Simple Modelling Tools for Trade Policy Analysis

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Outline

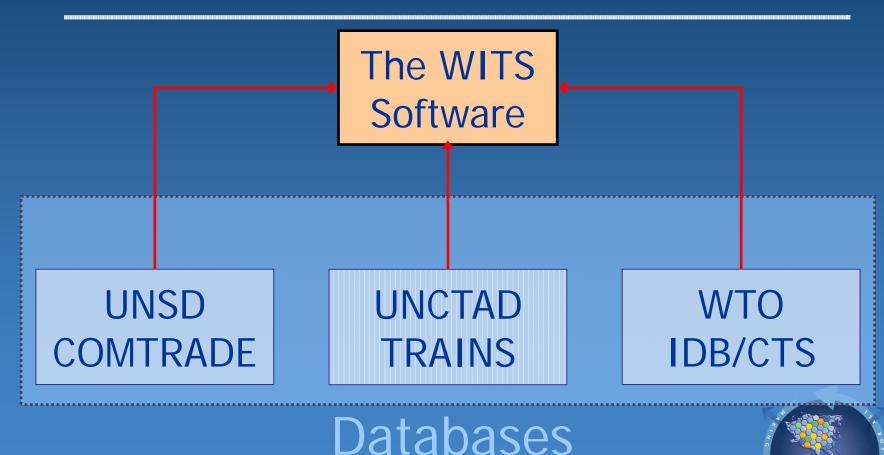
- What is WITS and How to Access
- Quick search
- Advanced search
- SMART Simulations on tariff formulation and tariff cuts





What is WITS?

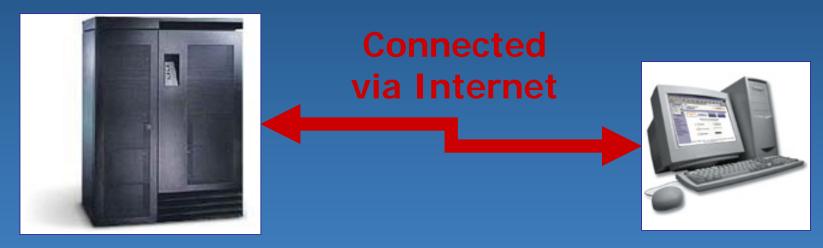
WITS is a software, not a database, but it sits on databases.





The WITS Technology

WITS is client-server based



The WITS Server WB – HQ





What is WITS?

The WITS software is both:

- A gateway to trade and protection statistics
- An analytical tool :
 - Data extraction and analysis
 - Tariff change simulations





Getting Access to WITS

A 2 step process:

- 1. Registration is required for first time users
- 2. Connect to WITS server through Internet

For all information and registration, visit WITS website at: http://wits.worldbank.org





Databases of WITS

- TRAINS (UNCTAD)
- COMTRADE (UN Statistics Division)
- Integrated Database (IDB-WTO)
- Consolidated Tariff Schedule (CTS-WTO)





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RADE

Rev 1: 1962 –

Rev 2: 1972 –

Rev 3: 1988 –

Rev 4: 2007 –

versions of HS (1988/92, 1996, and 2007)



