CREATION OF DIGITAL LIBRARIES
IN CD-ROMs USING WINISIS AND GENISISCD

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Creation of a searchable collection of full text documents on a cd-rom

Winisis, window version of the CDS/ISIS software of Unesco originally developed for creation of cataloguing (bibliographic) database, allows us to develop searchable digital library of fulltext documents. GenisisCD, another free software, offers simple way to convert the winisis database into a cd-rom. You can create a digital library of full text documents in a cd-rom using both the software.

Winisis has an inbuilt provision for creating a hyperlink, in a field and the hyperlink can be linked to any full text document, by appropriate command in the print format. A click on the hypertext link, of the database thus generated, will result in opening the linked document automatically. That means you can create a database of a digital collection, which displays a hyper link on one field and by clicking on the link in the field, you can open the appropriate full text document automatically. This is made possible by adding a command ‘link…. …OPENFILE’ in the print format. If you burn the resultant application along with the full text documents at the appropriate folder, it would have the features of a digital library.

How to create the database, of digital collection of documents, using Winisis?

In order to create a sample digital library, you need to have the few full text documents in your computer. Create a database of the above digital documents in Winisis. The database can have any number of fields. For explaining the steps, we take a sample database with the following fields.

- 10 Author
- 20 Title
- 30 Keywords
- 40 Source
Creation of Database Using Winisis

Creation of database by using Winisis is very easy and automatic. Open the CDS_ISIS for Windows as follows:-

Figure 1

Then you will get the following screen

Figure 2

Then click on Database drop down menu and select New as follows:-
You will be lead to the following screen:-

Figure 4

Then give a new database name and click on Ok button you will get the following screen.

To start with, you need to provide the Tag number (10, 20, etc) and Field name (Author, Title etc) of your choice and click Add button every time on completion of each entry.
On entering the tag and the name of Fields, click the **arrow button** at the right bottom corner to move on to the next screenshot in which you can choose the **Data Entry Fields** that need to appear in the data entry worksheet by selecting the **Field Name** on the right pane and then clicking the **side arrow** key as in Figure 6.

In the above screen highlight the fields (in the left pane), which you want to include as the Data Entry Field and click on the side arrow button so as to get it included as a Data Entry Field. If you click double arrow button above all fields will be selected as Data Entry Field.
Entry Fields and will appear in the right pane above. Then click on the green arrow button to move on to get the following screen.

Figure 7

![CDS/ISIS Wizard](image)

*Do you want Winisis to launch the Print Format Assistant?*

Then Click **yes** to launch Print Format Assistant

Figure 8

![Database Definition - PFT Wizard](image)

Choose a format template from the following ones:

- Normal Style
- CDS/ISIS Dos Compatible Format
- Decorated Format
- HTML Normal
- HTML Table with Headers

Then select the appropriate print format and click **OK** button to get the print format screen as in Fig 9.
In the print format lines, you may add the following formatting line inorder to create a hypertext link with the words Click Here that will be linked to the full text document, provided in the tag 40 – the Source.

**Link** ("Click here"), ‘OPENFILE ′, v40)

Ensure that there must be a space between the OPENFILE command and the single quote, and the command OPENFILE should be written in upper case as shown above.

The command means that, when you click on the ‘Click here’ link, the click will automatically result in opening the file denoted in the field v40, in a new window.

The resultant print format would appear as in Figure 10.

**Figure 10**

![Database Definition - Formats (NEW M5T)](image-url)
The print format of the above database is as follows:-

fonts((modern,Courier New),(roman,Times New Roman),(swiss,Arial)), cols((0,0,0)),
c110,f1,box(1)'MFN: 'mfn(4),tab(2032), {cl8,fs32,b'NEW.MST'}/#f2,cl4,m(2032,-2032),cl4,fs30,
if p(v10) then {c11,fs24,i,'Author:'},tab(2032),v10/fi/
if p(v20) then {c11,fs24,i,'Title:'},tab(2032),v20/fi/
if p(v30) then {c11,fs24,i,'Keywords:'},tab(2032),v30/fi/
if p(v40) then {c11,fs24,i,'Source:'},tab(2032),v40/fi/
link ((tab(2032)'Click here'),'OPENFILE ',v40)

Click Ok button to move ahead and you will be asked whether to launch the Dictionary Assistant.

Figure 11

![Database Definition Wizard](image)

Then Click yes to launch the Dictionary Assistant. You will then get the following screen

Figure 12 Field Selection Table

![Field Selection Table](image)

Then click ok button to move to the next and you may choose the indexing technique in the Field Selection Table as Figure 12.
Put x mark in the check boxes on the left side of the field names and select the appropriate Technique for indexing from the dropdown menu at the right top. If you need word-by-word indexing, select 4 by word in the drop down menu. Then Click Ok to move to the next.

Figure 13

Here you can change the indexing technique. If you need to correct any entry, just click on the entry in the entry box and that will appear in the editing box for editing. Then click Terminate button you will get the following message.

Figure 14

Then click yes for confirmation and you will be notified that database has been created.
Figure 15

![Success!](image)

Click **OK** button.

Now creation of the database is over.

Figure 16

![File Selection](image)

Then select `.mst` file of the new database (new.mst in our case)

Figure 17

![File Selection](image)

Click **OK** button to get the following screen.
Now creation of the database is over and you need to enter the data by opening the Winisis as in Fig 16 and clicking the **Data entry** under **Edit** menu.

Then you will get the following screen in Figure 20.
Figure 20 Data Entry Window

Enter the data of all documents of the digital collection. The document name of the fulltext documents including extension (.pdf, .doc etc.) should be entered in the Source field.

Figure 21
The display of the resultant database will be as follows.

**Figure 22**

![Database Display](image)

**NB:** If you put full path of the document in **Source** field and place that document in that location in the computer, a click on the link will automatically open the document. But if you want to burn the program into a cd-rom using genisisCD, you need to provide document name alone (ram.pdf) as above if your newly burned cd-rom need to work properly.)

**Making winisis database into a self installing CD-ROM**

**Installation of the GenisisCD**

Download the genisisCD program from the Unesco website and unzip the file. When You unzip the downloaded zipped file; you will get the following three files

- genisiscd110
- setup
- Setup.lst

Then, double click on **setup.exe** file as above
Then you will get the first screen in the installation process as follows: -

**Figure 23**

![Image of the first screen](image)

Click on the **OK** button and you will be lead to a screen as in Figure 23 as follows: -

**Figure 24**

![Image of the second screen](image)

Click on the **icon on the left side** and you will get the following screen: -
Then click on the continue button and you will be notified of the successful installation of the program. Then click on the OK button to finalize the installation.

Creating the set of files by using genisisCD, for burning the cd-rom

To start genisisCD program, go to Start\Programs\Applications Genisis\GenisisCD-Base ISIS as follows:-
Then you will get the following screen in Figure 27.

Then click **Configuration** menu and selection **Options** you will get the following screen.
In the above screen click on the language drop down arrow key and select the language English.

Then click on Application menu and select new as follows.

Then the following screen will appear.
Select the MST file then click 'Open' button in the above screen and you will get the following screen.

Give a name for your application like MYWEB and click OK. Then, you will get three window forms one over the other: Query form, Format 'listing' and Format 'details'.
Query form allows you to design the web like Query Form (a front end form for searching) with a search box for searching the database with any search term. The query form contains an index button that takes you to the indexing terms included in the inverted file of your database, for selecting the appropriate search term.

Format ‘listing’ allows you to design a short display format. A user can select the Detailed Display format from this Short Display Format. Format ‘details’: allows you to design Detailed Display Format. This manual doesn’t deal with Format ‘details’.

Using these three formats, you will have to design your Query form, Short Display Format and Detailed Display Format.

This manual describes about Query Form and Format ‘listing’ only, to avoid complex things.

Design the query form

Query Form is the front-end form for making a search. It should contain a search box, submit button and other buttons. You need to create the Query form.
In order to design the query form, you have to select the Query form by clicking on it. Figure 33

Then Click on **add** button at the bottom of the query form in Fig 33

When you click on **add** button you will get the following window in Figure 34,
The items appearing on the left panel are the fields you had included in your Winisis database. You may select only one field at a time so as to appear that search box in the Query form. If you want to select more fields you have to click on “add” and select another one again until you put all fields. As well, you can select options with regard to the search operators and the appearance of the index button.

In the above screen, it is preferable to select 'All fields" from the left panel (as it allows search by any term in the index of the database) and then click ok.

Then, you will be lead to the following window.
Select any or all the three tabs **Form**, **Index** and **Page** appearing on the right side of the above screen for appropriately choosing the 'look' of the Query Form, Index Page and Display Page. You can play with these options and choose anything you prefer to have a beautiful look for your cd-rom library.

**Designing format 'listing'**

Then click on the 'Format-listing' window, you will get the following default form
Click **Add** button at the bottom and you will get the following window.

**Figure 37**
From the above screen, select the appropriate Field in the drop down menu and then click the down arrow button at the middle and then click OK button. Then select the next Field by clicking Add button till all Fields except Source, are selected.

Figure 38

Then select the Source that provides the file name (ram.pdf) of the full text document as below.

Figure 39
Then, click on the **down arrow** button at the middle as above so as to display the **source** file name *ram.pdf*.

Then select the drop down menu appearing against **link** and select 'To extend resource (*pdf. doc...*)', if the full text documents are pdf, doc, html etc. Then you click **Ok** button to save it.

You will move on to the next screen in Fig 40

**Figure 40**

![Image of the interface](image-url)
After designing two forms (Query form, format 'listing'), you may click 'Finalize the application'.

Click on Application drop down menu and select **Finalize the application (before CD burning)** in figure 41.

**Figure 41**

You may put ✓ tick mark on the box to get auto run feature for the burned CDROM

Click OK button in the above screen in order to get the following screen.
Click **Yes** in the above screen to get the following screen.

![Figure 43](image_url)

**Figure 43**

Click **OK** button in the above screen in order to get the following screen.

![Figure 44](image_url)

**Figure 44**

Click **OK** button in the above screen in order to get the following screen.

![Figure 45](image_url)

**Figure 45**
Allow the above screen to run till its end and then click the close button (x) to close the program and to get the following screen

Figure 46

Click Exit to close the above window to close your cd-rom file generation process.

Final step

Then copy the set of your full text documents to the html folder (at 'C:\Program Files\GenIsisCD\appli\CD.01\html').

Then delete the index.html in the folder C:\Program Files\GenIsisCD\appli\CD.01\html

Then copy form.html in the folder C:\Program Files\GenIsisCD\appli\CD.01\html\base_databasename_01 and paste it to the folder C:\Program Files\GenIsisCD\appli\CD.01\html. Then change the name of form.html as index.html

Then you may write contents in the folder C:\Program Files\GenIsisCD\appli\CD.01 on a new blank CD. You may put the new auto-run cd-rom into any computer and the following screen will appear automatically.
Click on the **Install the CDROM** button and follow the on-screen instructions to install the program.
Then go to `Start/programs\cdrom_name\query the cdrom name` to open the query form as follows.

**Figure 49 Search page of Genisis CD**

If you click on the index button, the following screen will appear.
The purpose of this screen is to help you select an appropriate indexing term from the inverted file index of the database. If you type any letter, letters or words in the search box above and click search button, you will get the indexed terms. Then click on any term and again click on the submit button in order to submit that search term to your main search box of the query page in Fig 49. You can then make a search with a definite indexing term in the inverted file index.

Figure 51 Search window
If you click on the link (on ram.doc above) in the field Source (on ram.pdf) provided above, appropriate document would be get opened, automatically, in a new window.

Other useful details

How to obtain GenisisCD?

GenIsisCD has been developed by Pierre Chabert and is distributed free by UNESCO. It can be downloaded from:

http://www.unesco.org/isis/files/winisis/genisis/cdrom/genisiscd110.exe

http://www.scribnet.org/download/genisiscd110.exe

On Genisisweb

GenIsisWeb is another software that helps you publish your winisis database in the website. The software is available at

http://www.unesco.org/isis/files/winisis/genisis/web/genisisweb.exe

You can export the winisis database to an Internet site using genisiweb.

**Obtaining Winisis**

You can obtain Winisis from Unesco website. You need to register for download and you will be notified with download instructions through your email.