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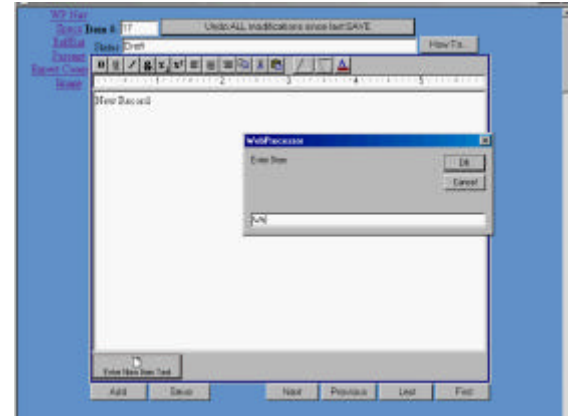
## Anywhere, Anytime Item Writing



*SMT-Item.Net*<sup>TM</sup> lets your subject matter experts (SMEs) write, review, and edit examination items anytime and anywhere it is convenient for them. With *SMT-Item.Net*, item writers are assigned a password to ensure secure access to their online accounts through the SMT website, while examination items always remain safe on SMT's secure server. *SMT-Item.Net* even trains personnel on the basic rules of item writing through a screen-by-screen tutorial.

The item-writing procedures in *SMT-Item.Net* are identical to those in SMT's fully functional item banking software, *SMT-Bank*<sup>TM</sup>. Item writers enter item stems and distractors in dialogue boxes, ensuring perfect formatting of items. Users can go back to previously written items at any time to review and edit.

Letting your trained item writers author, review, and edit exam items from their own office, on their own schedules will not only make it easier to get volunteers, it will save your organization thousands of dollars in travel expenses.



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*SMT-Item.Net* features a floating menu for instant access to all item-writing tasks. Your SME's can enter items (Word Processing Navigation), enter specifications and reference rationales, associate or create passages, communicate with psychometric experts, and link images to items.

On the specifications page, users can enter keys, select pre-loaded item specs, or indicate that an item is part of a set. The Reference/Rationale page allows the user to enter freeform text associating the item with a curriculum or other reference material. *SMT-Item.Net* also supports passages that are associated with items. Users can create the passage online or link an item to a previously loaded passage. Similarly, images can be linked to items so that they will be automatically formatted in when test are generated in *SMT-Bank*.

Importantly, *SMT-Item.Net* is an interactive system. Test Development experts from your organization or from SMT can review an item writers work at any time and enter feedback into the Expert Communications page. The next time the remote user logs into *SMT-Item.Net*, s/he can view the expert comments and revise items accordingly.

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