage that the in-memory index of the database can be reused by the WEB interface. Also, the status of the actual server can be seen from the WEB interface. DICOM.SQL must always be the same as the one in the server that is used, therefore it is best to set the correct path. The DICOM.INI used for the web server is a different one as the one in the server. It has a number of entries that are explained below:

```
#
# This file contains configuration information for the conquest cgi web server;
# it must be in the same directory as the dgate.exe in the web server script directory.
# For wamp: dgate.exe runs if it is put in C:\wamp\Apache2\cgi-bin
# The server home page is then "http://127.0.0.1/cgi-bin/dgate.exe?mode=top"
# The cgi interface has been tested with wamp5, dgate4.12d, and ie6sp1
#
# modified 20070213: default to n4, note about ocx only required on client
# modified 20080902: webreadonly ON; graphics and viewer configs; sample scripted web pages
#

[sscscp]
MicroPACS                = sscscp

# database layout (copy dicom.sql to the web server script directory or point to the one in
# your dicom server directory)

kFactorFile              = c:\dicomserver\dicom.sql
TruncateFieldNames      = 10

# default IP address and port of DICOM server (may be non-local, web pages empty if wrong)
# use version 1.4.14 up, if an older version some feautues will not work

WebServerFor            = 127.0.0.1
TCPPort                 = 5678

# path to script engine: ocx will not download images if wrong - shows as black square with
# controls; for wamp: dgate.exe runs if it is put in C:\wamp\Apache2\cgi-bin

WebScriptAddress        = http://127.0.0.1/cgi-bin/dgate.exe

# web or local location of ActiveFormProj1.ocx for download (include trailing / or \)
# the activeX control will not download if wrong or security too high - shows as white
# square with red x. note: it only needs to be registered by the client, not the server!
# for wamp: the ocx canNOT be in C:\wamp\Apache2\cgi-bin, I put it in c:\wamp\www (above
# cgi-bin) - the default value is derived from WebScriptAddress
```

```

#WebCodeBase          = http://127.0.0.1/

# if set to 1, the web user cannot edit databases and (in future) other things

#WebReadOnly          = 1

# this is an optional virtual directory used to http: all images from mag0
# this entry is experimental and unused except for viewer=seriesviewer2
# in this mode (only) ocx will not download images if wrong - shows as black square with
# controls - the default value is derived from WebScriptAddress

#WebMAG0Address       = http://127.0.0.1/mag0

# excerpt from C:\wamp\Apache2\conf\httpd.conf required for WebMAG0Address (un-# there)
# or use the wamp traybar menu to create the alias

#Alias /mag0/ "c:/dicomserver/data/"
#
#<Directory "c:/dicomserver/data">
#   Options Indexes MultiViews
#   AllowOverride None
#   Order allow,deny
#   Allow from all
#</Directory>

# these settings control size of slice and series viewers, max size of transmitted dicom
# images (0=original), compression for images sent to the activex (may be un,nl..4,j1,j2),
# the size of the icons in the image list, the image type used for icons and slice display
# (gif, bmp or jpg) and the dgate mode containing the viewer (may be seriesviewer,
# seriesviewer2, noviewer, serversideviewer, or aiviewer - java code of the latter not
# included with 1.4.15).
# note: all items require at least one space left and right of the '=' !

[webdefaults]
size      = 560
dsize     = 0
compress  = n4
iconsize  = 48
graphic   = gif
viewer    = serversideviewer

# this creates web page http://xxxxx/cgi-bin/dgate.exe?mode=sample

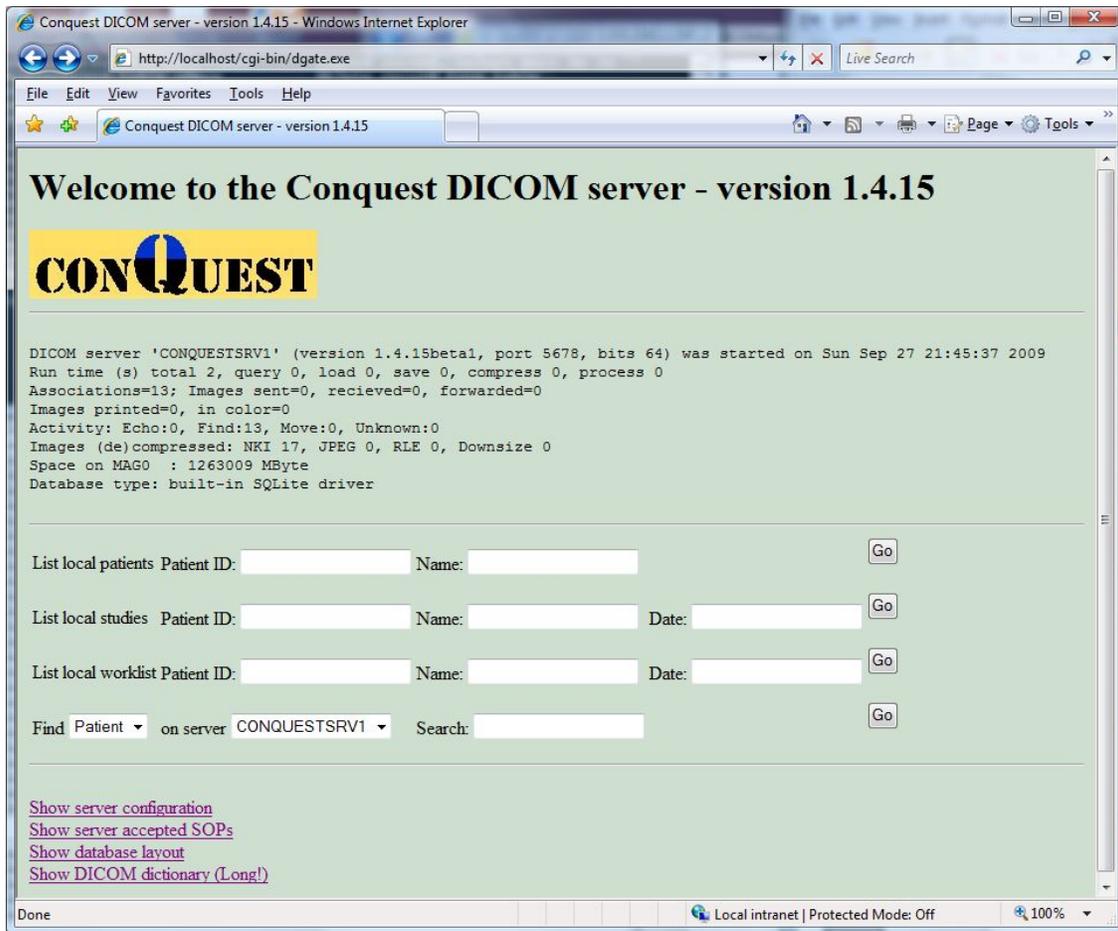
[sample]
source    = sample.cq
variable  = sample 1

# this creates web page http://xxxxx/cgi-bin/dgate.exe?mode=sample2
# Note: in the header parameter newline is written as \

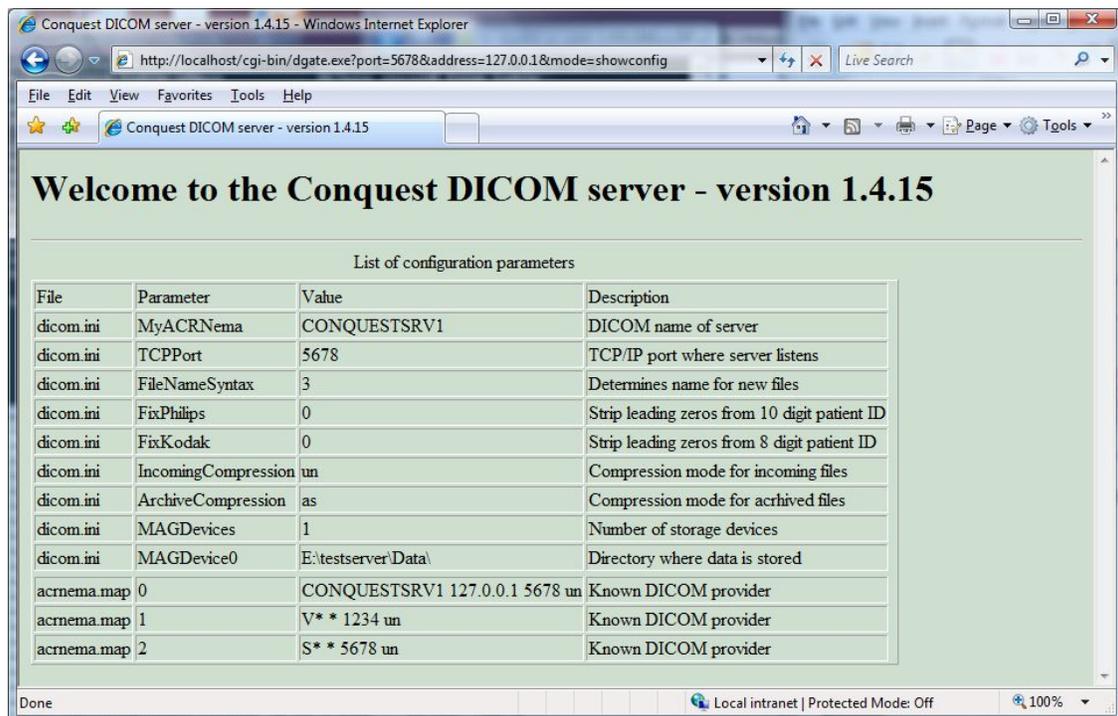
[sample2]
variable  = sample 2
line0     = <HEAD><TITLE>Conquest DICOM server - %variable%</TITLE></HEAD>
line1     = <BODY BGCOLOR='CFDFCF'>
line2     = <H2>Conquest DICOM server - %variable%</H2>
line3     = </BODY>
header    = Content-type: text/html\Cache-Control: no-cache\

```

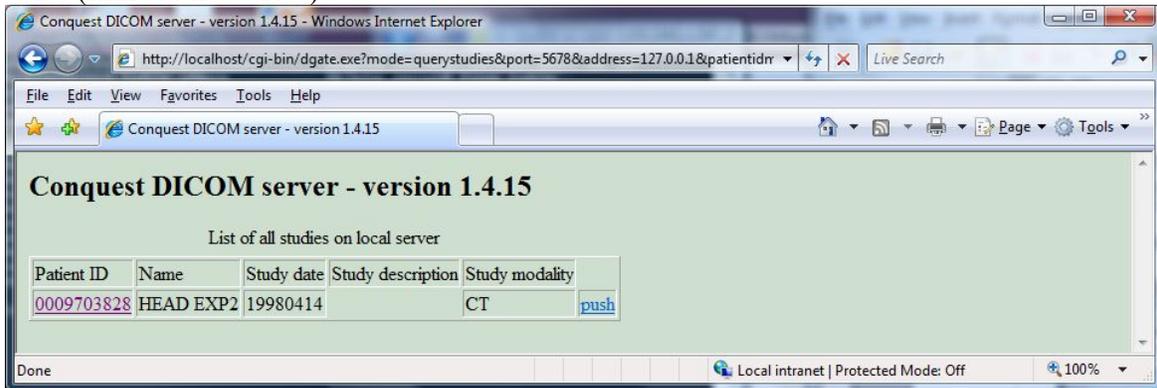
Here are some snapshots of version 1.4.15. This is the home page



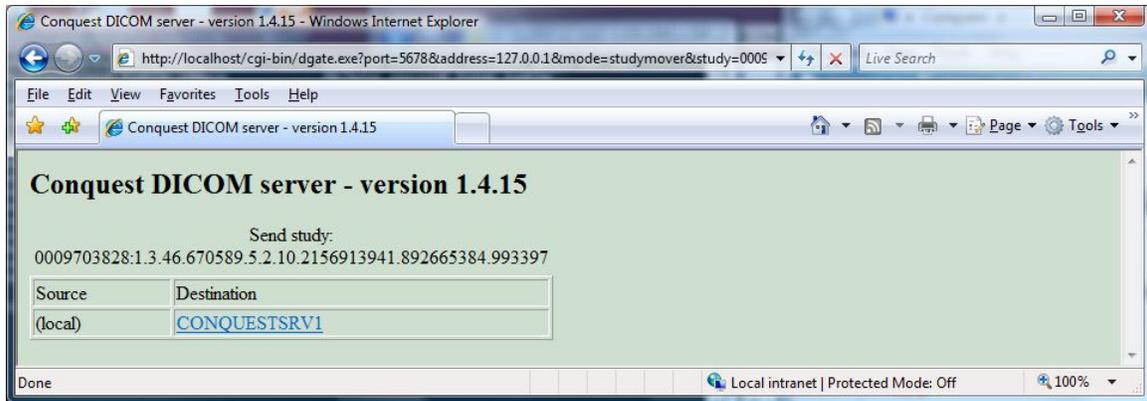
Server configuration (incomplete and read only for now):



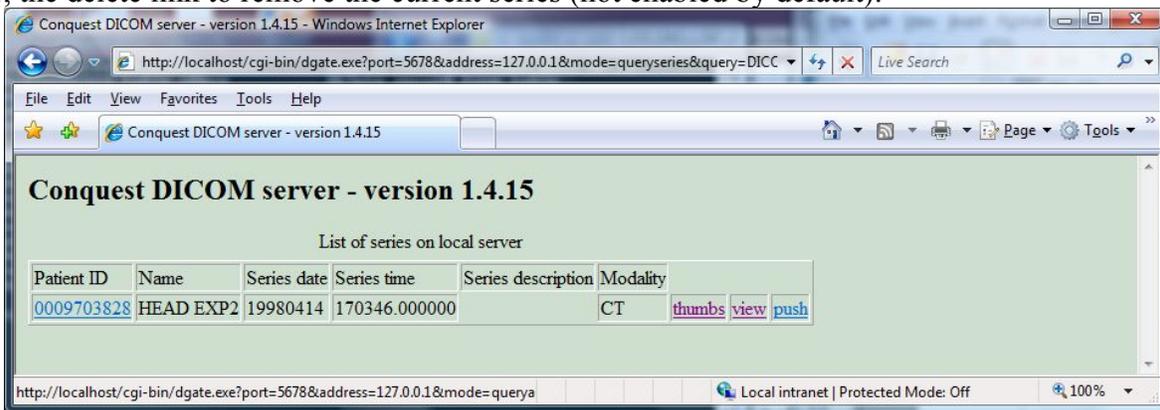
List studies (links to list series):



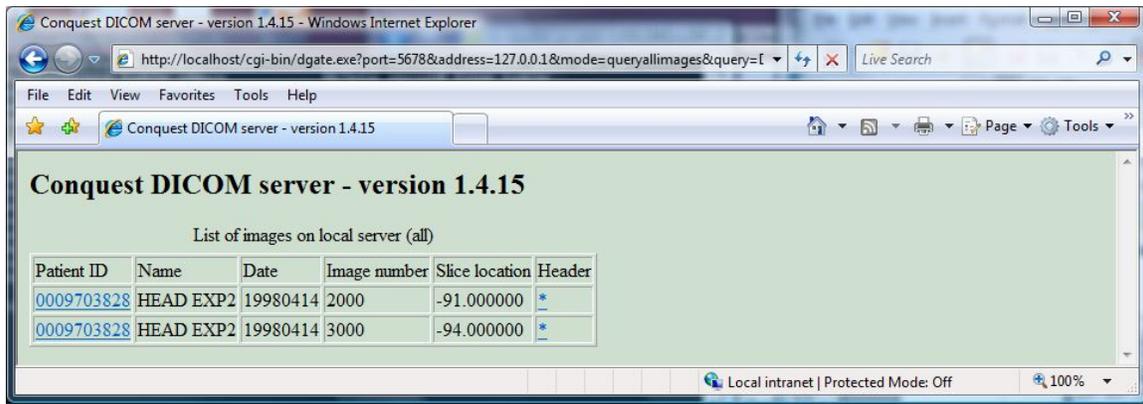
Push a series to another DICOM station:



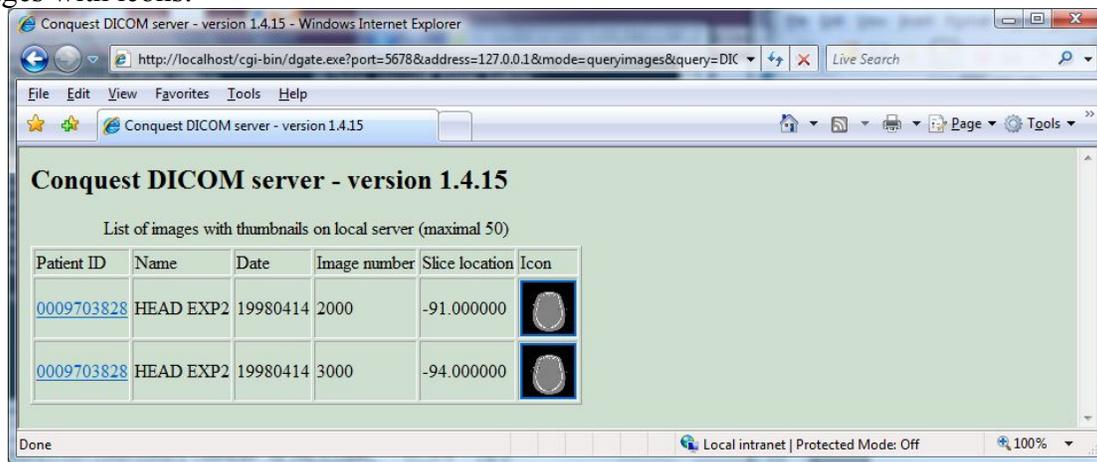
List series (the thumbs link goes to an image list with icons, the patient ID to one without icons, the view hypertext links to the K-PACS ActiveX viewer), the push link allows moving data to another server, the delete link to remove the current series (not enabled by default):



List images without icons:

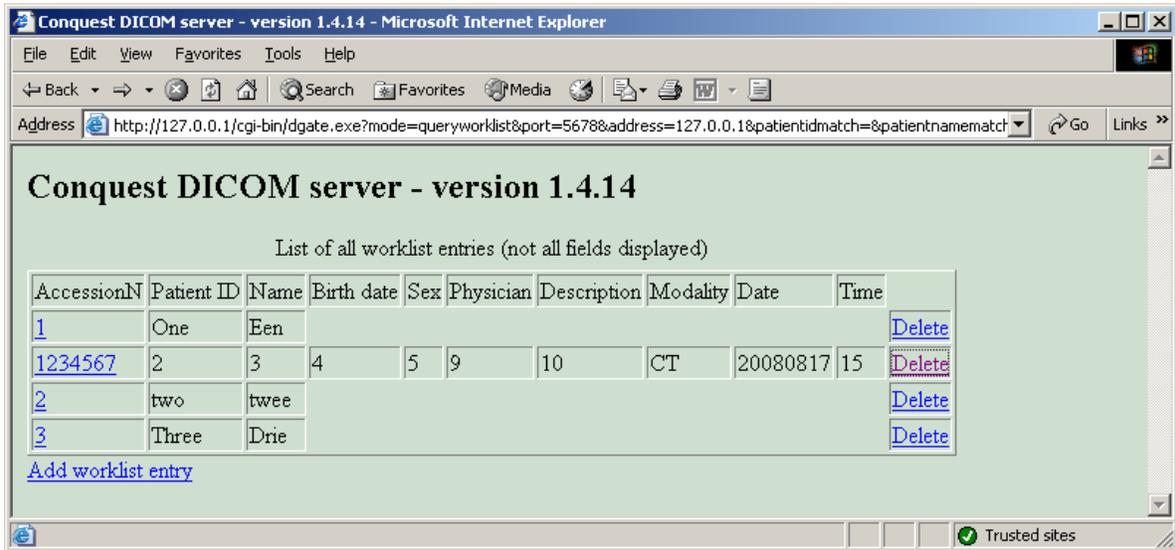


List images with icons:

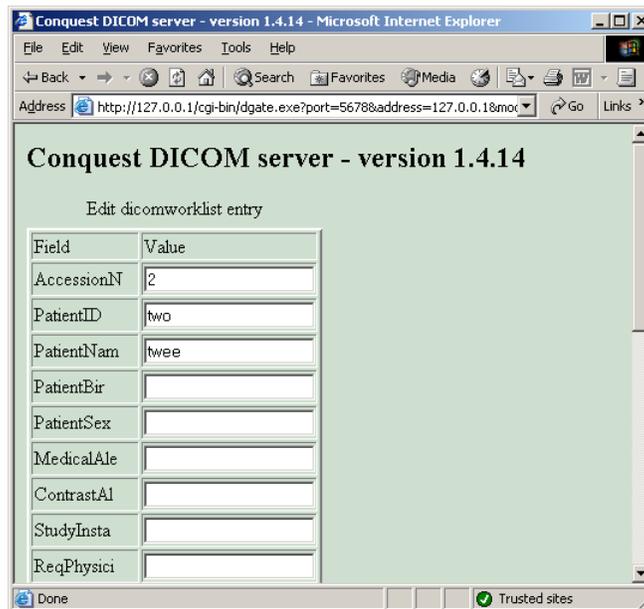


View images with K-PACS viewer (set viewer=seriesviewer in dicom.ini), and the minimal server side viewer (viewer=serversideviewer in dicom.ini):

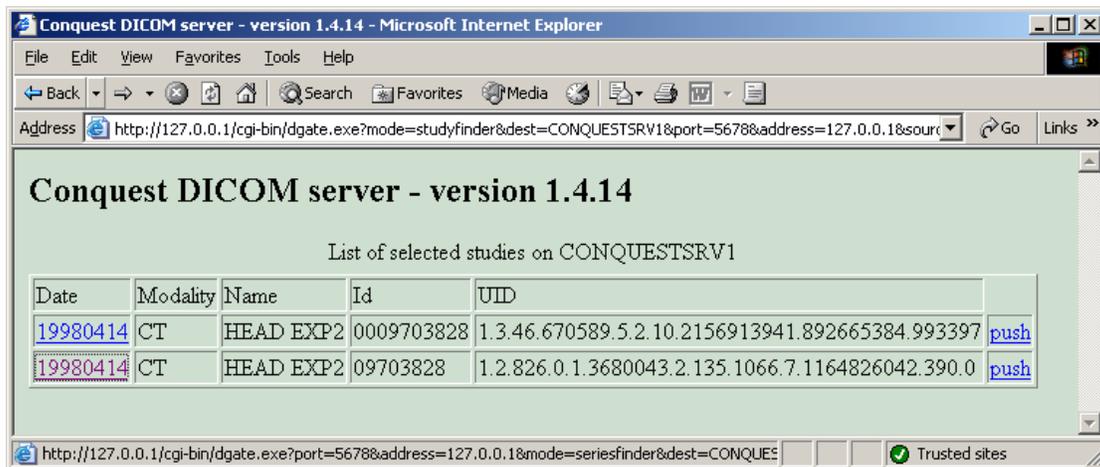




Edit or add to worklist:



The find button on the main page allows querying other servers:



Find Patient will search a substring of name or patient ID, Find Study/Series will search a substring of name or patient ID or a study/series date (yyyy, yyyyymm, yyyyymmdd, or date range). Push will initiate copying of data from the selected server to any other server known in **acrnema.map**

Note 1): some browsers will not correctly refresh dynamic pages such as the worklist table. In this case, use F5 to refresh the page manually.

Note 2): Help with further development of WEB pages would be appreciated. A small script engine is now built in (see **sample.cq**), that allows adding web pages without recompiling dgate.exe. It works by substituting items like %variable%, and running dgate (see appendix 6) to collect data from the server for the web page. See the description of **dicom.ini** at the start of this section.

Here is sample.cq:

```
<HEAD><TITLE>Conquest DICOM server - %variable%</TITLE></HEAD>
<BODY BGCOLOR='CFDFCF'>
<H2>Conquest DICOM server - %variable%</H2>

<BR>
#this is equivalent to: dgate "--display_status:"
#where the output is sent to the web page (unquoted)
<listing>
--display_status:
</listing>

<hr>
#the format parameter of the dgate -- command is used to create HTML tags
--get_amaps:<br>%s <strong>%s %s</strong>

<hr>
#example of database query
--query2:DICOMPpatients|PatientID||<br>%s

</BODY>
```

and its output:

Conquest DICOM server - sample 1 - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address <http://127.0.0.1/cgi-bin/dgate.exe?mode=sample> Go Links

## Conquest DICOM server - sample 1

DICOM server 'ARCHIVE' (version 1.4.14, port 5678) was started on Tue Sep 02 21:32:14 2008  
Run time (s) total 10, query 0, load 0, save 0, compress 0, process 0  
Associations=0; Images sent=0, recieved=0, forwarded=0  
Images printed=0, in color=0  
Activity: Echo:0, Find:0, Move:0, Unknown:0  
Images (ds)compressed: WKI 11, JPEG 0, ELE 0, Downsize 0  
Space on MAG0 : 2308 MByte

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CONQUESTSRV1 127.0.0.1 5678  
TEST\_1 127.0.0.1 5678  
ARCHIVE 127.0.0.1 5678  
CONQUESTSRV2 127.0.0.1 5679  
CONQUESTSRV3 127.0.0.1 5680  
NKIPACS 127.0.0.1 5679  
LINUX 192.168.0.90 5678  
BOX 192.168.0.63 5678  
SKY 192.168.0.34 5678  
SUPERMICRO 192.168.0.53 5678  
WIN64 192.168.0.164 5678  
KPSERVER 127.0.0.1 111  
KNOPPIX 192.168.0.188 5678  
MICROPLUS 192.168.1.115 5678  
CALLING\_AE 127.0.0.1 104  
CFW 192.168.0.125 5678  
SOLARIS 192.168.0.226 5678  
COMPAQ compaq 5678

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Done Trusted sites

## APPENDIX 6

The following listing shows the output of `dgate -?` (always in progress) :

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DGATE: UCDCM/NKI DICOM server thread and PACS utility application 1.4.16beta

Usage:

```
(1) DGATE <-!#|-v|-u#|^#> Report as in dicom.ini|stdout|UDP|File(#=port)
    [-p#|-qIP|-b] Set port|Set target IP|run debug 1-thread mode
    [-wDIR] Set the working directory for dgate(ini,dic,...)
    [-i|-r|-arDEVICE] Init|Init/regenerate DB|Regen single device
    [-d|-m|-k] List (-d) devices (-m) AE map (-k) DICOM.SQL
    [-t|-o] Test console|Test database
    [-sOpt|-esap d u p] Create ODBC source (WIN32), database with SAPw
    [-nd|-nc#|-jd|-jc#] NKI de-/compress#|JPEG de-/compress# FILE
    [-j*##|-j-##FILE] Recompress FILE to ##
    [-as#,N|-amFROM,TO] Select#KB to archive of MAGN|move device data
    [-au|-aeFROM,TO] Undo select for archiving|rename device
    [-av|-atDEVICE] Verify mirror disk|Test read files for DEVICE
    [-abJUKEBOX1.2,N] Make cacheset to burn JUKEBOX1,CD2 from MAGN
    [-acJUKEBOX1.2] Verify JUKEBOX1,CD2 against cacheset
    [-adJUKEBOX1.2] Verify and delete cacheset for JUKEBOX1, CD2
    [-f<p|t|s|i>ID] Delete DB for Patient, sStudy, Series, Image
    [-f<e|d|z>file] Enter/Delete DB of file, Zap server file
    [-faFILE<,ID>] Add file to server<optionally change PATID>
    [-zID] Delete (zap) patient
    [-frDEVICE,DIR] Regen single directory DIR on DEVICE
    [-f<c|k>PATID,file] Change/Kopy PATID of file (irreversible/once)
    [-f?file|-fu|-c#] get UID of file|Make new UID|UID helper(0..99)
    [-ff#] Delete old patients until #MB free
    [-gSERVER,DATE] grab images from SERVER of date not on here
    Otherwise: run as threaded server, port=1111

(2) DGATE FileMapping Run server child; shared memory has socket#

(3) DGATE <-pPORT> <-qIP> --command:arguments
    Send command to (this or other) running server
    (works directly - use with care)

Delete options:
--deleteimagefile:file Delete given image file from server
--deletpatient:patid Delete given patient from server
--deletestudy:patid:studyuid Delete given study from server
--deletestudies:date(range) Delete studies from server on date
--deleteseries:patid:seriesuid Delete given series from server
--deleteimagefromdb:file Delete given file from db only
--deletesopfromdb:pat,study,series,sop Delete specified image from db only

DICOM move options:
--movepatient:source,dest,patid Move patient, source e.g. (local)
--movestudy:source,dest,patid:studyuid Move study, patid: optional
--movestudies:source,dest,date(range) Move studies on date
--moveseries:src,dst,patid:seruid,stuid Move series patid: optional

Modification of dicom objects:
--modifypatid:patid,file Change patid of given file
--anonymize:patid,file Anonymize given file
--modifyimage:file,script Change items in file
--mergestudy:uid,uid,.. Start merging studies with given studyuids
--mergestudyfile:file Use to process all files to merge
--mergeseries:uid,uid,.. Start merging series with given seriesuids
--mergeseriesfile:file Use to process all files to merge
--attachanytopatient:any,sample Modify uids to attach any object to
--attachanytostudy:any,sample patient|study|series in sample file
--attachanytoseries:any,sample Do not attach same at different levels
--attachrtplantortstruct:plan,struc Attach rtplan to rtstruct

Maintenance options:
--initializetables: Clear and create database
--initializetables:1 Clear and create database without indices
--initializetables:2 Clear and create worklist database
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--regen: Re-generate entire database  
--regendev:device Re-generate database for single device  
--regendir:device,dir Re-generate database for single directory  
--regenfile:file Re-enter given file in database  
--makespace:# Delete old patients to make #MB space  
--quit: Stop the server

Logging options:

--debuglog\_on:file/port Start debug logging  
--log\_on:file/port/pipe Start normal logging  
--debuglevel:# Set debug logging level  
--display\_status:file Display server status  
--checklargestmalloc: Estimates DICOM object size limit  
--get\_freestore:dev,fmt Report free #Mb on device  
--testmode:# Append # to dicom filenames

Configuration options:

--get\_param:name,fmt Read any parameter from DICOM.INI  
--get\_ini\_param:name,fmt Read any parameter from DICOM.INI  
--get\_ini\_num:index,fmt List any entry from DICOM.INI  
--get\_ini:fmt List all entries from DICOM.INI  
--put\_param:name,value Write any parameter to DICOM.INI  
--delete\_param:name Delete any parameter from DICOM.INI  
--read\_ini: Re-read all parameters from DICOM.INI  
--get\_amap:index,fmt List any entry from ACRNEMA.MAP  
--get\_amaps:fmt List all entries from ACRNEMA.MAP  
--put\_amap:i,AE,ip,p#,cmp Write entry in memory for ACRNEMA.MAP  
--delete\_amap:index Delete entry in memory for ACRNEMA.MAP  
--write\_amap: Write ACRNEMA.MAP from memory to disk  
--read\_amap: Re-read ACRNEMA.MAP from disk to memory  
--get\_sop:index,fmt List any accepted service class UID  
--put\_sop:index,UID,name Write/add accepted service class UID  
--delete\_sop:index Delete accepted service class UID  
--get\_transfer:index,fmt List any accepted transfer syntax  
--put\_transfer:in,UID,nam Write/add accepted transfer syntax  
--delete\_transfer:index Delete accepted transfer syntax  
--get\_application:idx,fmt List any accepted application UID  
--put\_application:i,U,n Write/add accepted application UID  
--delete\_application:inde Delete accepted application UID  
--get\_localae:index,fmt List any accepted local AE title  
--put\_localae:in,AE,name Write/add accepted local AE title  
--delete\_localae:index Delete accepted local AE title  
--get\_remoteae:index,fmt List any accepted remote AE title  
--put\_remoteae:in,AE,name Write/add accepted remote AE title  
--delete\_remoteae:index Delete accepted remote AE title  
--get\_dic:index,fmt List any dicom dictionary item  
--get\_sqldef:level,in,fmt List any database field definition

Communication options:

--addimagefile:file,patid Copy file into server, optionally new patid  
--loadhl7:file Load HL7 data into worklist  
--dump\_header:filein,fileout Create header dump of file  
--forward:file,mode,server Send file with compr. mode to server  
--grabimagesfromserver:AE,date Update this server from other  
--prefetch:patientid Prefetch all images for improved speed

Test options:

--genuid: Generate an UID  
--changeuid:UID Give new UID as generated now or before  
--changeuidback:UID Give old UID from one generated above  
--checksum:string Give checksum of string  
--testcompress:file Enter file in server with many compressions  
--clonedb:AE Clone db from server for testing

Conversion options:

--convert\_to\_gif:file,size,out,l/w/f Downsize and convert to mono GIF  
--convert\_to\_bmp:file,size,out,l/w/f Downsize and convert to color BMP  
--convert\_to\_jpg:file,size,out,l/w/f Downsize and convert to color JPG  
--convert\_to\_dicom:file,size,comp,f Downsize/compress/frame DICOM  
--extract\_frames:file,out,first,last Select frames of DICOM file  
--count\_frames:file report # frames in DICOM file  
--uncompress:file,out Uncompress DICOM

Database options:

```

--query:table|fields|where|fmt|file Arbitrary query output to file
--query2:tab|fld|whe|fmt|max|file Same but limit output rows to max
--patientfinder:srv|str|fmt|file List patients on server
--studyfinder:srv|str|fmt|file List studies on server
--seriesfinder:srv|str|fmt|file List series on server
--serieslister:srv|pat|stu|fmt|file List series in a study
--imagelister:srv|pat|ser|fmt|file List files in a series
--extract:PatientID = 'id' Extract all dbase tables to X..
--extract: Extract patient dbase table to XA..
--addrecord:table|flds|values Append record, values must be in ''
--deleterecord:table,where Delete record from table
For DbaseIII without ODBC:
--packdbf: Pack database, recreate memory index
--indexdbf: Re-create memory index

Archival options:
--renamedevice:from,to Rename device in database
--verifymirrordisk:device Verify mirror disk for selected device
--testimages:device Test read all images on device
--movedatatodevice:to,from Move data from one device to another
--selectlruforarchival:kb,device Step 1 for archival: to device.Archival
--preparebunchforburning:to,from Step 2 for archival: moves to cache
--deletebunchafterburning:deviceto Step 3 for archival: deletes from cache
--comparebunchafterburning:deviceto Part step 3 - compare jukebox to cache
--restoremagflags: Undo archival sofar

```

## APPENDIX 7. Configuration Files and Discussion

### 7.1 AE Title/Presentation Address Mapping

The Local AE Title is configurable by the user by editing the dicom.ini file via the "**Configuration**" page of the Conquest DICOM server.

The following fields are configurable for this AE (local):

- Local AE Title
- Listening TCP/IP Port (port 5678 is default)
- Query & Retrieve Information Model.
- SQL Data source and databases.

The following fields are configurable for every remote DICOM AE:

- Remote AE
- Remote TCP/IP Port
- Remote IP Address
- Compression mode

### 7.2 dicom.ini

This file is placed in the same directory as the executable (e.g., c:\dicomserver). It specifies the configuration of the MicroPACSMain DICOM AE. It is written automatically by the Conquest DICOM server upon installation and when changing the configuration (use the "**Save configuration**" button on the "**Configuration**" page). Editing it by hand is generally not necessary or advised. *Note that spaces around the ' = ' in each entry are **REQUIRED!***

```
# This file contains configuration information for the DICOM server
# Do not edit unless you know what you are doing

[sscscp]
MicroPACS           = sscscp
Edition             = Personal

# Network configuration: server name and TCP/IP port#
MyACRNema           = CONQUESTSRV1
TCPPort             = 5678

# Reference to other files: known dicom servers; database layout; sops (do not change)
ACRNemaMap          = acrnema.map
kFactorFile         = dicom.sql
SOPClassList        = d Gatesop.lst

# Host, name, username and password for SQL server (host ignored for ODBC)
SQLHost             = localhost
SQLServer           = E:\Dicomserver\Data\ibase\
Username            = conquest
Password            = conquest
Postgres            = 0
```

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MySQL = 0
SQLite = 0
BrowseThroughDBF = 1
DoubleBackSlashToDB = 0
UseEscapeStringConstants = 0

# Configure database
TruncateFieldNames = 10
MaxFieldLength = 254
MaxFileNameLength = 255
FixPhilips = 0
FixKodak = 0
KeepAlive = 0
LargeFileSizeKB = 1024
PrintSquareLandscape = 0
ZipTime = 05:
UIDPrefix = 1.2.826.0.1.3680043.2.135.730956.43877812
EnableReadAheadThread = 1
StorageFailedErrorCode = 272
SendUpperCaseAE =
PatientQuerySortOrder =
StudyQuerySortOrder =
SeriesQuerySortOrder =
ImageQuerySortOrder =
EnableComputedFields = 0
IndexDBF = 1
PackDBF = 0
LongQueryDBF = 1000
TCPIPTimeOut = 300
FailHoldOff = 60
RetryDelay = 100
RetryForwardFailed = 0
ImportExportDragAndDrop = 0
QueueSize = 128
WorkListMode = 0
WorkListReturnsISO_IR_100 = 1
DebugLevel = 0
Prefetcher = 0
LRUSort =
AllowTruncate =
DecompressNon16BitsJpeg = 1
UseBuiltInJPEG = 1
UseOpenJPG = 0
LossyQuality = 95
IgnoreOutOfMemoryErrors = 0
PadAEWithZeros = 0
FileNameSyntax = 3

# Configuration of compression for incoming images and archival
DroppedFileCompression = un
IncomingCompression = un
ArchiveCompression = as

# Names of the database tables
PatientTableName = DICOMPatients
StudyTableName = DICOMStudies
SeriesTableName = DICOMSeries
ImageTableName = DICOMImages

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DmarkTableName          = DICOMAccessUpdates
RegisteredMOPDeviceTable = RegisteredMOPIDs
UIDToMOPIDTable        = UIDToMOPID
UIDToCDRIDTable        = UIDToCDRID

# Banner and host for debug information
PACSName                = CONQUESTSRV1
OperatorConsole         = localhost

# Configure email of error messages
MailHost                =
MailPort                =
MailSignon              =
MailFromName            =
MailRcptName1           =
MailCollectTime        = 1
MailWaitTime           = 10

# Configuration of disk(s) to store images
MAGDeviceThreshold     = 0
MAGDevices              = 2
MAGDevice0              = c:\dicomserver\data\
MAGDevice1              = d:\dicomserver_backup\
IgnoreMAGDeviceThreshHold = 0
NightlyCleanThreshold  = 0
NightlyMoveThreshold   = 1000
NightlyMoveTarget      = MAG1

# Configuration of mirror disk(s) to store images
MIRRORDevices          = 1
MIRRORDevice0          = H:\mirror_data\

# Configuration of disk(s) to hold images prior to archival
CACHEDevices           = 1
CACHEDevice0           = f:\cache\cd%02d_%04d\

# Configuration of disk jukebox(es) for archival
JUKEBOXDevices         = 1
JUKEBOXDevice0         = x:\jukebox\cd00_%04d\

# Configuration of the virtual server
CacheVirtualData       = 1
VirtualServerFor0      = TESTAE
VirtualPerSeries0      = 0

# Configuration of external (browse page) and demo (on receive) viewer
ExternalViewer         = e:\quirt\runtime\planning\imview.exe
DemoViewer             =
DemoCopy               =

# Configuration of forwarding and/or converter programs to export DICOM slices
ForwardAssociationLevel = IMAGE
ForwardAssociationCloseDelay = 5
ForwardAssociationRefreshDelay = 3600
ForwardAssociationRelease = 1

ExportConverters       = 1
ExportModality0       = CT

```

```

ExportStationName0      = *
ExportCalledAE0         = *
ExportCallingAE0        = *
ExportFilter0           =
ExportConverter0        = nop ExportConverter logs filename: %f

```

# Configuration of rules to modify, log or reject incoming DICOM slices

```

ImportConverters        = 1
ImportModality0         = CT
ImportStationName0      = *
ImportCalledAE0         = *
ImportCallingAE0        = *
ImportConverter0        = nop ImportConverter logs filename: %f

```

```

ForwardCollectDelay     = 600
MaximumExportRetries    = 0
MaximumDelayedFetchForwardRetries = 0

```

# Configuration of rules to modify, log or reject queries and moves

```

QueryConverter0         = nop Query command logs info: %u %c %i
QueryResultConverter0   = nop Query result logs info: %u %c %s %i
RetrieveConverter0       = nop Retrieve command logs info: %u %c %s %i
RetrieveResultConverter0 = nop Retrieve result logs info: %u %c %s %i
WorkListQueryConverter0 = nop WorkList query command logs info: %u %c %i
ModalityWorkListQueryResultConverter0 = nop WorkList query result logs info: %u %c %s %i

```

# Configuration of rules that run as compression flags s0..s9

```

CompressionConverter0   = nop Compressing with option s0

```

Some explanation of the most important items:

**SQLHost.** Name of host computer with SQL server. Only used in Postgres and MySQL mode.

**SQLServer.** Name of ODBC data source, path to directory with DBF database files in case the built-in DbaseIII driver is used, filename and path of the database file for SQLite, or name of database in MySQL mode. Empty for NULL driver.

**Postgres.** Windows and Linux code is included to use a PostgreSQL database. Under Linux, recompiling the server with `-DPOSTGRES` and setting this flag to 1 will enable the Postgres driver. On windows, Postgres client DLL's (libpq.dll, msvc71.dll, libxslt.dll, libxml2.dll, libintl3.dll, libiconv2.dll, libeay32.dll, krb5\_32.dll, and k5sprt32.dll) must be accessible for Postgres to work. NOTE; a 64 bits Postgres access DLL is included with the release. The 32 bits Postgres DLL's are not redistributed with the windows server release. Default it is 0.

**MySQL.** Windows code is included for native access to a MySQL database. For correct operation. Setting this flag to 1 will enable the MySQL driver. Correct versions of the mysql DLL's (Windows only) are redistributed with the windows server release. For 64 bits, the DLL should be named libmysql64.dll. Default it is 0.

**SQLite.** Windows/Linux code is built-in to create and access a SQLite database. Setting this flag to 1 will enable the SQLite driver. Default it is 1.

**BrowseThroughDBF.** This flag controls the image browser in the user interface only. Normally it is set to 0, while when SQLite or Postgres is used, it is set to 1. For all other database systems this option is default 0 but may be set to 1. When set, the browser does not access the native database format directly, but uses code in the server core to create DBF files of the selected patient. It is useful when the normal browser does not work: this is a known issue with MsSQL2005 on windows server 2003.

**DoubleBackSlashToDB.** If this value is 1, strings sent in queries and updates will have a \ replaced by \\. This option must be set to 1 for MySQL and PostGres and to 0 for other SQL servers. The built in dbase driver accepts both settings.

**UseEscapeStringConstants.** If this value is 1, strings sent in queries and updates will have an E prepended when escape characters are used. This option must be set to 1 for recent versions of PostGres and to 0 for other SQL servers. The built in dbase driver accepts both settings.

**MyACRNema.** Application Entity (AE) title. Edit it here if the GUI does not accept the character you would like to use like an underscore.

**TCPPort.** IP port on which the server listens. The default is 5678. If this port is occupied the server does not start. It may be set to an arbitrary value, as long as other servers know it.

**TruncateFieldNames.** DBASE files do not allow field name lengths in excess of 10 characters. This option truncates the names. Leave this option at 10, since the Delphi user interface, the WEB interface, and some of the archival options expect truncated names. Conquest addition.

**MaxFieldLength.** DBASE files do not accept field lengths in excess of 254 characters. This option overrules the setting in DICOM.SQL. May be changed or removed for SQL server but this is not necessary. Conquest addition.

**FileNameSyntax.** Determines name of stored files, default 3. May be changed at any time depending on the requirements of an application that wants to read the files directly. Only affects newly stored images. Modes higher than 3 accept IODs without image or series number and are therefore suited for DICOM-RT. Options 3 and 4 force use of the cleaned PatientID as patient directory name, making sure that only a single directory is made for each unique patient ID. Option 5 uses the patient name as directory name. Options 6 to 9 provide several frequently used DICOM directory structures. From version 1.3.11, time is printed unsigned and the counter portion of the filename is extended from 2 to 4 digits. Modes 4, 8 and 9 store images in (the slower to read) standard chapter-10 DICOM format. DICOM-Works users might like mode 8 or 9 best. See also note below. Conquest addition.

**0 (original):**

filename = ID[8]\_Name[8]Series#\_Image#\_Time.v2

**1 (safer version of original):**

filename = ID[8]\_Name[8]Series#\_Image#\_TimeCounter.v2

**2 (include series UID in filename to ensure names sort by series):**

filename = ID[8]\_Name[8]Seriesuid\_Series#\_Image#\_TimeCounter.v2

**3 (Uses patient ID as directory name and sets DICOM-RT required flags):**

filename = ID[16]\Seriesuid\_Series#\_Image#\_TimeCounter.v2

**4 (same as 3, but data is stored in chapter 10 format):**

filename = ID[16]\Seriesuid\_Series#\_Image#\_TimeCounter.dcm

**5 (sets DICOM-RT required flags, uses untruncated patient name as directory):**

filename = Name\Seriesuid\_Series#\_Image#\_TimeCounter.v2

**6 (standard DICOM directory structure starting at patient root):**

filename = ID[32]\Studyuid\Seriesuid\Imageuid.v2

**7 (standard DICOM directory structure starting at study root):**

filename = Studyuid\Seriesuid\Imageuid.v2

**8 (standard patient root DICOM directory structure in chapter 10 format):**

filename = ID[32]\Studyuid\Seriesuid\Imageuid.dcm

**9 (standard study root DICOM directory structure in chapter 10 format):**

filename = Studyuid\Seriesuid\Imageuid.dcm

**10(all files in one directory)**

filename = Images\Imageuid.dcm

**11(patient name as directory, UIDS as subdirectories)**

filename = Name\StudyUID\SeriesUID\Imageuid.dcm

**12(patient name\_id as directory, modality\_studyid\series\sop.dcm)**

filename = Name\_ID\Modality\_StudyID\SeriesID\Imageuid.dcm

Here: \ is a directory separator, *ID[N]* is the cleaned patient ID truncated to N characters, *Name[N]* is the cleaned patient name truncated to N characters, *Series#* is the series number, *Image#* is the image number, *Studyuid* is the study UID, *Seriesuid* is the series UID, *Imageuid* is the Image UID, *Time* is the number of elapsed seconds since 1970 at the time the file is first written, and *Counter* is a 4 digit counter that is incremented for each stored file.

**Note: since 1.4.11, FileNameSyntax may also be string containing % that is treated as flexible filenamesyntax.** e.g., *%id%\%studyid%\%seriesid%\%sopuid.dcm*.

This string may contain: *%name=(0010,0010)*, *%id=(0010,0020)*, *%modality=(0008,0060)*, *%studyid=(0020,0010)*, *%studyuid=(0020,000D)*, *%seriesid=(0020,0011)*, *%series=(0020,0011)* with 4 digits, *%seriesuid=(0020,000E)*, *%sopuid=(0008,0018)*, *%imagenum=(0020,0013)*, *%image=(0020,0013)* as 6 digit integer, *%imageid=(0054,0400)*, *%studydesc=(0008,1030)*, *%time*, *%counter = (4 digit hex)*, *%calledae*, *%callingae*, *%studydate*. Any of these items can be followed by e.g., *[0,3]* which is a substring operator, e.g., *%studydate[0,3]* gives the year, *%studydate[4,5]* gives the month. Also you can use parameter *%vggggg,eeee* to read any dicom element to be used in generating the filename. For the syntax of the *%v* option (e.g., to read items in a sequence), see the description of *ImportConverters*. Any other text is treated literally – be careful to use only characters allowed in filenames plus the correct path separator: \ for Windows, and / for Linux.

**MaxFileNameLength.** If set, the filenames for the DICOM slices will be truncated (removing the starting characters of, typically, the series instance UID) to the specified length. Useful when files are to be recorded on compact disc (which often have a filename limit of 64 characters). Must be left at its default of 255 for *FileNameSyntax* values > 6. Conquest addition.

**FixPhilips.** If set (default it is **NOT** set since version 1.4.6), a 10 digit PatientID (as a Philips Expander CT scanner produces) is stripped of leading zeros in some cases. See A.1.3. Conquest

addition.

**FixKodak.** If set (default it is **NOT** set), a 8 digit PatientID (as a Kodak RIS produces) is stripped of a leading zero in some cases. See A.1.3. Conquest addition.

**WEBReadOnly.** If set to 1, web users cannot write anything. Default 0.

**KeepAlive.** If this value is not 0, server is tested every KeepAlive seconds and restarted if it doesn't respond (Windows only). Usually not necessary. Works again from version 1.4.5. Conquest addition.

**LargeFileSizeKB.** In the Windows GUI, large DICOM files are not automatically displayed in the browser. This parameter set the threshold (default 1024). Conquest addition.

**ZipTime.** Time in hh:mm:ss (or part thereof) at which log files are zipped to reduce disk space (Windows only). Log files are zipped daily when the GUI is running. Set to e.g., 'invalid' to disable zipping. Default value: '05:'. Conquest addition.

**UIDPrefix.** Prefix for unique identifiers generated by the server. These are used for anonymizing or changing Patient ID of images and for the print server. When the server is first installed, a unique prefix is generated automatically (1.2.826.0.1.3680043.2.135.Date.Time). Conquest addition.

**EnableReadAheadThread.** When set (default), up to 5 slices are read-ahead during any C-Move request. This option typically doubles the image retrieval speed, but increases processor load. Therefore it is may be disabled here.

**Prefetcher.** If set, queries will start prefetching all images of the patient into disk cache. A subsequent move of 2 or more images will stop the prefetching. Causes high processor load but may speed up server operation on dedicated hardware. Default 0.

**LRUSort.** Normally, patients entered into the server's database first will be deleted or archived first. By setting this option to StudyDate, patients with the oldest last studydate will be selected for deletion or archival first. Can also be set to PatientBir, or AccessTime. Default "".

**AllowTruncate.** Comma separated list of database fields (without spaces) that may be entered truncated into the database giving a warning not an error. Default "".

**IgnoreOutOfMemoryErrors.** If set to 1, emulates 1.4.12 behavior: out of memory allocations are logged but ignored causing possible data loss. If set to 0 (default), an out of memory condition will lead to a shutdown of the server.

**PadAEWithZeros.** If set to 1, zero pad AE's in communication else pad with spaces (as before). Default 0.

**StorageFailedErrorCode.** This is the error code sent to all DICOM systems when storage fails. Default 272 = 0x110 = processing failed.

**PatientQuerySortOrder, StudyQuerySortOrder, SeriesQuerySortOrder,**

**ImageQuerySortOrder.** Determines order in which images and query order results are sent. Must contain one or more comma separated exact (truncated) table.field names like: 'dicompainers.patientid' or 'dicomstudies.studydate, dicomseries.seriesnumb'. Does not function for DBF without ODBC.

**EnableComputedFields.** If this flag is set to 1, queries on items like 'Number of Study Related Instances' will return data: for each query result it will the query the database again to count the number of items below that one.

**PackDBF.** If set, the internal DbaseIII driver will pack the database at startup. Is very slow for large archives, default OFF from version 1.4.5. Conquest addition.

**IndexDBF.** If set, the internal DbaseIII driver will create an internal memory index on patientID at startup. The value determines the amount of MB allocated for new database records (i.e., added later). Default is "10" = ON with 10 MB spare index space. Index generation takes about 1 minute per million images (during index generation the server cannot find not yet indexed records and the server runs in read only mode). However, this option speeds up simple queries (including PatientId, SeriesInstanceUID and/or StudyInstanceUID) enormously for large archives. New since version 1.4.5. Conquest addition.

**LongQueryDBF.** Queries with the internal DbaseIII driver taking longer than this value in ms will be reported to the user interface for troubleshooting purposes. Default 1000 ms. New since version 1.4.5. Conquest addition.

**FileCompressMode.** Obsolete. Use DroppedFileCompression and IncomingCompression instead. Conquest addition.

**TCPIPTimeOut.** TCP/IP timeout in seconds, default 300s. May be made longer when using very slow network links. Conquest addition.

**FailHoldOff.** After an export or mirror copy failure (e.g., because the receiving host is down), new requests are deferred immediately for this amount of seconds, default 60. Conquest addition.

**RetryDelay.** By this amount of seconds after an export or mirror copy failure, the deferred operations are retried, default 100. Version 1.4.11 fixes a problem where unaccepted images were retried forever. Conquest addition.

**RetryForwardFailed.** If this flag is set, any failed forward will be retried. Default it is NOT set, to avoid endless retries. However, setting it to 1 avoids losing one image in case a server dies in the middle of a C-STORE. Conquest addition.

**ImportExportDragAndDrop.** If this flag is set, files dropped on the GUI to load into the server (that are processed with dgate – addimagefile:), pass through import and export converters. Default it is set to 0. Conquest addition.

**QueueSize.** This is the size (in entries) of the in-memory queues for mirror copies, exportconverters, and delayed forward operations. Default 128. Each entry takes 1.5k (per export converter) or 2k (for the mirror copy queue). Increase it's size if a backlog of

exportconverters slows down your incoming data processing. Conquest addition.

**MaximumExportRetries.** If other than 0, exportconverters give up after this number of retries, default 0. Conquest addition.

**MaximumDelayedFetchForwardRetries.** If other than 0, converters forward patient to, forward study to, forward series to and preretrieve give up after this number of retries, default 0. Conquest addition.

**ForwardCollectDelay.** Converters forward patient to, forward study to, forward series to and preretrieve wait for a time to allow incoming data (e.g., a study) to be fully collected before it is retransmitted. This value specifies the length of the wait in seconds, default 600. Conquest addition.

**WorkListMode.** WorkListMode=0: (default) Disabled. WorkListMode=1: The AccessionNumber is looked up in the local WorkList database, if it is found, any element in the DICOM object that is also present (and non-NULL) in the WorkList database, will be replaced by the value from the WorkList database. These changes are made both in the database and in the image that is stored on disk. WorkListMode=2: As mode 1, but the image will be refused if the AccessionNumber is not found. Note that there is no DICOM method of filling the worklist database. Use drag and drop to enter HL7 files into the server. Conquest addition since version 1.4.9.

**WorkListReturnsISO\_IR\_100.** If this items is set (default it is) worklist queries will report character set **ISO\_IR\_100**.

**DebugLevel.** Only active when debug logging is enabled. 0: Basic debug log (default). 1: Dump incoming dicom command objects (and show memory usage on Linux). Also dump worklist query results. 2: Also dump incoming query data objects. Conquest addition (experimental).

### **DroppedFileCompression.**

*For more information regarding compression/decompression and how to use these values, see section 7.7 Compression Configuration*

Files dropped into the server will optionally be compressed, decompressed and/or recompressed. Supported values are (expected compression ratio stated between brackets):

- as = store images as is, e.g. without changing the compression.
- is = store images as is, e.g. without changing the compression.
- un = uncompress NKI and/or JPEG compressed images
- n1 = fast NKI private loss-less compression mode 1 (50%)
- n2 = as n1 but with CRC check for errors (50%)
- n3 = fast NKI private loss-less compression mode 3 (40%)
- n4 = as n3 but with CRC check for errors (40%)
- j1 = JPEGLossless (33%)
- j2 = JPEGLosslessNH14 (33%)
- j3 = JPEG baseline 1 (8 bit) *lossy* (8%)
- j4 = JPEGExtended2and4 *lossy* (15%)
- j5 = JPEGSpectralNH6and8 *lossy* (15%)

j6 = JPEGFullINH10and12	lossy	(14%)
jk = Lossless JPEG2000		(variable)
jl = Lossy JPEG2000		(variable)
nj = Highest NKI mode; but leaves JPEG as is		(variable)
uj = Uncompressed; but leaves JPEG as is		(variable)
k1 = Downsize image>1024 pixels wide/high to 1024		(variable)
k2 = Downsize image>512 pixels wide/high to 512		(variable)
k4 = Downsize image>256 pixels wide/high to 256		(variable)
k8 = Downsize image>128 pixels wide/high to 128		(variable)
ka = Downsize image>64 pixels wide/high to 64		(variable)
kb = Downsize image>32 pixels wide/high to 32		(variable)
kc = Downsize image>16 pixels wide/high to 16		(variable)
s0 = Run CompressionConverter0		(n/a)
..		
s9 = Run CompressionConverter9		(n/a)

JPEG compression uses. JPEG decompression can either use built-in code or the OFFIS tool (see the UseBuiltInDecompressor parameter). Note that JPEG compression is much slower than NKI compression. Compression is transparent for DICOM connections, i.e., data is decompressed or compressed if required before transmission. See also LossyQuality. Default='un'; Conquest addition.

**IncomingCompression.** Images stored through DICOM communication into the server will optionally be compressed, decompressed and/or recompressed. Supported values are the same as for DroppedFileCompression with the addition of compression 'vX'=do not store images at all (only useful for DICOM caches). Note that compression is transparent for DICOM connections, i.e., data is decompressed or compressed if required for transmission. Since version 1.4.7, if the called AE title looks like SERVER~xx (note, the total AE length must remain less than 16), then xx will override IncomingCompression. Default='un'; Conquest addition.

**ArchiveCompression.** Files prepared for archival (using the dgate -ab option) will optionally be compressed, decompressed and/or recompressed. Supported values are the same as for DroppedFileCompression. Prior to version 1.4.4 the amount of disk space to be archived was - incorrectly- computed before (re)compressing the images. Now OK. Default='as'; Conquest addition.

**UseBuiltInJPEG (prior called UseBuilInDecompressor).** If this value is set to 1 (default), internal code will be used to compress/decompress JPEG images. Otherwise it uses the dcmc/djpeg executables of the OFFIS tools. The old name is still functional, but tyhis flag now controls both the JPEG compressor and decompressor. Conquest addition.

**LossyQuality.** Passed to JPEG and JPEG2000 compressors. Default 95. Conquest addition since version 1.4.16.

**UseOpenJPEG.** If OpenJPEG is linked (currently it is not), this flag chooses it over the IJG code. Conquest addition since version 1.4.16.

**DecompressNon16BitsJpeg.** If set to 1 (default), jpeg images that are not 16 bits are also

decompressed.

**MAGDeviceThreshold.** If the disk space is less than this amount of MB, one or more least recently used patients are automatically deleted until the free disk space is about 5 MB larger. If set to 0, no deletion occurs (default).

**IgnoreMAGDeviceThreshHold.** If set, disk space checking is not performed before writing DICOM files into the database. New in 1.4.16beta. Default 0.

**NightlyCleanThreshold.** If at 01:00 at night the disk space is less than this amount of MB, one or more least recently used patients are automatically deleted until the free disk space is about 5 MB larger (Windows only). If set to 0, no deletion occurs (default). Uses dgate option –ff. Conquest addition.

**NightlyMoveThreshold.** If at 02:00 at night the disk space of MAG0 is less than this amount of MB, one or more least recently changed patients are automatically moved (and optionally compressed using ArchiveCompression) to the selected MAG device (Windows only). The amount to move is computed such that the free disk space becomes about the value of this parameter in MB (Windows only). If set to 0, no moving occurs (default). Uses dgate options –as and -am. Conquest addition.

**NightlyMoveTarget.** If at 02:00 at night the disk space is less than NightlyMoveThreshold MB, patients are moved from MAG0 to this location (e.g. MAG1) (Windows only). Note: a mirror of the target will not be used. Uses dgate option –am. Conquest addition.

**MIRRORDevices, MIRRORDevice0, etc.** Each MAG device optionally has a mirror device where a duplicate of the image is stored for safety. Since version 1.4.8, if the mirror copy fails, it will be automatically retried using data stored in files like ‘CopyFailures5678’, where 5678 is the server port #. This file needs to be manually deleted to stop endless retries. Mirror copies are performed asynchronously and are queued in-memory in a queue with *QueueSize* entries. Conquest addition.

**CACHEDDevices, CACHEDDevice0, etc.** A CACHE device is used to temporarily store data that is made ready for archival on one of N jukebox devices. A cache device name must contain two %d fields: for example: a CACHEDevice "x:\cache\cd%02d\_%04d" will contain cache directories with names like "cd00\_0001". This example is for jukebox device 0, and CD number 1. Image data may be moved to CACHE storage using dgate command line options –as and –ab. Conquest addition.

**JUKEBOXDevices, JUKEBOXDevice0, etc.** A JUKEBOX device is used to access data in a CD-ROM jukebox. A jukebox device name must contain one %d fields: for example: a JUKEBOXDevice "y:\jukebox\cd00\_%04d" will be used to access CD's though directories with names like "cd00\_0001". This example is for jukebox device 0, and CD number 1. Image data on JUKEBOX devices must be copied (burned) from CACHE devices with external software. Using dgate command line options the data can be prepared (-as), copied to cache (-ab), {then burn it}, verified (-ac) and the source images deleted (-ad). Conquest addition.

**ExportConverters, ExportConverter0, ExportModality0, ExportStationName0, ExportCalledAE0, ExportCallingAE0, ExportFilter0, etc.**

Use these options to turn a DICOM server into a fully automatic image format converter or for image forwarding. The item *ExportConverters* determines the number of export converters used: a thread is started for each.

- An export converter is an external or internal program that is run after an incoming image slice of prescribed Modality, StationName, CalledAE and CallingAE (\* matches anything, this is the default value) is stored in the database. Note that an empty string as value is not the same as '\*', an empty string will only match, e.g., an empty Modality in the DICOM data. Since 1.4.12, also e.g. "RT\*" can be used for matching.
- Files that match all items above are tested against an optional SQL statement in ExportFilterN, e.g., *ImageNumber LIKE '1%'* matches all images with an image number starting on 1. All fields in the database can be used in the SQL statement with the exception of PatientID (ImagePat may be used instead), StudyInstanceUID and SeriesInstanceUID. Since the SQL filtering is relatively slow it is advised to also use the previous options. Note: When the built-in dBaseIII driver is used, filter queries are limited to fields in the de-normalized image table, and only queries like: "*ImageNumber LIKE '1%' and Modality = 'MR'*" are supported. Supported fields are listed in the DICOMImages definition in dicom.sql, while only the "*and*" keyword is supported. **Note that spaces around the "=" are obligatory!**
- There are **four** converter options.
  - 1) The file name of a matching slice can be passed as (only) argument to an external program specified by ExportConverterN (must be an exe file). For example, to pass all (512x512 CT images made on CT\_SCANNER send by CONQUESTSRV2 to CONQUESTSRV1) to myconverter.exe (note that spaces around '=' are required, also in *ExportFilterN!*):

ExportConverters	= 1
ExportModality0	= CT
ExportStationName0	= CT_SCANNER
ExportCalledAE0	= CONQUESTSRV1
ExportCallingAE0	= CONQUESTSRV2
ExportStationName0	= CT_SCANNER
ExportFilter0	= Rows = 512 and Cols = 512
ExportConverter0	= myconverter.exe

2) The ExportConverterN string may be written as '*forward to AE*', or '*forward compressed as .. to AE*' to use internal code for forwarding an image to another server (AE must be known to this server or may be written as ip:port). The '*forward compressed as .. to*' option may use any style of NKI or JPEG compression using the same values as defined for DroppedFileCompression. For example, to forward all CT images to SERVER1 and forward all MR images using loss-less JPEG compression to SERVER2:

ExportConverters	= 2
ExportModality0	= CT
ExportConverter0	= forward to SERVER1
ExportModality1	= MR
ExportConverter1	= forward compressed as j2 to SERVER2

Since version 1.4.8, when an export fails, exports on that converter are blocked for 60 s (=FailHoldOff); while 100 s (=RetryDelay) after the last failure they will be automatically retried based on data stored in files like 'ExportFailures5678\_0' (where 5678=port number, 0=converter number). These files may sometimes need to

be deleted (the GUI asks so at startup) to stop endless retries. Version 1.4.11 fixes endless retries for unaccepted images.

3) ExportConverterN may run a program using the following syntax (for example) *'notepad %f'*, where %f=filename, %m=modality, %s=stationname, %b=file base name, %p=file path, %o=SOP instance UID, %u=CallingAE, %c=CalledAE, %n=newline, %%=%, %Vxxxx,yyyy=dicom item from image, %i=patient ID, %d=date and time. Each % variable can be appended with [first,last] to take a substring, i.e., %i[0,1] = first 2 characters of patientid. For example, to use a hypothetical DICOM to bitmap converter (a very good bitmap converter can be found in the OFFIS DICOM toolkit DCMTK) for each incoming image sent from a DICOM system with StationName = STATION1:

```
ExportConverters      = 1
ExportStationName0   = STATION1
ExportConverter0     = dicomtobitmap %f c:\bitmaps%\%b.bmp
```

4) Finally, the following exportconverters are hard-coded and do not start an external program: *'nop'*: do nothing, *'copy %f to destination'* (destination may be a file or a directory, don't forget the *'to'*), *'write "string" to file'*, *'append "string" to file'* (don't forget the quotes around the string). See further the description of **ImportConverters**. Use %n in the string to write a new-line for the latter two options. For example, to copy all incoming slices to another directory and append their filenames to a text file:

```
ExportConverters      = 2
ExportConverter0     = copy %f to c:\incoming
ExportConverter1     = append "%f%n" to c:\incoming.txt
```

Export converters are executed asynchronously (they are queued in memory in a queue of *QueueSize* length) but will somewhat slow down operation of the server. Since version 1.4.12c, multiple export converters may be specified in one rule separated by *';*'. These are processed in sequence. See further ImportConverters for scripting language details and even more options.

Before version 1.4.12, each image was forwarded on a new association – causing problems on some host systems. With version 1.4.12, new options have been added to change this behavior. The flag *ForwardAssociationLevel* may have values [GLOBAL, SOPCLASS, PATIENT, STUDY, SERIES, IMAGE]. Forwarders keep the association open as long as the UID at *ForwardAssociationLevel* does not change. The default is IMAGE, creating a new association for each image as before. By changing to more global settings more images are sent per association. However, associations are always closed when a new image type [SOPCLASS] is sent that was not sent before by this converter. After *ForwardAssociationCloseDelay* seconds of inactivity (default 5), the association is closed. After *ForwardAssociationRefreshDelay* seconds of inactivity (default 3600) the list of known sop classes is deleted. This latter option avoids having to restart conquest when other servers change their capability. *ForwardAssociationRelease* controls whether conquest just hangs up to link (=0) or does a controlled close (=1, default). Conquest addition.

**ImportConverters, ImportConverter0, ImportModality0, ImportStationName0, ImportCalledAE0, ImportCallingAE0, etc.**

Use these options to let a DICOM server (conditionally) modify elements of each incoming image, reject images, generate specific log files, provide delayed forwarding and much more.

The item *ImportConverters* determines the maximum number of import converters that can be used, it is however, not necessary to specify it explicitly.

An Import converter is an internal program that is run for each incoming image of prescribed Modality, StationName, CalledAE and CallingAE (\* matches anything, this is the default value) and that typically will be used to change elements in the image before it is stored in the server and/or forwarded. They run after *WorkListMode* and *FixKodak* but before *ExportConverters*. Note that an empty string as value is not the same as '\*', an empty string will only match, e.g., an empty Modality in the DICOM data. ImportConverterN may for example set a VR in the dicom image using the following syntax: *set 0010,1001 to "%V0010,0020"*, where:

%m	= modality,
%f	= filename (export converter only)
%b	= base file name (export converter only)
%p	= file path (export converter only)
%s	= stationname,
%o	= SOP instance UID,
%i	= patient ID,
%u	= CallingAE,
%d	= date and time,
%c	= CalledAE,
%n	= newline,
%t	= tab,
%%	= %,
%^	= ^,
%~	= ~,
%[	= [,
%Vxxxx,yyyy	= any dicom item from image,
%V*gggg,eeee	= an item in any sequence,
%V\gggg,eeee\gggg,eeee\etc	= first item in a specified sequence,
%V\gggg,eeee.N\gggg,eeee\etc	= item N(0..9) in a specified sequence,
%V(\gggg,eeee\gggg,eeee)gggg,eeee	= an item in a dicom object, whose SOPUid is specified in the ( ) part,
%E	= like %V but data is anonymized (new UID assigned),
%R	= like %V but returned de-anonymized UID (reverse of %E),
%A	= like %V but CRC32 of data is returned,
%QPxxxx,yyyy	= item queried from patient db on patient ID (import converters only),
%QSxxxx,yyyy	= queried from study db on patient ID and study UID (idem),
%QExxxx,yyyy	= queried from series db on patient ID, study UID, and series UID (idem),
%QWxxxx,yyyy	= dicom item queried from worklist db on accession number (idem),
%QXxxxx,yyyy	= replace item from tab separated file aliasfileQX.txt (format: old\tnew\n)
%x, %y, %z	= general purpose variables.

Each % variable can be appended with [first,last] to take a substring, i.e., %i[0,1] = first 2 characters of patientid. A '^' may be appended to convert the result to uppercase, and a '~' to convert it to lowercase. For example, to change two VRs in each incoming image and reject any images acquired in 2002:

```

ImportConverter0 = set 0010,1001 to "my string and date: %d"
ImportConverter1 = set 0010,1002 to "%V0010,0010^"
ImportConverter2 = ifequal "%V0008,0020[0,3]", "2002"; destroy

```

The following list illustrates all importconverter 'I', exportconverter 'E', or both 'IE' commands available for scripting. The parser is not very flexible: stay close to the examples in terms of spacing and semicolons.

IE	{command; command }	command block
IE	<b>write</b> "my string" to file.txt	write file

IE	<b>append</b> "date: %d" to file.txt	append to e.g. log file
IE	<b>nop</b>	do nothing
IE	<b>nop</b> any text %i	do nothing but log shows text
IE	<b>prefetch</b>	delayed pre-read (cache) of patient from disk
IE	<b>preretrive</b> AE	delayed collect of entire patient from AE
I	<b>call</b> file	call file with converter strings
IE	<b>system</b> command line	make a call to windows or linux
IE	<b>return</b>	return from file, or same as stop
IE	<b>stop</b>	stop parsing this converter
IE	<b>silentstop</b>	stop parsing this converter, no message
I	<b>set</b> xxxx,yyyy to "%V0010,0010"	set VR
I	<b>set</b> xxxx,yyyy if "%V0010,0010"	set VR if data
I	<b>set</b> xxxx,yyyy.N\xxxx,yyyy to ..	set VR in sequence (max one deep)
I	<b>set</b> xxxx,yyyy.*\xxxx,yyyy to ..	Add VR to sequence (max one deep)
I	<b>set</b> x to "%QP0010,0010"	set variable
I	<b>set</b> y if "%x"	set variable if data
I	<b>setifempty</b> xxxx,yyyy to "hallo"	set if VR empty (obsolete, not in sequences)
I	<b>setifempty</b> xxxx,yyyy if "%x"	set if VR empty and %x not
I	<b>setifempty</b> z to "hallo"	set only if z empty
I	<b>setifempty</b> z if "%i"	set only if z empty and %i not
I	<b>delete</b> xxxx,yyyy	delete VR
I	<b>newuids</b>	replace all UIDS
I	<b>newuids except</b>	replace all UIDS except gggg,eeee gggg,eeee or UID
I	<b>fixkodak</b>	change patient ID from kodak to NKI format
I	<b>unfixkodak</b>	change patient ID from NKI to kodak format
I	<b>save to</b> %f.dcm	save image to file
I	<b>process with</b> command	the received slice is processed by an executable
I	<b>destroy</b>	image not stored at all
I	<b>reject</b>	as destroy, but reports error
I	<b>storage</b> MAG1	set preferred storage area
I	<b>compression</b> CC	set preferred compression
I	<b>virtualserver</b> N	set preferred virtual servers (only for query/moves)
I	<b>virtualservermask</b> N	set all preferred virtual servers (idem)
E	<b>forward to</b> AE	see above
E	<b>forward compressed as</b> CC to AE	see above
IE	<b>forward patient to</b> AE	delayed forward of entire patient
IE	<b>forward study to</b> AE	delayed forward of entire study
IE	<b>forward series to</b> AE	delayed forward of entire series
IE	<b>forward</b> [patient study series image]	full syntax
	<b>[compressed as</b> xx]	set compression
	<b>[date</b> yyyyymmdd-yyyyymmdd]	filter absolute date range
	<b>[now</b> -ddd+ddd]	filter date range from now
	<b>[age</b> -ddd+ddd]	filter date range from series
	<b>[modality</b> mm]	filter modality
	<b>[sop</b> xxxx]	filter sop
	<b>[imagetype</b> xxxx]	filter image type
	<b>[seriesdesc</b> xxxx]	filter series description
	<b>[series</b> xxx]	filter seriesUID
	<b>[study</b> xxx]	filter studyUID
	<b>[after</b> NN]	collect delay in seconds
	<b>to</b> AE	destination
IE	<b>get</b> [patient study series image]	full syntax
	<b>[date</b> yyyyymmdd-yyyyymmdd]	(see above)
	<b>[now</b> -ddd+ddd]	
	<b>[age</b> -ddd+ddd]	
	<b>[modality</b> mm]	
	<b>[sop</b> xxxx]	
	<b>[imagetype</b> xxxx]	

	[seriesdesc xxxx]	
	[series xxx]	
	[study xxx]	
	[after NN]	
	from AE	
IE	delete [patient study series image]	full syntax
	[date yyyyymmdd-yyyyymmdd]	(see above)
	[now -ddd+ddd]	
	[age -ddd+ddd]	
	[modality mm]	
	[sop xxxx]	
	[imagetype xxxx]	
	[seriesdesc xxxx]	
	[series xxxx]	
	[study xxxx]	
	[after NN]	
IE	process [patient study series image] [after NN] [by command]	
		the executable command is executed when reception of the patient etc is complete.
IE	testmode .1	controls appending of internal DICOM filename
E	copy file to file	see above
E	defer	defer forwarder until another time
IE	ifnotempty "%i"; command	if filled then command
IE	ifempty "%V0010,0010"; nop	if "" then ..
IE	ifequal "string", "string2"; nop	test equal
IE	ifnotequal "string", "string2"; nop	test not equal
IE	ifmatch "string", "substring"; nop	test match (allows substring = x*, *x, and *x*)
IE	ifnotmatch "string", "substring"	test not match (allows substring = x*, *x, and *x*)
IE	ifnumequal "string", "string2"	test numeric
IE	ifnumnotequal "string", "string2"	test numeric
IE	ifnumgreater "string", "string2"	test numeric
IE	ifnumless "string", "string2"	test numeric
IE	ifnotempty "%i"; {nop; nop; }	{ } block (note ‘;’ use!)
IE	ifequal "%V0008,0020[0,3]", "2002";	substring to test year
IE	between "9", "17"; defer;	test time in hours

Here is a real-life example of a useful exportconverter script in SERVER1:

```
exportconverters = 1
exportconverter0 = ifequal "%u", "SERVER2"; stop; between "9", "17"; defer; forward to SERVER2
```

This script uses the commands 'ifequal "%u", "SERVER2"; stop;' to ignore all data with calling AE of 'SERVER2'. This will avoid any data from SERVER2 to be sent back to SERVER2 causing a potential loop. The commands "between 9 and 17; defer" cause the converter to wait until after 17:00 before subsequent commands are processed using the retrying mechanism. The last command forwards the data to SERVER2. Having a similar line in SERVER2 forwarding to SERVER1 will cause both servers to synchronize after 17:00 without a loop.

Here is a much more elaborate sample that when it receives an RTPLAN for machine A2 will forward the associated RTSTRUCT and CT to machine A2:

```
exportconverters = 1
exportconverter0 = ifnotequal "%m", "RTPLAN"; stop;
ifnotequal "%V*300a,00b2[0,1]", "A2"; stop;
forward to XVI_A2;
```

```
get study modality CT from NKIPACS;  
get study modality RTSTRUCT sop %V/300c,0060.0/0008,1155 from NKIPACS;  
forward study series %V(/300c,0060/0008,1155)/3006,0010/3006,0012/3006,0014/0020,000e  
to XVI_A2;  
forward study modality RTSTRUCT sop %V/300c,0060.0/0008,1155 to XVI_A2
```

**QueryConverter0, WorkListQueryConverter0, RetrieveConverter0.** Import converters that work on the data object of queries or retrieve commands. Can also be used to trigger external applications. Can read called (%c), calling (%u), and c-move destination for retrieve (in %s), as well as all data in data object. Also allows programming of preferred virtual servers using the virtualserver or virtualservermask commands. Experimental. Conquest addition.

**RetrieveResultConverter0.** Import converters that work on the dicom objects (images) returned from any retrieve. Experimental. Conquest addition.

**QueryResultConverter0.** Import converters that work on the data records that result from any query. Experimental since 1.4.16. Conquest addition.

**ModalityWorklistQueryResultConverter0.** Import converters that work on the data records returned from a modality worklist query. Experimental since 1.4.16. Conquest addition.

**ExternalViewer.** Name of executable that can be started from the browser (Windows only) as an external viewer (through the image pop-up menu). The filename of the slice is passed as only argument. Conquest addition.

**DemoViewer.** Name of executable to be called for each incoming slice (Windows only). The filename of the slice, calling AE and called AE are passed as arguments. Conquest addition.

**DemoCopy.** Name of directory (including trailing \) to store a copy of each incoming slice (Windows only). The filename of the slice is changed to the calling AE. Conquest addition.

**SendUpperCaseAE.** If set, the called AE title is always sent UPPERCASE

**VirtualServerFor0.** Queries and move requests sent to this server are forwarded to the given AE titles in VirtualServerFor0.9. The AE titles must be known in *ACRNEMA.MAP*. The client will effectively see all data of the listed servers and this one merged – at the cost of query speed. The merging occurs during *each* query in memory. When moves are performed, images retrieved from the listed servers are stored locally (i.e., the server functions as a DICOM cache). The images are, however, automatically deleted when CacheVirtualData is 0. Since version 1.4.12, server names may be appended by ‘,FIXKODAK’ to enabled filtration of extraneous 0’s from outgoing queries and their results (see *fixkodak*). Conquest addition (experimental).

**VirtualPerSeries0.** If set, fetch entire series in VirtualServer0. Otherwise (default) fetch image by image, using multiple UID matching if possible. Conquest addition (experimental).

**CacheVirtualData.** If set, data passed through for other servers is kept (allowing the conquest server to act as a DICOM cache). When this option is cleared, multiple simultaneous access to the same data can give problems, as one access may be in the process of deleting images while another one thinks they are there. Default is set. Conquest addition (experimental).

### 7.3 dicom.sql

This file is placed in the same directory as the executable (e.g., c:\dicomserver). It specifies the configuration of the SQL database used to store IOD module attributes for Query/Retrieve operations. The Conquest DICOM server generates (and overwrites) it automatically upon first installation (i.e., when dicom.ini does not exist). Editing this file is not necessary, except for applying a fix when using ORACLE, where the name of the fields 'Rows' and 'Columns' in the image database must be changed to (e.g.) 'QRows' and 'QColumns' before the database is initialized (i.e., after **"Save Configuration"**). It is possible to check the syntax of this file for errors using the **"List Database Layout"** button on the **"Maintenance"** page of the Conquest DICOM server. Note that the database definitions of version 1.3.11 and up define a copy of the PatientID in both the series and the image table. This is done to allow improved query speed in future versions.

From version 1.4.0 on, the contents of this file depend on the selected database driver upon installation (when dicom.ini does not exist), where the built in dBaseIII driver uses a non-normalized version of the database (not listed here), and the others use the file as listed here.

*Implementing changed versions of this file requires a full regeneration of the database. Without full regeneration, the server will not function correctly! Removing fields from this database may affect the DICOM server user interface operation.*

Since version 1.4.9, the worklist database has been added. This database definition has an extra column with HL7 tags used for translating HL7 data to a dicom worklist. These tags can be changed at any time without regenerating the database, restarting the server suffices to use the new tags.

*To enable worklist support when upgrading to version 1.4.10, files dicom.sql is updated (automatically) and dgatesop.lst must be updated manually. Then restart the server and push "Clear worklist database" on the installation page of the GUI to create a fresh worklist database.*

```
/*
#       DICOM Database layout
#       Example version for all SQL servers (mostly normalized)
#
#       (File DICOM.SQL)
#       ** DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE UNLESS YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING **
#
#       Version with modality moved to the series level and EchoNumber in image table
#       Revision 3: Patient birthday and sex, bolus agent, correct field lengths
#       Revision 4: Studymodality, Station and Department in study
#               Manufacturer, Model, BodyPart and Protocol in series
#               Acqdate/time, coil, acqnumber, slicelocation and pixel info in images
#       Notes for revision 4:
#       DepartmentName in study (should officially be in series, but eFilm expects it in study)
#       StationName is in study (should officially be in series, but more useful in study)
#       Revision 5: Added patientID in series and images for more efficient querying
#       Revision 6: Added frame of reference UID in series table
#       Revision 7: Added ImageType in image table, StudyModality to 64 chars, AcqDate to SQL_C_DATE
#       Revision 8: Denormalized study table (add patient ID, name, birthdate) to show consistency problems
#       Revision 10: Fixed width of ReceivingCoil: to 16 chars
#       Revision 13: Added ImageID to image database
#       Revision 14: Added WorkList database with HL7 tags
#       Revision 16: Moved Stationname and InstitutionalDepartmentName to series table
#       Revision 17: EchoNumber, ReqProcDescription to 64 characters; StudyModality, EchoNumber, ImageType to DT_MSTR; use
#               Institution instead of InstitutionalDepartmentName);
#
#       5 databases need to be defined:
```

```

#
#           *Patient*
#           *Study*
#           *Series*
#           *Image*
#           *WorkList*
#
# The last defined element of Study is a link back to Patient
# The last defined element of Series is a link back to Study
# The last defined element of Image is a link back to Series
#
#
# Format:
# { Group, Element, Column Name, Column Length, SQL-Type, DICOM-Type }
*/

*Patient*
{
    { 0x0010, 0x0020, "PatientID", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0010, 0x0010, "PatientName", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0010, 0x0030, "PatientBirthDate", 8, SQL_C_DATE, DT_DATE },
    { 0x0010, 0x0040, "PatientSex", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR }
}

*Study*
{
    { 0x0020, 0x000d, "StudyInstanceUID", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_UI },
    { 0x0008, 0x0020, "StudyDate", 8, SQL_C_DATE, DT_DATE },
    { 0x0008, 0x0030, "StudyTime", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_TIME },
    { 0x0020, 0x0010, "StudyID", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0008, 0x1030, "StudyDescription", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0008, 0x0050, "AccessionNumber", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0008, 0x0090, "ReferPhysician", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0010, 0x1010, "PatientsAge", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0010, 0x1030, "PatientsWeight", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0008, 0x0061, "StudyModality", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_MSTR },

    { 0x0010, 0x0010, "PatientName", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0010, 0x0030, "PatientBirthDate", 8, SQL_C_DATE, DT_DATE },
    { 0x0010, 0x0040, "PatientSex", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR }

    { 0x0010, 0x0020, "PatientID", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR }
}

*Series*
{
    { 0x0020, 0x000e, "SeriesInstanceUID", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_UI },
    { 0x0020, 0x0011, "SeriesNumber", 12, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0008, 0x0021, "SeriesDate", 8, SQL_C_DATE, DT_DATE },
    { 0x0008, 0x0031, "SeriesTime", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_TIME },
    { 0x0008, 0x103e, "SeriesDescription", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0008, 0x0060, "Modality", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0008, 0x1010, "StationName", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0008, 0x0080, "Institution", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0018, 0x5100, "PatientPosition", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0018, 0x0010, "ContrastBolusAgent", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0008, 0x0070, "Manufacturer", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0008, 0x1090, "ModelName", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0018, 0x0015, "BodyPartExamined", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0018, 0x1030, "ProtocolName", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0020, 0x0052, "FrameOfReferenceUID", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_UI },
    { 0x0010, 0x0020, "SeriesPat", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0020, 0x000d, "StudyInstanceUID", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_UI }
}

*Image*
{
    { 0x0008, 0x0018, "SOPInstanceUID", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_UI },
    { 0x0008, 0x0016, "SOPClassUID", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_UI },
    { 0x0020, 0x0013, "ImageNumber", 12, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0008, 0x0023, "ImageDate", 8, SQL_C_DATE, DT_DATE },
    { 0x0008, 0x0033, "ImageTime", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_TIME },
}

```

```

    { 0x0018, 0x0086, "EchoNumber", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_MSTR },
    { 0x0028, 0x0008, "NumberOfFrames", 12, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0008, 0x0022, "AcqDate", 8, SQL_C_DATE, DT_DATE },
    { 0x0008, 0x0032, "AcqTime", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_TIME },
    { 0x0018, 0x1250, "ReceivingCoil", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0020, 0x0012, "AcqNumber", 12, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0020, 0x1041, "SliceLocation", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0028, 0x0002, "SamplesPerPixel", 5, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_UINT16 },
    { 0x0028, 0x0004, "PhotoMetricInterpretation", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0028, 0x0010, "Rows", 5, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_UINT16 },
    { 0x0028, 0x0011, "Columns", 5, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_UINT16 },
    { 0x0028, 0x0101, "BitsStored", 5, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_UINT16 },
    { 0x0008, 0x0008, "ImageType", 128, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_MSTR },
    { 0x0054, 0x0400, "ImageID", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0010, 0x0020, "ImagePat", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR },
    { 0x0020, 0x000e, "SeriesInstanceUID", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_UI }
}

*WorkList*
{
    { 0x0008, 0x0050, "AccessionNumber", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "OBR.3" },
    { 0x0010, 0x0020, "PatientID", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "PID.4" },
    { 0x0010, 0x0010, "PatientName", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "PID.5" },
    { 0x0010, 0x0030, "PatientBirthDate", 8, SQL_C_DATE, DT_DATE, "PID.7" },
    { 0x0010, 0x0040, "PatientSex", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "PID.8" },

    { 0x0010, 0x2000, "MedicalAlerts", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "---" },
    { 0x0010, 0x2110, "ContrastAllergies", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "---" },
    { 0x0020, 0x000d, "StudyInstanceUID", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_UI, "---" },
    { 0x0032, 0x1032, "ReqPhysician", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "OBR.16" },
    { 0x0032, 0x1060, "ReqProcDescription", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "OBR.4.1" },

    { 0x0040, 0x0100, "-----", 0, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STARTSEQUENCE, "---" },
    { 0x0008, 0x0060, "Modality", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "OBR.21" },
    { 0x0032, 0x1070, "ReqContrastAgent", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "---" },
    { 0x0040, 0x0001, "ScheduledAE", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "---" },
    { 0x0040, 0x0002, "StartDate", 8, SQL_C_DATE, DT_DATE, "OBR.7.DATE" },
    { 0x0040, 0x0003, "StartTime", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_TIME, "OBR.7.TIME" },
    { 0x0040, 0x0006, "PerfPhysician", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "---" },
    { 0x0040, 0x0007, "SchedPSDescription", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "---" },
    { 0x0040, 0x0009, "SchedPSID", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "OBR.4" },
    { 0x0040, 0x0010, "SchedStationName", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "OBR.24" },
    { 0x0040, 0x0011, "SchedPSLocation", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "---" },
    { 0x0040, 0x0012, "PreMedication", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "---" },
    { 0x0040, 0x0400, "SchedPSComments", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "---" },
    { 0x0040, 0x0100, "-----", 0, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_ENDSEQUENCE, "---" },

    { 0x0040, 0x1001, "ReqProcID", 16, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "OBR.4.0" },
    { 0x0040, 0x1003, "ReqProcPriority", 64, SQL_C_CHAR, DT_STR, "OBR.27" }
}

```

## 7.4 acrnema.map

This file is placed in the same directory as the executable (e.g., c:\dicomserver). It specifies the configuration of the ACR-NEMA to IP address and port map, used for Query/Retrieve operations. Most DICOM servers and applications will NOT communicate with the Conquest DICOM server unless they have been correctly added to this list and this server has been made known to them. This file also specifies the type of compression that will be proposed for outgoing connections. The accepted values are the same as for DroppedFileCompression in *dicom.ini*, with the exception that transmission of dicom objects in "as" and "nj" modes is not correctly implemented and should only be used with NKI clients or the Conquest DICOM server.

Upon installation, an empty version of this file is created automatically (the installation program will NOT overwrite this file if it exists). Edit the contents of this file through the **"Known**

**DICOM providers"** page of the Conquest DICOM server. Do *not* change the file header. It is possible to check the syntax of this file for errors using the **"List DICOM providers"** button on the **"Maintenance"** page of the Conquest DICOM server.

It is possible to test communication with other DICOM servers (that support the Query/Move functionality, i.e., image servers) through the **"Query / Move"** page of the Conquest DICOM server. Conquest addition: this file supports a simple wild-card mechanism. The AE, host name and IP port may all end on a \*. The \* part of the AE is copied into the host name and/or IP port without change. In the following example any application with an AE of "V" followed by its IP number or host name will be allowed to communicate through port 1234.

The wildcard option is highly useful to let a group of, e.g., viewer applications or servers communicate without having to configure each of them individually in the server.

```

/* *****
*
* DICOM AE (Application entity) -> IP address / Port map
* (This is file ACRNEMA.MAP)
*
* All DICOM systems that want to retrieve images from the
* Conquest DICOM server must be listed here with correct
* AE name, (IP address or hostname) and port number.
* The first entry is the Conquest system as example.
*
*
* The syntax for each entry is :
*   AE   <IP adress|Host name>   port number   compression
*
* For compression see manual. Values are un=uncompressed;
* j1,j2=lossless jpeg;j3..j6=lossy jpeg;n1..n4=nki private
* jk   =lossless jpeg2000;jl=lossy jpeg2000
*
***** */
CONQUESTSRV1      127.0.0.1      5678      un
V*                *                1234      un
S*                *                5678      un

```

## 7.5 d gatesop.lst

This file is placed in the same directory as the executable (e.g., c:\dicomserver). It specifies the configuration of the SSC-SCP engine. This file can also be used to selectively reject other SOP classes, as well as provide security for incoming AE's. The Conquest DICOM server generates it automatically upon installation. A copy of this file is present in the TEMP directory. This latter copy is automatically removed when closing the server. To enable printing in version 1.3.12 up, this file should be manually removed prior to installation. From version 1.4.0, GEMRStorage and GECTStorage are disabled (using '#'), thereby forcing GE scanners to transmit standard DICOM images that other viewers can handle. From version 1.4.2 up, JPEG transfer syntaxes are enabled for incoming connections if JPEG support is configured as ON.

```

#
# DICOM Application / sop / transfer UID list.
#
# This list is used by the CheckedPDU_Service ( "filename" ) service
# class. All incoming associations will be verified against this

```

```

# file.
#
# Revision 2: disabled GEMRStorage and GECTStorage
# Revision 3: extended with new sops and with JPEG transfer syntaxes
# Revision 4: added Modality Worklist query
#
#None          none          RemoteAE
#None          none          LocalAE
#DICOM         1.2.840.10008.3.1.1.1  application
Verification   1.2.840.10008.1.1          sop
StoredPrintStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.1.27      sop
HardcopyGrayscaleImageStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.1.29      sop
HardcopyColorImageStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.1.30      sop
CRStorage      1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.1    sop
DXStorageForPresentation 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.1.1 sop
DXStorageForProcessing 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.1.1.1 sop
DMStorageForPresentation 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.1.2 sop
DMStorageForProcessing 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.1.2.1 sop
DOralStorageForPresentation 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.1.3 sop
DOralStorageForProcessing 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.1.3.1 sop
CTStorage      1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.2    sop
RetiredUSMultiframeStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.3    sop
USMultiframeStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.3.1  sop
MRStorage      1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.4    sop
MRImageStorageEnhanced 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.4.1  sop
MRStorageSpectroscopy 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.4.2  sop
RetiredNMStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.5    sop
RetiredUSStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.6    sop
USStorage      1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.6.1  sop
SCStorage      1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.7    sop
SCStorageSingleBitMF 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.7.1  sop
SCStorageGrayscaleByteMF 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.7.2  sop
SCStorageGrayscaleWordMF 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.7.3  sop
SCStorageTrueColorMF 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.7.4  sop
StandaloneOverlayStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.8    sop
StandaloneCurveStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.9    sop
#WFStorageTwelveLeadECG 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.9.1.1 sop
#WFStorageGeneralECG 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.9.1.2 sop
#WFStorageAmbulatoryECG 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.9.1.3 sop
#WFStorageHemodynamic 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.9.2.1 sop
#WFStorageCardiacElectrophysiology 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.9.3.1 sop
#WFStorageBasicVoiceAudio 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.9.4.1 sop
StandaloneModalityLUTStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.10  sop
StandaloneVOILUTStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.11  sop
GrayscaleSoftcopyPresentationStateStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.11.1 sop
RetiredXASinglePlaneStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.12  sop
XASinglePlaneStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.12.1 sop
RFStorage      1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.12.2 sop
XABiPlaneStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.12.3 sop
NMStorage      1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.20  sop
RawDataStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.66  sop
RetiredVLImageStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.77.1 sop
RetiredVLMultiFrameImageStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.77.2 sop
RetiredVLMicroscopicSlideStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.77.3 sop
RetiredVLPhotographicStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.77.4 sop
VLEndoscopicImageStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.77.1.1 sop
VLMicroscopicImageStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.77.1.2 sop
VLSlideCoordinatesMicroscopicImageStorage 1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.77.1.3 sop

```

VLPhotographicImageStorage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.77.1.4	sop
BasicTextSR	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.88.11	sop
EnhancedSR	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.88.22	sop
ComprehensiveSR	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.88.33	sop
MammographyCADSR	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.88.50	sop
KeyObjectSelectionDocument	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.88.59	sop
PETStorage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.128	sop
StandalonePETCurveStorage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.129	sop
RTImageStorage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.481.1	sop
RTDoseStorage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.481.2	sop
RTStructureStorage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.481.3	sop
RTTreatmentRecordStorage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.481.4	sop
RTPlanStorage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.481.5	sop
RTBrachyTreatmentRecordStorage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.481.6	sop
RTTreatmentSummaryRecordStorage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.481.7	sop
#GEMRStorage	1.2.840.113619.4.2	sop
#GECTStorage	1.2.840.113619.4.3	sop
GE3DModelObjectStorage	1.2.840.113619.4.26	sop
GERTPlanStorage	1.2.840.113619.5.249	sop
GERTPlanStorage2	1.2.840.113619.4.5.249	sop
GESaturnTDSObjectStorage	1.2.840.113619.5.253	sop
Philips3DVVolumeStorage	1.2.46.670589.5.0.1	sop
Philips3DObjectStorage	1.2.46.670589.5.0.2	sop
PhilipsSurfaceStorage	1.2.46.670589.5.0.3	sop
PhilipsCompositeObjectStorage	1.2.46.670589.5.0.4	sop
PhilipsMRCardioProfileStorage	1.2.46.670589.5.0.7	sop
PhilipsMRCardioImageStorage	1.2.46.670589.5.0.8	sop
PatientRootQuery	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.2.1.1	sop
PatientRootRetrieve	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.2.1.2	sop
StudyRootQuery	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.2.2.1	sop
StudyRootRetrieve	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.2.2.2	sop
PatientStudyOnlyQuery	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.2.3.1	sop
PatientStudyOnlyRetrieve	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.2.3.2	sop
PatientRootRetrieveNKI	1.2.826.0.1.3680043.2.135.1066.5.1.4.1.2.1.2	sop
StudyRootRetrieveNKI	1.2.826.0.1.3680043.2.135.1066.5.1.4.1.2.2.2	sop
PatientStudyOnlyRetrieveNKI	1.2.826.0.1.3680043.2.135.1066.5.1.4.1.2.3.2	sop
BasicGrayscalePrintManagementMeta	1.2.840.10008.5.1.1.9	sop
BasicColorPrintManagementMeta	1.2.840.10008.5.1.1.18	sop
BasicFilmSession	1.2.840.10008.5.1.1.1	sop
BasicFilmBox	1.2.840.10008.5.1.1.2	sop
BasicGrayscaleImageBox	1.2.840.10008.5.1.1.4	sop
BasicColorImageBox	1.2.840.10008.5.1.1.4.1	sop
BasicPrinter	1.2.840.10008.5.1.1.16	sop
FindModalityWorkList	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.31	sop
LittleEndianImplicit	1.2.840.10008.1.2	transfer
#LittleEndianExplicit	1.2.840.10008.1.2.1	transfer
#BigEndianExplicit	1.2.840.10008.1.2.2	transfer
JPEGBaseLine1	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.50	transfer LittleEndianExplicit
JPEGExtended2and4	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.51	transfer LittleEndianExplicit
#JPEGExtended3and5	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.52	transfer LittleEndianExplicit
JPEGSpectralNH6and8	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.53	transfer LittleEndianExplicit
#JPEGSpectralNH7and9	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.54	transfer LittleEndianExplicit
JPEGFullNH10and12	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.55	transfer LittleEndianExplicit
#JPEGFullNH11and13	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.56	transfer LittleEndianExplicit
JPEGLosslessNH14	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.57	transfer LittleEndianExplicit
#JPEGLosslessNH15	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.58	transfer LittleEndianExplicit
#JPEGExtended16and18	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.59	transfer LittleEndianExplicit
#JPEGExtended17and19	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.60	transfer LittleEndianExplicit

#JPEGsSpectral20and22	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.61	transfer	LittleEndianExplicit
#JPEGsSpectral21and23	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.62	transfer	LittleEndianExplicit
#JPEGFull24and26	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.63	transfer	LittleEndianExplicit
#JPEGFull25and27	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.64	transfer	LittleEndianExplicit
#JPEGLossless28	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.65	transfer	LittleEndianExplicit
#JPEGLossless29	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.66	transfer	LittleEndianExplicit
JPEGLossless	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.70	transfer	LittleEndianExplicit
#JPEGLS_Lossless	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.80	transfer	LittleEndianExplicit
#JPEGLS_Lossy	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.81	transfer	LittleEndianExplicit
#RLELossless	1.2.840.10008.1.2.5	transfer	LittleEndianExplicit
#LittleEndianExplicitDeflated	1.2.840.10008.1.2.1.99	transfer	LittleEndianExplicit
JPEG2000LosslessOnly	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.90	transfer	LittleEndianExplicit
JPEG2000	1.2.840.10008.1.2.4.91	transfer	LittleEndianExplicit

## 7.6 DICOM print server configuration

No printer configuration options are provided: the default Windows printer is always used. One must use the default document settings of the default printer to change, e.g., the resolution of the printout or the paper size.

## 7.7 Compression configuration

The compression settings for dropped images, incoming images, and archival are configured in *dicom.ini*. These define the compression mode of images stored on disk by the server.

Dropped images	→ DroppedFileCompression	→ Disk,
Remote host	→ IncomingCompression	→ Disk,
Disk	→ ArchiveCompression	→ Archive disk.

The values for these compression settings may be "un" for uncompressed, "as" for as-is (no change in compression), "n1".."n4" for NKI compression styles, "j1".."j2" for loss-less JPEG compression, "j3".."j6" for lossy JPEG compression, "jk" for JPEG2000 lossless, "jl" for JPEG2000 lossy, "nj" for NKI or JPEG compression (chooses highest NKI, but leaves JPEG as is), and k1, k2, k4 and.k8 for downsizing to 1024..128 pixels.

The original compression type of incoming images (used with "as") is defined by the remote host, which can choose one of the transfer syntaxes defined in *d gatesop.lst*.

Since version 1.4.7, if the called AE title in a C-STORE looks like SERVER~xx, then xx will override IncomingCompression (e.g., images sent to a conquest server addressed from the remote host as 'CONQUESTSRV1~k4' will be downsized by the server to 256 pixels prior to storage). Note, however, that the total AE may not exceed 16 characters. So this option works correctly only if the base name of the server (CONQUESTSRV1 in the example) has 13 characters or less.

The compression of forwarded images can be set through *dicom.ini* as well.

Disk	→ ExportConverterN	→ Remote host.
------	--------------------	----------------

The type of compression setting is passed using a command "forward compressed as xx to", where xx is one of the compression types defined for DroppedFileCompression. If the command "forward to" is used instead, the compression type defined in *acrnema.map* is used. If the remote host does not accept the offered compression, images will automatically be sent with simpler compression or uncompressed. Such negotiation is not implemented for NKI compression.

Images may also be sent as result of a move request to a remote host using different compressions. This option is configured per host in *acrnema.map*.

Disk → Setting in *acrnema.map* → Remote host.

The values for these compression settings may be "un" for uncompressed, "n1".. "n4" for NKI compression styles, "j1".. "j2" for loss-less JPEG compression, "j3".. "j6" for lossy JPEG compression, "jk" for JPEG2000 lossless, "jl" for JPEG2000 lossy, and "k1".. "k8" for downsizing the image.

Options "as" and "nj" and "uj" are not correctly implemented for outgoing connections due to the complexity of the transfer syntax negotiation involved. These options may therefore only be used for NKI clients or the Conquest DICOM server.

If the remote host does not accept the offered JPEG compression, images will automatically be sent with a simpler compression or uncompressed. Such negotiation is not implemented for NKI compression and "k" downsize compression.

Since version 1.4.7, if the called AE title in the C-MOVE looks like SERVER~xx, then xx will override the compression setting in *acrnema.map*. (E.g., images sent by a conquest server addressed from the remote host as 'CONQUESTSRV1~k4' will be downsized by the server to 256 pixels prior to sending).

This allows any host/viewer to receive downsized images on request. Note, however, that the total AE length may not exceed 16 characters. So this option works correctly only if the base name of the server (CONQUESTSRV1 in the example) has 13 characters or less.

## 7.8 Worklist configuration

When dropping a HL7 file onto the server, it initiates the command 'dgate -loadhl7:file'. This will read the hl7 file and populate the modality worklist database. A sample HL7 file (sample.hl7) is provided for testing. For translating the hl7 data into the DICOM worklist, an extra column has been added to the worklist database definition. Typically this column can contain:

---	No import of values from hl7
*AN	Generate a unique 16 character accession number
*UI	Generate a unique 64 character UID
SEQ.N	Read HL7 sequence <i>seq</i> field N
SEQ.N.M	Read HL7 sequence <i>seq</i> field N, subfield M
SEQ.N.DATE	Read HL7 sequence <i>seq</i> field N, date part

*SEQ.N.TIME* Read HL7 sequence *seq* field N, time part

Hospitals wanting to use HL7 import should edit this table such that the correct HL7 items are filled in into the worklist database.

When changing the translation part of the worklist database definition, the server must only be restarted to use the adaptations (enable debug log to view the hl7 translation progress). When the database layout of the modality worklist is changed, one should clear the database through the maintenance page and its contents are lost.

Note that database fields marked with 'DT\_STARTSEQUENCE' and 'DT\_ENDSEQUENCE' are not used by the program and are descriptive only. The modality worklist query will mimic the organization of the query in sequences in its reply so the sequence organization needs not be specified.