

## Frequently Asked Question

### What technology is used to develop CS-DRMS?

CS-DRMS supports a client-server architecture, and can be deployed as a single or multi-user system. One of the key features of CSDRMS is its database independence. CS-DRMS is designed to be adaptable for use on any relational database management system (RDBMS), which is ANSI 92 compliant. CS-DRMS currently supports the following two major database products: Microsoft SQL Server and Oracle.

All user interaction with CS-DRMS is via rich Windows GUI that makes use of drop down menus, buttons, combo boxes, etc. In order to make the application intuitive and easy to use, the GUI conforms as closely as possible to best practice Windows user interface design.

Refer to the hardware and software specification document for windows and database versions supported.

### Is CS-DRMS available in other languages apart from English?

The software is currently available in both English and French and can be easily translated to a number of other languages.

CS-DRMS comes with an inbuilt context sensitive help. The software is also offered with a set of comprehensive user guides available in both English and French.

### Why should I use CS-DRMS?

CS-DRMS promotes effective and pro-active debt management through:

- a) Provides a comprehensive repository for different types of external and domestic debt and debt related guarantees on an instrument-by-instrument or aggregate basis;
- b) Caters to both loans and securities in multiple currencies with a wide range of characteristics including fixed rate, floating rate, discount, indexed and embedded options;
- c) Can be used for management of debt and debt related guarantees at the central or sub-national;
- d) Government level and also for monitoring of private sector debt;
- e) The system can be used to record and manage the lending portfolio (including on-lending);
- f) Designed with the debt manager in mind - its rich graphical interface supports decision making and allows the debt manager to report on the government's borrowing operations easily and quickly;
- g) Complies with international debt data compilation methodology and dissemination standards and adheres to conventions for coverage, accounting, classification, valuation and reporting of public, publicly guaranteed debt and private sector non-guaranteed external debt.

### **Can I configure CS-DRMS for Remote Access?**

As CS-DRMS is a client-Server application, remote access to CS-DRMS from other organisations or departments can only be done effectively (with some reduction in performance) using VPN technology.

### **Will CS-DRMS still be supported after Meridian is released?**

The secretariat will continue to support CS-DRMS for a limited number of years after Meridian has been released. However, no new features will be introduced and only critical bugs will be fixed during this time. Existing users will be strongly encouraged to migrate to Meridian.

### **Can CS-DRMS database be migrated to Meridian?**

Sites will be expected to have upgraded to the latest version of CS-DRMS which is version 2.2.

We are preparing very detailed guidelines to assist sites for migrating to Meridian. Besides the physical installation and technical aspects of the process, DMU will provide a utility (tool) to run that will highlight data that needs to be checked and possibly updated in preparation for the migration.

Migration efforts will differ from site to site depending on the number and types of instruments as well as the types of transactions recorded.

Countries will be required to formally request assistance if on-site support is required; this may also incur some costs. However, comprehensive migration guides will be available and remote support will always be provided.

### **Can we develop country specific reports in CS-DRMS?**

Yes, CS-DRMS comes with an in-built End-User Reporting Tool to allow countries develop their own reports and add the reports to the existing standard reports that are provided as part of CS-DRMS.