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the August 2007 Review of Document Storage Systems

Rack2-Filer is a document storage system that was developed by Fujitsu, one of the leading manufacturers of high performance scanners, to accompany its ScanSnap "one-touch" document scanner.

Usability — 5 Stars

Rack2Filer offers a unique approach to the user interface. The primary interface is a file cabinet with a series of animated binders that represent collections of related documents. The binders have color-coded tabs for quick reference, and, when a binder is selected, it opens into a notebook format where users click the page tabs to move through the documents, or to turn individual pages. The control buttons for navigating through the pages/documents in a binder are very intuitive and easy to use. The first page in each binder displays a list of the documents in the binder with hyperlinks that allow users to jump directly to specific documents.

Document Organization — 4 Stars

The methodology used to store documents and files is based on libraries (six maximum) that contain up to 20 cabinets each. The cabinets can each contain up to 21 binders. Each binder can contain up to 1,000 pages of information. The pages can be divided into chapters for more granular organization.

Annotation — 4 Stars

The Rack2Filer viewer offers built-in proprietary annotation tools that are very easy to use and include free form text notes and highlighting. Additional annotations are managed in the native applications.

Integration — 3 Stars

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system because it is designed primarily to be a desktop application to help individual users manage the organization of their files.

Relative Value — 4 Stars

The bottom line on Rack2Filer is that it is a handy utility for organizing documents at the individual user level. In that regard, it is extremely easy to use and very intuitive. The ability to view multiple types of documents from within a virtual binder is very effective. The system is not robust enough to deploy in a multi-user function, in my opinion. Rack2Filer is priced at \$249.

2007 Overall Rating: 4 Stars

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