



KLAS Spotlight

Databound

SETTING A HIGH BAR IN RPA

SPOTLIGHT



Separating fact from fiction in emerging technologies



Why This Spotlight? (KLAS explains)

Healthcare organizations are increasingly looking to robotic process automation (RPA) solutions to automate and execute billing and claims processing. This spotlight is an early look at the outcomes and satisfaction of Databound customers.

What Does Databound Do? (A customer explains)

"It can do so much. The system can automate charge entry scripts. We can take and manipulate external reports and post charges to our billing system. We have ugly reports coming out of some systems that Databound's system reads and identifies what needs to be posted or changed. The system can check bad transactions and post the right transactions. The system spits out emails and is just amazing. The system saves manual effort. For one script, in particular, it used to take people four hours to accomplish the task. Now, that script is done in a matter of minutes." —Lead financial analyst

Bottom Line

Databound customers report some of the highest satisfaction levels of any vendor customer base KLAS measures. This satisfaction is driven by the value clients see in the EMUE product. Some respondents say that certain EMR solutions do not play well with EMUE.

Key Competitors

Automation Anywhere, Boston Software Systems, Olive, UiPath

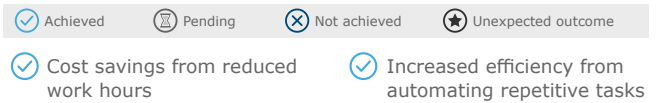
Number of Customers Interviewed by KLAS

Data in this report comes from two samples: (1) 9 individuals from 8 unique organizations completed a spotlight questionnaire (out of 68 organizations submitted by Databound); (2) 26 individuals at 21 organizations completed KLAS' standard performance evaluation.

Makeup of Interviewed Customers

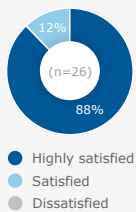
Ambulatory clinics, hospitals, and health systems of varying sizes

Outcomes Expected by Customers

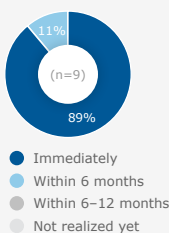


Databound Customer Experience: An Initial Look

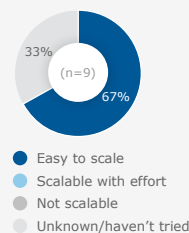
Overall Customer Satisfaction



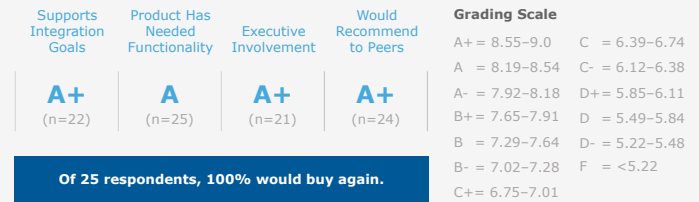
Time to See Outcomes



Scalability



Databound Performance in Key Areas (1-9 scale)



Strengths

- High-value product drives high satisfaction
- Clients see tangible outcomes
- Databound seen as a partner



"Databound is hands down the best vendor that I have worked with in terms of customer service. They respond to service requests within an hour of us putting in the requests. If we don't hear back from them until the next day, we will get a long apology email from Databound. If our main point of contact can't help us for whatever reason, they will go right to the development team. The leadership of the company gets on the phone with us during meetings. Databound is really great to work with." —BI manager

Challenges

- Certain enterprise EMR solutions do not work with the system
- Programming experience is helpful to really optimize the system



"The system works pretty well, but there are some hurdles with it. The one downfall is that Databound promotes the system as being usable by people who aren't programmers. To a certain degree, that is true, but I have a programming background, and when I came in, the scripts required manual intervention more frequently than we wanted because someone hadn't written the scripts with the thought of trying to catch things. If there is an error, we need to be able to catch it, handle it, log exceptions, and do things like that." —Analyst

Customer-Validated Features & Services

Databound Feature/Service



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Databound: Company Profile at a Glance

Founders: Paul Martin

Number of Customers: 85 live, 7 under contract

Funding: Self-funded

Year Founded: 1999

Number of Employees: 21

Headquarters: Ithaca, NY

Target Customer: Typically hospitals with 50+ beds, often Cerner revenue cycle clients

Revenue Model: Clients pay to license each automation machine (bot) based on the capacity needed to automate the desired work.

Databound: Healthcare Executive Interview

Paul Martin, CEO



What is your background?

I started Databound in 1999 as the original programmer and creator of EMUE. Like many entrepreneurs, I wore several hats, including sales, support, and client success. As we grew, we helped many clients on Siemens Medical System terminal applications to automate integration, reporting, work-listing, and dozens of other use cases. As a result of that client interaction and attending many user groups, we've gotten to know the revenue cycle community really well. As Databound continues to grow, my focus has shifted to providing strategic and technical guidance and ensuring that we continue to provide outstanding client value.

Why was Databound started?

We saw a valuable need to help healthcare professionals improve their work through technology, which is why we specialize in the healthcare revenue cycle. This is where Databound provides the most value and has been our driving force since early mainframe days, propelling our clients and us forward with RPA today. Our laser-focus on creating and leveraging innovative technology specific to healthcare's unique needs ensures that we deliver the value we promise. We don't hype. We don't over-sell. We simply provide value through innovation.

What is Databound's greatest differentiator?

We leverage 20 years' experience using RPA for revenue cycle to cut through the noise to create real value with meaningful results. By combining customer service and technology, we deliver RPA results that clients love. Databound has gained significant industry experience as the only RPA partner to have implemented over 100 use cases benefiting nearly 400 hospitals. Our continued dedication to healthcare has made Databound a trustworthy leader in our field. As a result, we have obtained 97% client retention and unmatched customer satisfaction with a Net Promoter Score of +81. This reflection of shared success is what truly makes Databound different.

KLAS' Points to Ponder



Mike Davis

HCIT market research and analysis expert with 40+ years of experience

The Positives: Databound provides a proven RPA solution for improving revenue cycle management (RCM) functions. Tasks that require the financial staff to acquire needed data from multiple sources are managed by bots that significantly reduce labor effort. Databound provides a quick ROI by automating eligibility, claim follow-up, service authorizations, denials, and account management processes with scripts that aggregate data from disparate systems. System support and training are highly regarded by customers.

Organizations should consider the following:

The Solution's Long-Term Viability in Healthcare

RPA solutions provide an effective way for healthcare organizations to improve their RCM efficiency and relieve skilled financial staff from tedious work tasks, freeing staff to be trained on new reimbursement functions and workflows as healthcare transitions to fee-for-value reimbursement models. Many organizations have RCM environments that are comprised of disparate systems and vendors. These organizations are good candidates for RPA implementations. Databound has a proven solution that will enable healthcare organizations to more efficiently and effectively manage a bifurcated reimbursement world.

Impacts and Tradeoffs of the Underlying Technology

Databound uses a predominantly Microsoft architecture. Cloud services are Azure, application development is conducted on .NET, and the database is SQL Server. Mobile applications are browser based and not developed in native services (e.g., Swift/iOS, Flutter/Android). The security platform is based on Azure certifications—NIST, ISO, and SOC. Data at rest is encrypted in AES-256, and data in transit is encrypted with SSL with 2048 bit certificates. Integration and data-acquisition services are created with HL7, FHIR, SOAP, RESTful APIs, ODBC, and OLEDB. HIPAA is accommodated with BAA agreements.

RPA Programming Skills

RPA solutions that provide a library of proven scripts used with industry-leading RCM products will provide a good platform for driving ROI by automating common labor-intensive workflow tasks. The ability to use RPA solutions to support sophisticated workflow tasks may require programming skills to modify or create new scripts. When evaluating RPA solutions, organizations should identify the scripting language used and the availability of organizational personnel with skill sets to support the development of more sophisticated scripts. Sophisticated scripts are likely to drive higher ROI outcomes.

Legacy Applications and Bot Challenges

A significant number of RCM legacy applications remain viable in the industry. Creating data capture/exchange services with these environments can be challenging. The higher the number of RCM supporting applications that must be available to the bot to perform its scripted functions, the higher the internal support overhead. Bots will need to be evaluated whenever a legacy RCM application is updated and, in many cases, will need modifications to perform as intended. Even with additional support overhead, the RPA solutions are likely to provide significant labor reductions.

REPORT INFORMATION

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