



Implementation of a Forensic LIMS

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Laboratory Information Management System (**LIMS**), is a software-based system that support a modern laboratory's operations. It tracks samples, manages laboratory work, captures results, and produces laboratory reports.



Electronic Lab Notebook (ELN) is a computer program designed to replace paper laboratory notebooks. ELNs are used by scientists, engineers, and technicians to document research, experiments, and procedures performed in a laboratory.





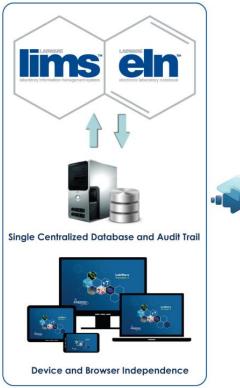
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Instrument Data Capture



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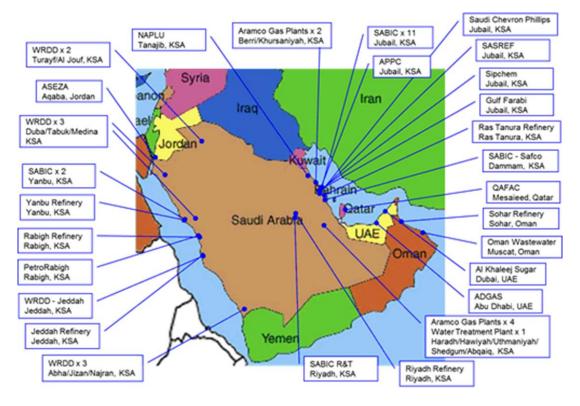
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LabWare in Forensics

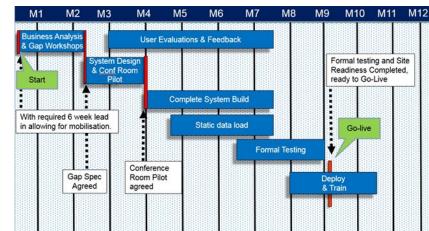
 LabWare's has a over 150 customers in Public Health, DNA and Forensics customer base.

- Large footprint in forensics
 - Comprehensive implementations in UK, Spain, Denmark, US, Bulgaria, Colombia, Argentina, South Africa, Botswana, Australia, Singapore.





- Based on the several implementations, a set of base requirements was identified.
 - General Forensic Requirements
 - Forensic DNA Requirements
 - Quality Requirements
- LabWare has created a vertical solution that covers the main requirements
- Using this vertical solution, a project plan can be created to implement the solution in customers



EXHIBITION & General Requirements for a Forensic LIMS

Case Management

- General Case Management for Cases that are received from external customers (police?)
- Create Subtasks (sub-cases) for departments that are involved in the investigations
- Workflows to manage subtasks (sub-cases) in the department.

Exhibits Management

- Reception of Exhibits by Submissions
- Chain of Custody of Exhibits throughout its life-cycle in the laboratory

Analysis Management

- Assign analyses to exhibits
- Automated results entry from instruments
- Approval of results

Report Management

- Automated report creation
- Approval of Reports by several people

KPIs







Forensic DNA Requirements

Biological Material Recovery

- Identification of biological stains
- Presumptive and Confirmation tests
- Creation and Storage of Samples for DNA Analysis

DNA Analyses

- DNA Extraction and Concentration Analyses
- DNA Amplification and Profile Analyses

DNA Profile Management

- Cross-contamination checks
- Profile composition based on several kits
- LR and Paternity calculations
- Upload to National Databases





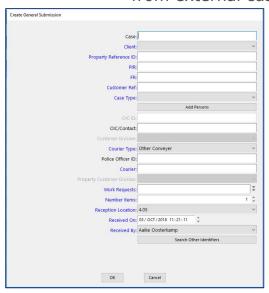
Quality Requirements

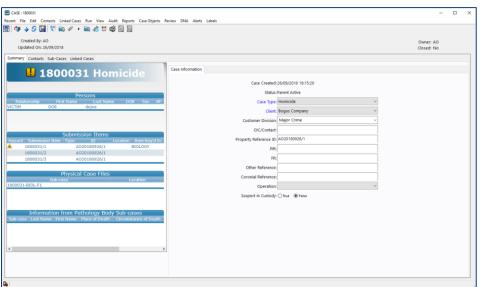
- The main quality requirements are based on the ISO 17.025 standard
- Full Auditing
- Instrument Management
 - Service, Maintenance, Calibration, Verification
- Standards & Reagents Management
 - Barcode Labels
 - Reception, Opening, Usage
- Training
- Document Management





- Case Management
 - Creation of cases
 - General Case Management for Cases that are received from external customers

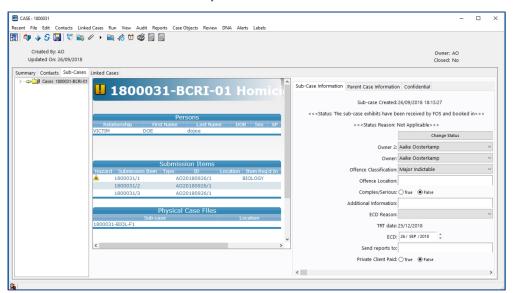








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 - Creation of Subtasks (Sub-cases) for departments
 - Subtasks are created for the involved departments
 - In LabWare this is done by Subcases







- Case Management
 - Workflows to manage cases
 - Visual Workflows have been created for several roles in the Labs

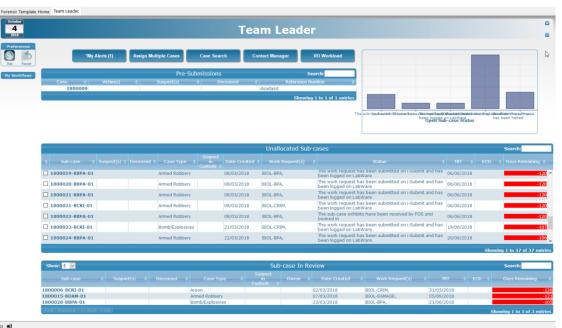
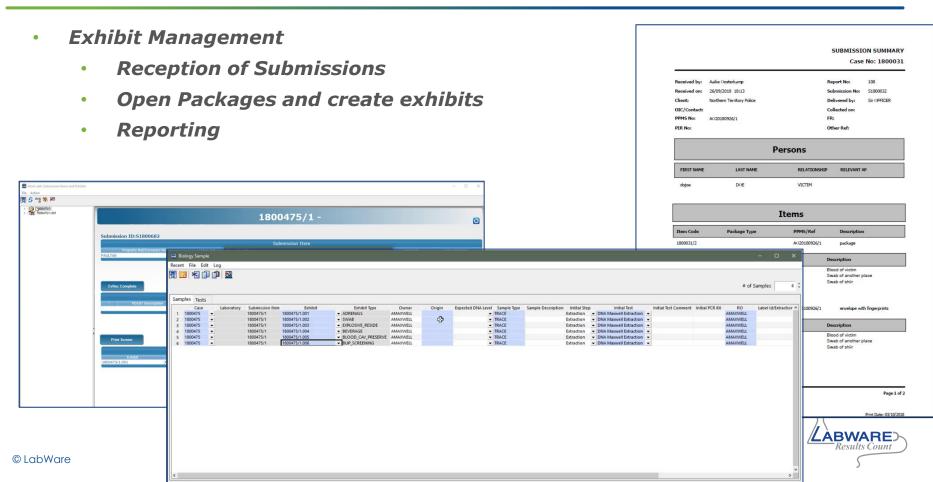






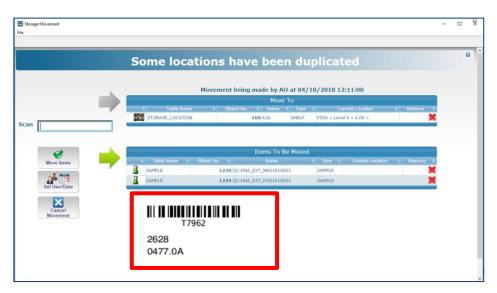


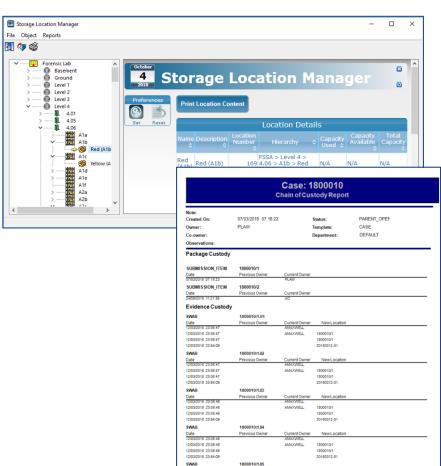
Exhibit Management





- Chain of Custody Management
 - Movement of objects by barcodes (exhibits, bags, samples) through the Labs
 - Chain of Custody Reports





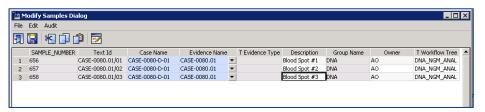


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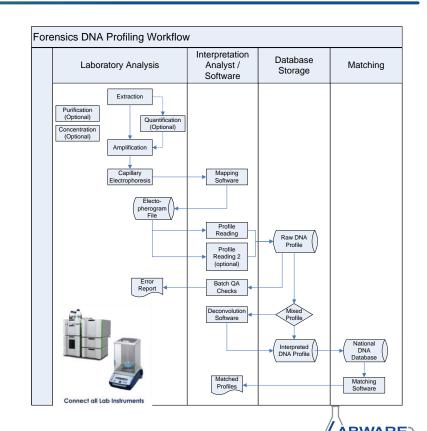




Forensic DNA Workflow

Workflow

- Laboratory Analysis
 - Extraction, DNA Quantification
 - DNA Amplification, CE
- Interpretation Analyst Software
 - Profile Readings
 - QC Checks
- Database Storage
 - DNA Profile storage
- Matching
 - Upload into National Database, such as CODIS.
 - · Run daily match reports.
 - Recover matches and report to case





DNA Analysis Assignment

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- The Expert assigns Analyses to the exhibits
- These are then passed to the lab
- The analysis process should run in an automated manner







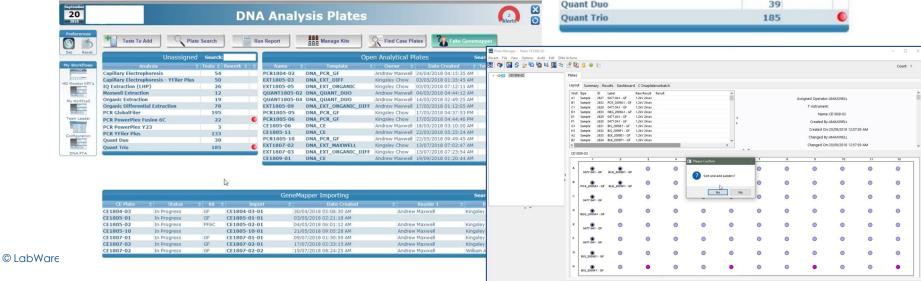


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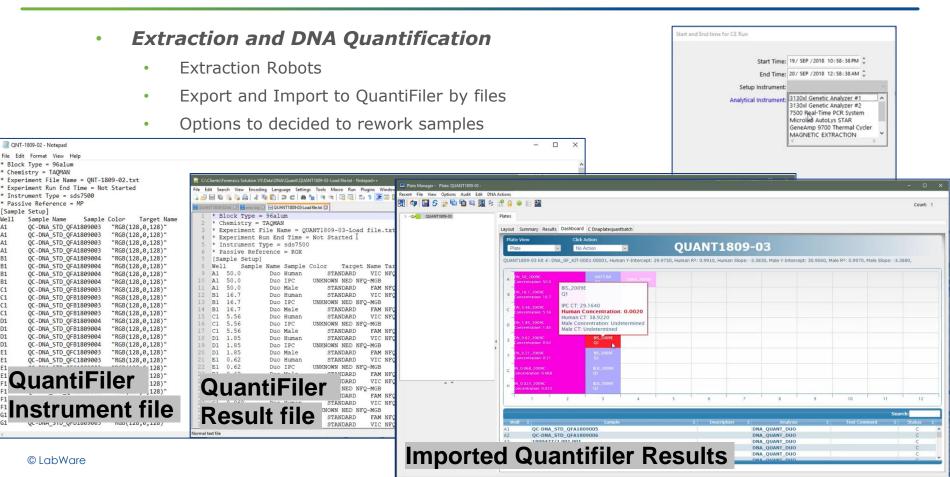
- DNA Extraction and Concentration analysis
 - Organic Extraction,
 - Quant Duo, Quant Trio
- DNA Kits Analysis
 - GlobalFiler, PowerPlex, Identifiler, YFiler







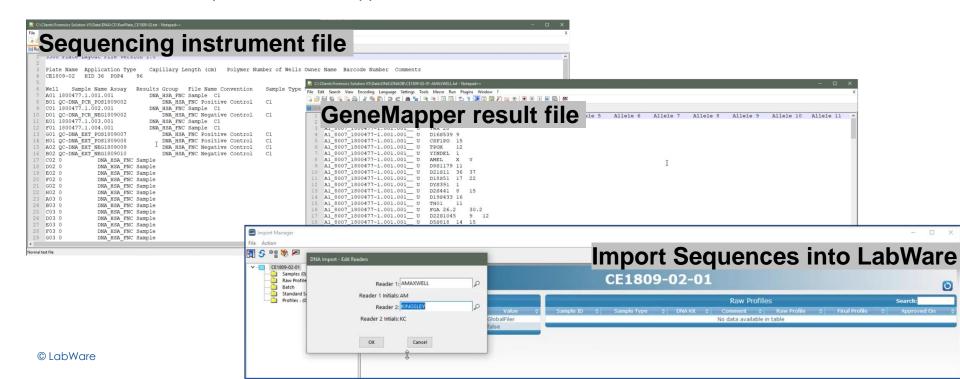
Instrument Integration





Instrument Integration

- Sequencing information
 - Export to Sequencing Instrument
 - Import from GeneMapper





Profile Management

Profile information

- Revise Profiles
- Interprete difference between two independent reads
- Unite profile based on different kits

Calculations of Match Probabilities

- Random Match Probabilities based on population
- Parentage calculations

Cross-contaminations

- Run queries on cross-contaminations (optional)
 - This is optional, as it may be chosen to be performed in other software

Upload profiles to National Database

Define export formats to National Databases

Receive Matches from National Database

- Receive Matches of National Database
- This information can be incorporated in the final report that is sent to the customer

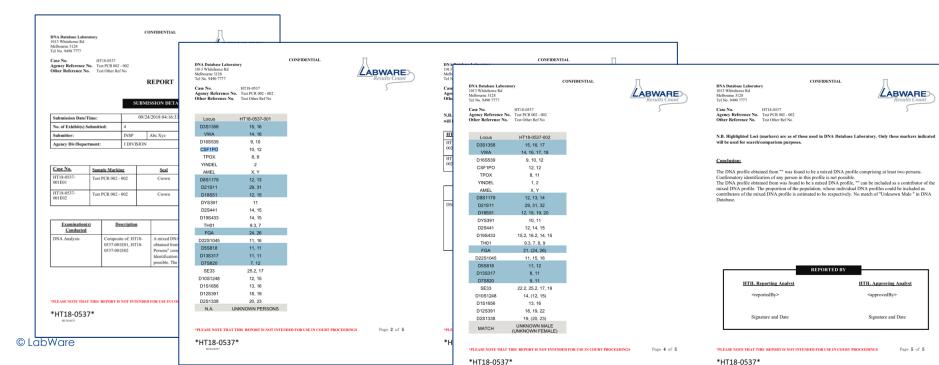




Case Reporting

Final Report Creation

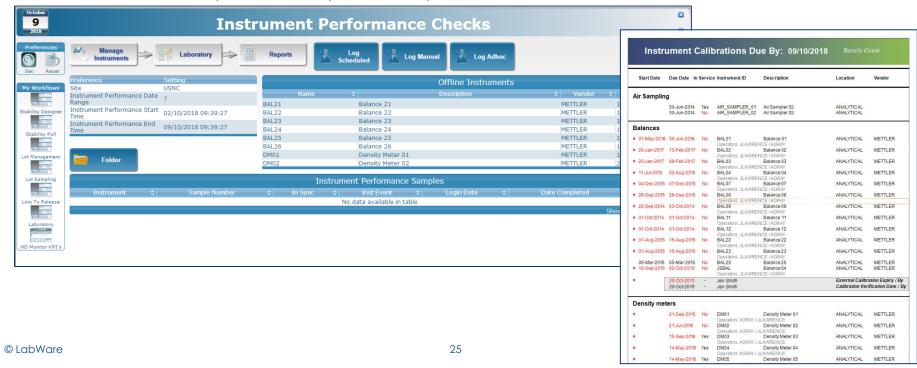
 Based on the results that have been imported, automated final reports can be created that comprise Case Information, Exhibit Information and Analytical Results. As well final conclusions can be added.





Quality: Instrument Management

- Instrument Management
 - Maintain events to keep instruments in service
 - Service, Maintenance, Calibration, Verification





Quality: Standards & Reagents

- Standards & Reagents Management
 - Barcode Labels
 - Reception, Opening, Usage





Conclusions

- Together with its customers, LabWare has created a comprehensive Vertical Solution that helps to automate forensic DNA laboratories.
- It comprises the main forensic requirements
 - Case Management
 - Exhibits Management
 - DNA Analyses
 - Profile Management
 - Quality Requirements according to ISO 17.025
- High volumes of sample throughput are achieved
 - > 200.000 samples / year have been achieved by our customers
 - Using a secure and validated system.





Questions?

