

CRSPSift Version 1.2 Release Notes

CRSPSift Version 1.2 is the latest release of CRSP's Securities Information Filtering Tool. Listed below is information regarding changes in the software, bug fixes, and known problems with this release.

Features and Changes

New Administrator Installations

CRSPSift Version 1.2 requires administrator privileges to install. Many of our subscribers expressed interest in installing the software for multiple users on a single computer, or on a network in a lab environment. Installing as an administrator protects users by providing a level of security that does not exist with user level installations.

NYSE Arca Support

New in the June cuts of the CRSP Stock and Stock & Indices databases are securities with primary listings on the NYSE Arca Exchange. Sift provides the following support for these new securities:

- Filtering options added for NYSE Arca securities in all variants of CRSP Stock databases
- Access to four new indices that include the Arca universe in CRSP Stock & Indices databases

Uninstall Shortcut Eliminated

CRSPSift should now be uninstalled via the Windows "Add or Remove Programs" Control Panel. Previous versions of the software created an Uninstall shortcut in the CRSPSift folder in the Start Menu. Beginning with Version 1.2, this shortcut will no longer be created during installation. CRSP recommends that users remove any existing copies of the software before installing a new version.

New Tutorials Available

Four new video tutorials are available from the Help menu on the Menu bar and on the Welcome Screen of CRSPSift. They include:

- TsQuery Overview
- StkQuery Overview
- IndPrint Overview
- Input File Wizard

We encourage our users to suggest other topics for tutorials! Send suggestions to support@crsp.ChicagoGSB.edu

Bug Fixes

Date & Time Error is Fixed

A bug in the first version of CRSPSift, released in January 2007, required some subscribers outside of the United States to enter “English [United States]” in the Regional Options tab of the Regional and Language Options Control Panel. While CRSP provided a patch to those who requested it, this bug has been corrected in Version 1.2.

Known Problems

Windows Vista

64-bit

CRSP is currently testing CRSPSift for use on Windows Vista and 64-bit computers. Neither environment is supported by CRSP at this time.

Flash 9.0

CRSPSift Version 1.2 utilized Flash 9.0. This upgrade was needed to enable some subscribers outside of the US to have full functionality of the software, including the tutorials and a fully functional Layout screen in the TsQuery tool.

Flash 9.0 is fully backward compatible. If during installation of CRSPSift a previous version of Flash is detected, you will be prompted to upgrade. If you choose not to, the installation will close. If no version Flash is detected, the installation process will install the 9.0 version for you.