

WRAPIN

a next-generation search application is now available at <http://www.wrapin.org>



WRAPIN is the acronym for "Worldwide online Reliable Advice to Patients and Individuals". The project features allow to retrieve

medical information using a query expressed in the user's natural language, and to compare it to existing scientific information published via different medical databases chosen for their editorial quality. Furthermore, this tool permits to validate the information found on the Web, by determining whether the information exists in the published scientific literature.

The user friendly approach is improved by the "contextualisation" of the query within the results. The automatic identification of the conclusions of the scientific articles allows users to swiftly access the information they are looking for.

ReadSpeaker

The new voice of HON

HON has recently signed an agreement with ReadSpeaker France to bring innovative "Voice-on-the-web" audio technology to the HON web site. The system will improve access for sight impaired and dyslexic users, language learners and anyone who prefers to listen rather than read.

A recent survey conducted jointly by HON and the EU-Enabled project showed that only one in three web publishers try to make their web sites or applications accessible, pointing out the need for greater awareness and training. To listen to a HON web page, just click the ReadSpeaker icon located at the top of the page or adjacent to the text you wish to hear. ReadSpeaker uses audio software already installed on most personal computers to read text with state-of-the-art voice synthetization.

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HON

Wins eEurope Award for eHealth on the 6th of May 2004



HON has been named as winner of the eEurope Award for eHealth - 2004, in the category "eHealth Information tools and services for citizens." Over 100 submissions were received for the award. The HON submission focused on online information quality, addressing the fundamental issue of standards for the presentation of health information.

The eEurope Awards are organised by the European Institute of Public Administration, with the support of the Information Society Technologies Programme of the European Commission, to recognise innovative initiatives in the areas of eGovernment and eHealth within Europe.

HONcode Toolbar

The new Tools for Trustworthy Health Information

The HON tool bar is the first of its kind, allows and web surfers to highlight and select text from a web page and search for HON-certified sites about that subject. A search function explores the HONcode certified web sites, with nearly 5,000 HONcode-certified web sites participating in the search. The "HONcode status" feature goes one step further: it lets the user check whether a site bearing the HONcode seal is in compliance with the Code.

<http://www.hon.ch/HONcode/Plugin/Plugins.html>

