

# VSS MOS - New Feature List

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## Speedy User Logins

The need for logins is obvious to all medical professionals. We use the login to identify you and verify your access to the system. But many data entry people find this additional step slows them down. Since they have already established their access to the system with a Unix login or a Windows login, we wanted to make life a little easier. The HIPAA requirements state that we must protect the Patient Health Data and control access to the data.

Many practices that use MOS are small and control access to the computer by where it is located or with Operating system passwords.

If the computer is only used by one employee to access the system or you have operating system logins that control user access, we have added a speedy login procedure, to make the system simpler to use.

If one computer is used by more than one employee or is in a location that might offer a non-employee access, we do not recommend using this procedure as a way to save a little time. It is still the provider's responsibility to protect this data and the login step is the front line.

So if you want to continue, here is what you will do.

## SINGLE USER SYSTEM

Do not use this procedure for a network or multi-user system. The correct user name should be assigned to each computer so that the audits and logging are correct.

From the main menu press **U** **C**. Once in the configuration editor, press **A** to add an item.

Variable: PFMOSUSER                      Value: MOS login name

Press **ESC** to record the data. Press **A** to add a second variable.

Variable: PFMOSPASSWD                      Value: MOS password for the login given

Press **ESC** to record the data. Then press **X** to exit the Configuration Editor. Indicate Yes to save the changes.

WARNING: Only use this method for a single user system. The configuration file is shared by all users and on a multiuser system that would put the same user on every computer.

## MULTI-USER SYSTEM - WINDOW'S NETWORK

Add the following variables to the .bat file that is started from the shortcut. The .bat file should be on the local computer or at least unique for each user.

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set PFMOSUSER=username  
set PFMOSPASSWD=userpasswd
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MOS Support will be glad to help you get this set up correctly.

## **MULTI-USER SYSTEM - UNIX/LINUX**

ANZIO client: There is an ENVIRONMENT choice on the Communications option.

The ANZIO= stuff is not required. If the variables do not fit, that can be removed. It should have:

***PFMOSUSER=username; PFMOSPASSWD=userpasswd; export PFMOSUSER PFMOSPASSWD***

Other CLIENTS:

If you are using samba, facetwin or just serial terminals, the data can be added to the user's .profile. By using that technique, user's that share a computer will be tracked when they login to Unix and the MOS username will be set as part of that step.

## **Final Notes**

MOS is offering a way to streamline the access to your system. Please make sure you understand how this affects your system's security, privacy and access before putting this in place.

The access authorization established in the MOS will still be used to determine internal access. If the username and password only entitle that user to Appointment access, that will be respected. All this is doing is typing the specified username and password when the questions would normally be displayed. All audit and logging is still done.

On shared computers that login to Unix/Linux systems, the .profile solution will allow each user to assign their unique login and password.

On computers in public areas or that are shared with non-employees, never use this method to login. That applies to home computers used for medical billing that are shared by other family members.