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This column is a regular feature about the CDS/ISIS software package running under MS/DOS or Microsoft Windows on personal computers. Readers who have any comments, queries, suggestions, hints or advice on the use of the package are asked to send them direct to:

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GLOBAL EDIT

Many users of CDS/ISIS for DOS are familiar with global edits which use Pascal programs. If you switch from CDS/ISIS for DOS to CDS/ISIS for Windows you will find a Global replace provided.from the Utils option on the main menu.

From 1 January 2007, ISBNs are becoming 13-digit instead of 10-digit. Some organisations wish to remove the hyphens in ISBN and ISSN fields and this can be done by global edit. Figure 1 shows the values you need to enter to remove hyphens from the ISSN field, field 22. You are removing hyphen (-) from field 022 in each record and replacing it with nothing.
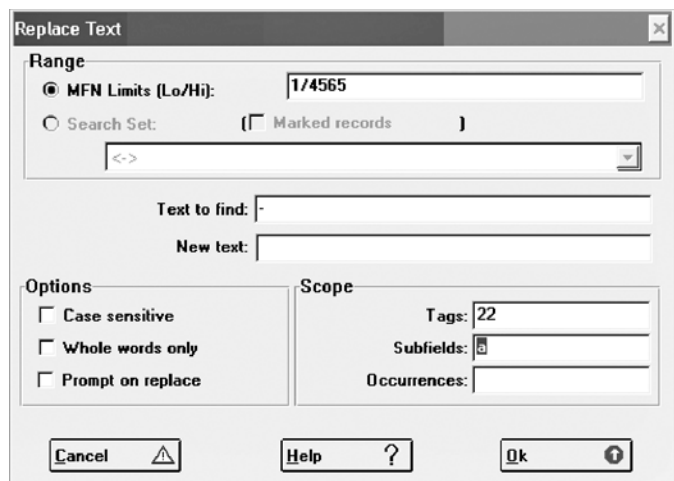

Figure 1.   Global edit screen.

If you have any Pascal programs that you do want to run, you need isispas.exe which is distributed with CDS/ISIS for Windows.

ENTRY OF DEVANAGARI DATA IN WINISIS

Mr Vimal Kumar Varun of the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology, in India works for the authorized national distributor of CDS/ISIS in India. He looks after its distribution and problem solving. He also provides technical help to users through one to one interactions or giving lectures including hands on experience. He has also produced the document on 'Installation of CDS/ISIS for Windows (WINISIS)' which is available at http://www.unesco.org/isis/files/winisis/windows/doc/english/WINISIS-INST_EN.pdf. He is ideally placed to satisfy enquiries on using CDS/ISIS for Hindi language material or for other Indian languages.

To create a database in Devanagari, for example, select **Choose Font** from Options in the EDIT menu. You can use any Hindi Font like Shusha. Figure 2 shows the data entry worksheet with a search screen visible behind it, showing devanagari script.
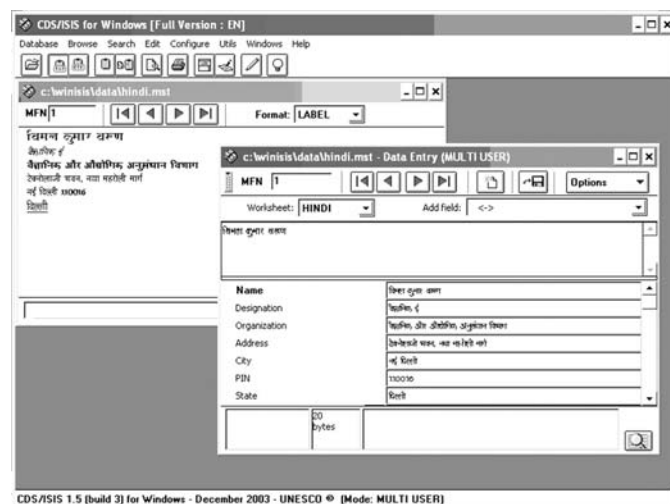

Figure 2.   Data entry worksheet.

For Display/Print you also have to modify the print format. Use Fonts command, for example: fonts((roman, Times New Roman),(swiss, Shusha)). An example is given in Figure 3.
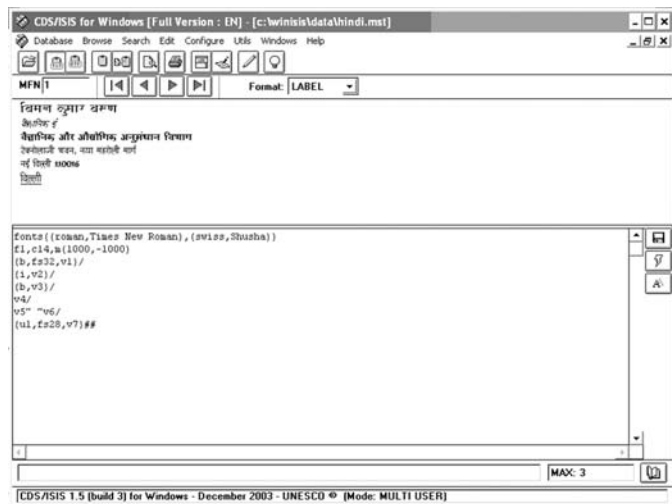
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Figure 3.   Record in Hindi with print format also displayed.

However, searching in Hindi is problematic. You can use any Hindi Font like Shusha for the bibliographic data. To avoid the problem, add an extra field in each record to enter the data to be searched in English and index this field. Searching through numerical data is not at all a problem. For more information contact Mr Varun at vkv@nic.in

IMPORTING ENDNOTE RECORDS INTO CDS/ISIS

Shivendra Singh who works with the Electronic Information Retrieval System at the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education & Research in Punjab, India has experience in converting records (more than 600) from version 9 of Endnote to CDS/ISIS for Windows.

These are the steps. In Endnote:

1. Edit Output Style
2. Go to Templates In bibliography
3. Change separator between fields into any standard, e.g. Author$Title$Journal$Year$Volume$Issue $Pages$URL$ (here $ is a separator/delimiter)
4. Then save and then Export as a .txt file

In Microsoft Excel:

1. Open/Import the above .txt file with the above ($) delimiters
2. Save as a DBF-IV version file
3. Convert the DBF file into an ISO file using db2iso. pas
4. Import the ISO file into the CDS/ISIS database.