

# CRSPSIFT VERSION 4.2 RELEASE NOTES

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**Please uninstall prior versions of Professional and Enterprise before installing CRSPSift 4.2.**

Two different versions of Enterprise servers cannot coexist on the same server.

Multiple Professional versions will conflict and not function correctly.

To Uninstall, use Add or Remove Programs, accessible from your Start Menu→Control Panel→Add or Remove Programs.

## CRSPSIFT VERSION SUPPORT SCHEDULE

CRSPSift Versions 3.2\* will expire on August 7, 2012. Update Sift prior to that date so that users can continue their work with minimal disruption. If this upcoming date is going to create hardship for your organization, please contact Client Services at support@crsp.chicagobooth.edu or call 312-263-6400, Option 2, and we will discuss alternatives and provide assistance.

CRSPSift Version 4.2 will not expire until August 2014.

## WINDOWS SUPPORT FOR CRSPSIFT

CRSPSift 4.2 is fully supported on Windows XP.

CRSPSift Version 4.2 is supported in Windows 7 - 32-and 64-bit.

Sift performance on all Vista editions is highly inconsistent and not recommended or supported.

## WHAT'S NEW?

- CRSPSift no longer requires SQL Server! As a result, installations are stable, smaller, and quicker. We replaced SQL Server with VistaDB, an embedded database engine that is designed for .NET.
- This version of Sift includes support for new data products that will be released in July.
  - ♦ Research Index Database - this database is built from the back office process that CRSP uses to generate our new CRSP Investible Indexes. The database includes security, index constituent-specific, and index data on a daily and intra-day basis. A beta version available to a limited number of subscribers will be ready to ship in July and will initially be accessible only through Sift.
  - ♦ CRSP Survivor-Bias-Free Mutual Funds Database - CRSP's mutual fund product, previously available as SAS datasets or ASCII files will be available for access through Sift Version 4.2 when it ships at the end of July. It contains the same data as the files, but more easily navigable.
- SPSS and Stata are now available as output options for all query tools with the exception of TSQuery.
- Treasuries databases can now be created as stand-alone environments, not requiring combination with a Stock database.
- Sample databases are no longer created in an environment in order to minimize confusion. They are still included in the software and an environment can be manually built from them for access.
- In StkQuery, an issue where Base Amount as an editable parameter was not being recognized has been resolved. Edits to Base Amount are now acknowledged and used.

## KNOWN ISSUES

### TSQUERY WITH CCM DATA ITEMS

A TSQuery that is created for the full universe of securities (List All option) and only CCM data items will fail. To work around, add one CRSP Stock item to the query and it will run successfully.

### TSQUERY CANCEL

If a TSQuery is cancelled and immediately executed again, an error message will appear that reads “The process cannot access the file.... Because it is being used by another process.” If the user waits somewhere between 30-45 seconds, the message will no longer appear and the query can be run successfully.

### ADOBE FLASH MESSAGE

When installing Sift on a Windows 7 64-bit machines, the prerequisite checker will indicate a failure if Adobe Flash 11 is not found. This is not a fatal error, and as long as there is a version of Flash on the computer, Sift will work as expected. The 64-bit version of Flash is available from Adobe and is no longer a beta download.



If you encounter this message, click on Continue Anyway.