

Running SpringCharts on an iPad

The iPad can be a very convenient way to review your medical records whether you are in or out of the office. Like with most technological solutions, there are options. This paper discusses the different methods that you can use to connect your iPad to your network so that you can successfully run SpringCharts on an iPad and access your patient records.

The iPad does not support Java, so SpringCharts cannot run natively on that device. However, there are several applications available that allow the iPad to take control of a remote computer or a computer session on a server. If you are taking control of a remote desktop computer, it will be dedicated to the cause (meaning no one can use it for anything else while it is running SpringCharts for the iPad user). If you are taking control of a computer session on a server through terminal services, multiple sessions are available for multiple users, including multiple iPad users.

OPTIONS

There are two basic options for running SpringCharts on your iPad.

1. **A server running terminal services.** First you need to have terminal services on your Windows server, or, on a Mac server, AquaConnect running terminal services. Then you would purchase the iPad App, iTap, to use as the RDP (Remote Desktop Program) on your iPad and connect to your remote server. You may need to consult your IT professional to setup a terminal server for your office. Most Windows servers come with 2 terminal server licenses. For those with Mac servers, you too can run Terminal Services through a product called AquaConnect, which can be purchased through Spring Medical Systems. Terminal services can be used to set up multiple concurrent sessions so several people can use iPads (or other computers) simultaneously.
2. **A desktop computer that you can take over remotely.** If you have the luxury of taking control of another PC or Mac (like the one in your office), then you have two options:
 - a. You can activate remote access on your desktop and then purchase the iPad App, iTap, to use on your iPad and take control of your desktop computer running SpringCharts. If you will be accessing your desktop from outside your office, you might want to consider option 2.b. below since it is easier to configure.
 - b. You can purchase Logmein or iTeleport for the iPad and install the corresponding program, or agent, to run on your desktop computer that interacts with the app on the iPad. This solution is easier to configure if you are using your iPad over the internet from outside your office.

Both options are very cost effective but the second option requires a dedicated desktop computer for each iPad user. You can check out the App Store for pricing of the iPad solutions mentioned. For pricing on Terminal Services for Windows, please consult your IT professional. For pricing on Terminal Services for Mac using AquaConnect, please call your Spring Medical VAR or your Spring Medical Regional Sales Director (info@SpringMedical.com, 888-767-4827).