

# CRI WEBSITE USER GUIDE

Transforming Big Data into Smart Data

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## **CRI Website User Guide**

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## **OVERVIEW**

This document provides advice on how to make the most of the CRI website. We also value your views and heartily welcome your suggestions of improvements to the website services.

In this document, we aim to make an explicit navigation of the CRI website as easy as possible!

This page majorly provides a quick overview of this document, and some functions available without registering an account. In the '**Registering/Signing in An Account'** section, we exhibit the step-by-step way to register a CRI website account; In the '**General Access**' section, we illustrate several functions available after registering an account; In the '**Global Access**' section, we provide guidance on how to apply for Global Access, and further illustrate the additional functions available after applying for Global Access; In the '**FAQs**' section, we gather some frequently asked questions, and give answers to them.

(*Tip: If you have questions either about the website or the CRI, you may directly skip to the 'FAQs' part and seek for help.*)



## **Before Registering An Account.....**

If you have not yet registered for an account, there is still a list of functions available for you to access easily. You can – –

- See charts and download data from *Smart data* (only *CVI*, *CriSIFI* available<sup>1</sup>);
- Read complete documentations about *Methodology* (e.g. technical reports<sup>2</sup>, white papers<sup>3</sup>, etc.).
- Browse CRI research-related *Insights* (e.g. weekly credit brief<sup>4</sup>, etc.)

#### Why do you need a CRI website account?

A CRI website account can help you access more CRI data (e.g. PD, AS, etc.) and services conveniently. It is very easy to register an account. We will show you how to do it in the next section.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://www.rmicri.org/en/wcb/



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Detailed user guidance of CVI and CriSIFI is in the 'General Access' section.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://www.rmicri.org/en/technical\_document/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>https://www.rmicri.org/en/white\_paper/</u>

## **Registering/Signing in An Account**

To access more functions and data on our website, we encourage our website user to register an account. In this section, we provide detailed illustration about how to register and sign in an account on CRI website.

## Step 1

First, visit our official website (follow the link <u>http://rmicri.org/</u>). Click on the "**SIGN IN**" button on the upper right corner of the webpage shown below.



(You may choose either CRI English or Chinese website by clicking on the flag icons on the upper right corner of the webpage.)



## Step 2

Then, you will be directed to the "Login/Register" page:

CRY Credit Research Initiative	NUS National University of Singapore	RMI Advancing Risk Management for Singegore and Beyond		CHOOSE LANGUAGE	
HOME ABOUT U	S SMART DATA	METHODOLOGY	INSIGHTS	OPPORTUNITIES	SIGN IN
				Email address PASSWORD	
				Password LOGIN Errgol Password?	

If you already have a CRI account, please use your registered email address and password to log in.

If you are new to the CRI website, please click on the tab "**Register**" (highlighted by the red circle), which will direct you to the registration page:

Login Register The CRI PD and AS are currently available for over 68,000 exchange-listed companies in 128 economies. The CVI is available for 25 regions, economies and special portfolios. A registered account holder has access to the CRI data products for a representative set of 5,000 firms worldwide ( <u>CRI5000</u> ). He/she can also sign up to have the global data coverage by providing the requested information in his/her account later.	DESIGNATION*  Designation  INDUSTRY*  V  PHONE  Country Code  Area Code Phone Number	hereby agree and consent that my personal data be in this form may be collected, used and disclosed of the administrative tasks, in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act 2012 and all subsidiary legislation related thereto. In respect of disclosure, I understand that NUS may provide and/or transfer such data to third parties which may be in or outside of Singapore) when necessary for such purpose.
FIRST NAME*	EMAIL*	☐ I agree to receive occasional CRI notifications, which only include major changes to the models, release of new
First Name	Email	products, etc.
LAST NAME*	PASSWORD*	☐ I agree to receive periodic CRI publications, which include Weekly Credit Brief, SME report, etc.
Last Name	Password	
COMPANY*	RE-ENTER PASSWORD*	
Company	Re-Enter Password	REGISTER



Please fill up the register form according to your real personal information. Note that you are required to **tick the first two terms** of the Terms and Conditions (shown above. The other two terms are optional – choose if you want to receive CRI notifications about major changes, and periodic CRI publications).

Once you finish, click on "**REGISTER**" to create a new account with us.

## Step 3

Upon successful registration, an activation email will be sent to your registered email. Kindly **activate your account through the link** provided in the activation email (shown below), and you will be able to login to your CRI account and get your own data.

	Dear ,
<	Please use below link to activate your account. http://rmicri.org/accounts/activation/?code=
	Kind Regards,
	Administrator, Credit Research Initiative, Risk Management Institute, NUS.
	Please note: All emails for the NUS RMI Credit Research Initiative will be sent from <u>micri@globalcreditreview.com</u> . If your incoming mail server marked this email as spam, please make sure to label this email address as trusted to ensure uninterrupted communication.

If you have completed the registration but do not receive any activation email, please email us at: <a href="mailto:rmicri@nus.edu.sg">rmicri@nus.edu.sg</a>.



## **General Access**

After successful registration or login on the CRI website, you will have a **General Access** to our database. The General Access will entitle you the right to access our daily updated data **of 5,000 listed firms** (firms that have been selected are the most representative companies for each economy by market capitalization) out of over 70,000 listed firms across the globe that has been covered in our database.

In this section, we will explicitly illustrate the data querying process under General Access.



### Query Corporate PD & AS

After login to your account on the CRI website, click on "**SMART DATA**" for the dropdown menu and then choose "**Corporate PD & AS**" (shown as below). Or, you may type in the company name in the searching bar and query its PD & AS data directly.



Then, you will be directed to our *Corporate PD & AS* interactive interface.

By using this interactive searching system, you will be able to obtain companyspecific PD and AS term structure and historical time series data as well as visualized graphs.

#### What is CRI PD & AS?

The **CRI PD (Probability of Default)** is the likelihood that an obligor is unable to honor its financial obligations. It is computed from the CRI's forward intensity model with 16 common and firm- specific risk factors in general. It has prediction horizons, or "term structures", ranging from 1 month to 60 months.

The **CRI AS (Actuarial Spread)** is the annualized premium that is needed to compensate the counterparty for the default risk, on an actuarial basis, of the reference company. It is equivalent to the physical CDS par spread. It has contract terms from 1 year to 5 years.

(Please refer to <u>technical report</u> or <u>white paper</u> for in-depth explanation)



There are two ways to query a company's PD & AS forecast and historical data:

#### Method 1. Query directly from the search box

Key in the company's name in the search box, and click on "**SHOW CHART**" button to view the graphs of the latest **term structure** and **historical time series** of this company's PD and AS (shown as below).



(See the orange rectangle above for more details.)

You can download the historical time series data of PD or AS by simply clicking on the buttons. (If you find problems in doing so, see "<u>FAQs</u>") To see more details about each graph, simply click on the graph for the pop-up window:



#### "PD - Term Structure"

(How to interpret PD's term structure? For the below example, it can be interpreted that on 2019 Oct 30, the cumulative probability of default from 2019/10/30 to 36 months in the future, is 37.12bps, or 0.37%.)





"PD – Historical Time Series"





#### "AS – Term Structure"

(How to interpret AS's term structure? For the below example, it can be interpreted that on 2020 Mar 30, the annualized premium to compensate the default risk which is calculated with PD's term structure, i.e. the probability of default from 2020/03/30 to 36 months in the future, is 6.55bps, or 0.0655%.)



#### "AS – Historical Time Series"





Method 2. Add desired companies using the gear menu

Please type in company names (up to 5). To compare with a g	roup, please click 🗘	
	<b>*</b>	SHOW CHART
Type in a search term		

Click on the gear menu, and then you will see a pop-up window for "**ADVANCED SEARCH**" (shown as below).

On this pop-up window, you can either typing in the name of the company (or companies, **up to 5**), or using the encapsulated buttons "**Add Company**" or "**Add Group**" to manually add company or groups for searching.

After selecting the company of your interest, click on "**SHOW CHART**" for the graph.

Type in a company name (You c		ines and groups.j			
					show chart
Add Company Add Group					
Select a company to compare by o	_				
Region	Economy	Secto	r	Market Cap (M	illion USD)
Asia Pacific (Developed)	<ul> <li>Singapore</li> </ul>	▼ E	anks	▼ 10000	50000
					SHOW COMPANIES
Company	Economy	Sector	Market Cap (Mi	illion USD)	Action
DBS Group Holdings Ltd	Singapore	Banks	22846.81		Add
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd	Singapore	Banks	18422.46		Add
United Overseas Bank Ltd	Singapore	Banks	15748.96		Add

Using the "**Add Company**" button, you can filter the companies by conditions of your interest, and add the companies to the searching box.



Using the "**Add Group**" button (see the graph below) allows you to compare the performance of individual companies to the whole region, economy or sector.

ANCED SEARCH							
Type in a company name (You can com	pare up to 5 companies and groups.)						
× Singapore/Banks				SHOW CHART			
Add Company Add Group				C.D.			
Add a group to compare							
Region	Economy	Sector					



### Query Aggregate PD & AS

After login to your account on the CRI website, click on **"SMART DATA**" and choose **"Aggregate PD & AS**" (shown as below).



Then, you will be directed to our Aggregate PD & AS interactive interface.

On this webpage, you will be able to obtain region-, economy-, or section-level PD and AS term structure and historical time series data as well as visualized graphs.

#### What is CRI PD & AS?

The **CRI PD (Probability of Default)** is the likelihood that an obligor is unable to honor its financial obligations. It is computed from the CRI's forward intensity model with 16 common and firm- specific risk factors in general. It has prediction horizons, or "term structures", ranging from 1 month to 60 months.

The **CRI AS (Actuarial Spread)** is the annualized premium that is needed to compensate the counterparty for the default risk, on an actuarial basis, of the reference company. It is equivalent to the physical CDS par spread. It has contract terms from 1 year to 5 years.

What is Aggregate PD & AS?

The Aggregate PD & AS are the **median** of the PD & AS of a region, economy or sector.

(Please refer to technical report or white paper for in-depth explanation)



There are two ways to query aggregate forecast data, similar to how you query corporate forecast data:

#### Method 1. Query directly from the search box

Key in the region, economy or section of your interest in the search box, and click on "SHOW CHART" to view the graphs of the latest term structure and historical time series of aggregate PD and AS (shown as below).



(See the orange rectangle above for more details.)

You can download the historical time series data of aggregate PD or AS by simply clicking on the buttons. (If you find problems in doing so, see "FAQ")



To see more details about each graph, simply click on the graph for the pop-up window:

#### "PD – Term Structure"



$\langle$	Data Table
	/

Time period	Asia Pacific (Dev (bps)	Asia Pacific (Eme (bps)	Singapore (bps)	United States of (bps)	United States of (bps)
1M	0.32	3.59	1.22	0.12	7.41
3M	1.09	11.02	4.06	0.59	29.22
6M	2.6	22.83	9.34	2.05	75.81
1Y	6.76	47.62	22.38	8.42	192.88
2Y	18.7	99.94	49.52	30.32	371.16
3Y	32.97	154.95	75.91	59.69	504.25
5Y	64.49	267.86	122.67	126.28	651.9



#### "PD – Historical Time Series"





#### "AS – Term Structure"





#### "AS – Historical Time Series"





Method 2. Add desired economies using the gear menu

Please type in a region, economy, or section (up to 5). To select a special group, e.g. the financial sector in North America, please click\$



Click on the gear menu, and then you will see a pop-up window for "**ADVANCED SEARCH**" (shown as below).

ADVANCED SEARCH				×
Type in a group name (You	can compare up to 5 groups)			. 1
			Show Chart	
Add Group				
Region	Economy	Sector		
All regions	<ul> <li>All economies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All sectors</li> </ul>	▼ ADD	
TUTIUI				

On this pop-up window, you can either keying in the name of group (or groups, **up to 5**), or using the encapsulated buttons "**Add Group**" to manually add groups for searching.

After selecting the company of your interest, click on "**SHOW CHART**" for the graph.



### Query Corporate Vulnerability Index (CVI)

After login to your account on the CRI website, click on **"SMART DATA**" and choose **"Corporate Vulnerability Index**" (shown as below).



Then, you will be directed to our *Corporate Vulnerability Index* interactive interface.

#### What is CVI?

The **CVI (Corporate Vulnerability Index)** measures the creditworthiness of a selected region, economy or portfolio of interest. It has three sets of indices to gauge the riskiness of a group from different perspectives: **equally-weighted CVI, value-weighted CVI,** and **tail CVI**.

The equally-weighted CVI is the average value of the individual PDs in a group. This aggregate measure focuses on the number of firms at risk in a group. The value-weighted CVI sums up the individual PDs with their market capitalizations as weights. This measure takes into account the size of each firm. The tail CVI is the top 5th percentile of the individual PDs in a group. It can also be interpreted as the conditional median of the 10th percentile tail. It focuses on the riskiness of the most vulnerable firms in a group.

(Please refer to <u>technical report</u> or <u>white paper</u> for in-depth explanation)



On this webpage, you can obtain historical CVI data and graphs of your interest (shown as below).



The grey area (before Feb 1, 2017) are back-calculated using the most recent calibration results to this month. All values after Feb 1, 2017 will be updated and supplemented to the series daily.

You can download the historical time series data of daily CVI by simply clicking on the buttons. (If you find problems in doing so, see "FAQ")



### Query CRI Systemically Important Financial Institution (CriSIFI)

After login to your account on the CRI website, click on **"SMART DATA**" and choose **"CRI Systemically Important Financial Institution**" (shown as below).



Then, you will be directed to our *CRI Systemically Important Financial Institution* page.

#### What is CriSIFI?

**CriSIFI (CRI Systemically Important Financial Institution)** is the ranking of systemic importance for the exchange-listed banks and insurers around the world. It is dynamic by nature, and it determines a firm's systemic risk by its size and interconnectedness with others.

A higher ranking of a firm means it is likely to pose larger threat to the global financial system. CriSIFI is available every month from January 2000 onward and covers 2,142 banks and insurance companies in January 2020.

(Please see <u>Chan-Lau, Duan, Chuang, and Sun (2018)</u> and the <u>white paper</u> for an in-depth explanation.)



On this webpage, you can query ranking of systemic importance for the listed banks and insurers of your interest (shown as below).

FIRM TYPE	DATE	REGION	ECONOMY
All	02/2020	Asia Pacific (Developed)	Singapore •
Select from "All", "Bank", or "Insu (i.e., "CriSIFI", "CriSIB", "CriSII").	rer" Choose the target	time, region and economy.	с странование с
		Download rankings and C structure at the end of the	RI PD term e selected date.

CRI Systemically Important Financial Institution (CriSIFI)\_02/2020

COMPANY	group Ranking	GLOBAL RANKING	FIRM TYPE	REGION	ECONOMY	PROBABILITY OF DEFAULT
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd	1	459	Bank	Asia Pacific (Developed)	Singapore	R
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd	2	459	Bank	Asia Pacific (Developed)	Singapore	R
United Overseas Bank Ltd	3	523	Bank	Asia Pacific (Developed)	Singapore	R
United Overseas Bank Ltd	4	523	Bank	Asia Pacific (Developed)	Singapore	R
United Overseas Insurance Ltd	5	684	Insurer	Asia Pacific (Developed)	Singapore	R
United Overseas Insurance Ltd	6	684	Insurer	Asia Pacific (Developed)	Singapore	R
DBS Group Holdings Ltd	7	695	Bank	Asia Pacific (Developed)	Singapore	R
DBS Group Holdings Ltd	8	695	Bank	Asia Pacific (Developed)	Singapore	R
Great Eastern Holdings Ltd	9	1048	Insurer	Asia Pacific (Developed)	Singapore	R
Great Eastern Holdings Ltd	10	1048	Insurer	Asia Pacific (Developed)	Singapore	Ē

Click this icon and you will be directed to the *"Corporate PD & AS"* searching page of this firm.



### **PD & AS Calculator**

After login to your account on the CRI website, click on **"SMART DATA**" and choose **"Calculator**" (shown as below).



PS & AS calculator helps you compute your own PD and AS, and provides you with a convenient tool for **sensitivity analyses**.

How to use this calculator? There are two steps for you to follow:

**Step 1.** Select the target region, economy, and sector (shown as below). The default values, which are the **median values** of the risk factors in this particular group, have been given in both dataset A and B.

**Step 2.** Keep the dataset A (original input) unchanged and adjust values in dataset B (variable input). Click on the "**COMPARE RESULTS**" button to compare PD and AS figures after risk factor adjustment.



Asia Pacific (Developed)	▼ Australia	▼ Financ	ial 🔻
Step 1. Select the target re	gion, economy, and sec	tor.	
Risk factors (model covariates)		Data set A (Original Input)	Data set B (Variable Input)
Stock index return		0.103887	0.103887 📫 0.5
Interest rate		0.0088	0.0088
DTD level		5.22869	5.22869
DTD trend		0.02307	0.02307
Liquidity level		-2.75351	-2.75351
Liquidity trend		0.0	0.0
Net income/Total assests level		0.001672	0.001672
Net income/Total assests trend		-3.7e-05	-3.7e-05
Relative size level		2.00652	2.00652
Relative size trend		0.059623	0.059623
Market/book ratio		0.667503	0.667503
Idiosyncratic volatility		0.08977	0.08977
Aggregate DTD		4.74422	4.74422
The table above shows the median inputs on The underlying parameters were last calibrate		unto 31 January 2020	tep 2. Change variable nputs and compare results.
I	RESET DATA SET B		ingues and compare results.

You can click on the "**RESET DATA SET B**" button to clear all the adjustments you make to dataset B.

For example, we select "Asia Pacific (Developed)", "Australia", and "Financial" in the upper drop-down boxes, then we modify the "Stock index return" of dataset B to 0.5 (shown as above) and click on "COMPARE RESULTS" button. The comparing graphs of PD and AS are thus exhibited:





#### You can click on each graph to view more details.





Actuarial Spread – Term Structure

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Actuarial Spreads for Different Tenors:





## **Global Access**

Since the General Access covers only a limited number of 5,000 selected listed firms data, the "**Global Access**" will allow you to have the full access to the CRI database comprises of all 70,000+ listed firms across the globe.

In this section, we provide more details on how to apply for the "Global Access", and we will introduce the "**Data Download**" function with "Global Access".

### **Applying for the Global Access Database**

Please visit our website: <u>http://rmicri.org/</u> and sign in with your account credentials.

After signing in, bring your mouse over to your username on the upper right corner of the website and select "**Global Access Request**" shown as below.





Then, you will be directed to the Global Access application page:

Credit Research National Antional Antio		CHOOSE LANGUAGE		
HOME ABOUT US SMART DATA METHOD	DLOGY INSIGHTS OPPORTUNITIES			
Change Profile Change Password Global Access	GLOBAL ACCESS			
Subscription	Beyond the publicly available access to 5,000 firms, including firms that are now delisted. Approval will be granted at the discretion of RMI. To request global access, please use your official email address to open an account and visit our website again.			
	EMAIL:	Enal		
	FIRSTNAME:	FirstName		
	LA STNAME:"	LastName		
	COMPANY:"	Company		
	INDUSTRY:	Other •		
	cv:*	Choose File No file chosen		
	access, in accordance with the Personal Data Protection A in or outside of Singapore) when necessary for such purpo	vided in this from may be oriented, used and distinct by 10/3 for the purchase of processing my request and other seminitative basis valued to graving this data 2012 and all subsidiary legislation valued thereis. In respect of distance, I understand that 10/2 may provide and/or transfer such data to third parking binds may be at		

## Fill in your personal information and attach your real CV to proceed. Otherwise, your application will be rejected.

(Note: It may take some time for us to process with your request, and the request can only be examined on work days. You will be able to have an access to our data once we have proceeded with our acceptance to your details. If you have any problems with it, please email us at: <u>rmicri@nus.edu.sg</u>)



### Data Download

With your "Global Access" entitlement granted, you will be able to conveniently download full historical data in bulk.

On the homepage of the CRI website, click on **"SMART DATA**" and select **"Data Download**" (shown as below).



The Historical PD Data presents the entire history of PD data with term structure ranging from 1 month to 5 years for the corresponding companies.

There are several files available for downloading. You can filter and download files based on your interest.

#### See what you can get from "Data Download":

#### PD Data

- Aggregate PD Data (update once a month; data has approximately 6 month delay, data available here is only upto 6-month ago; *Find historical files in "Archive"*)
  - explanatory note (click on the hyperlink)
  - by Economy (mean value or median value)
  - by Economy/Sector (mean value or median value)



- Individual PD data (update every 6 months with a 6-month lag; Find historical files in "Archive")
- Company Mapping List ("Company Information\_20XXXXXX.csv" contains information of all the companies which have ever been added to our system; "bics\_mapping.csv" and "gics\_mapping.csv" provides mapping for "BICS\_Sector" and "GICS\_Sector" in "Company Information\_20XXXXXX.csv")
  - PD Data for All Economies (combination of all the .csv files in "PD Data for Individual Economies")
  - PD Data for Individual Economies (separate .csv files for each economy)

#### AS Data

- Aggregate AS Data (update once a month; data has a 7-month delay, last calibration is 6 month ago; *Find historical files in "Archive"*)
  - explanatory note (click on the hyperlink)
  - by Economy (mean value or median value)
  - by Economy/Sector (mean value or median value)
- Individual AS data (update every 3 or 6 months; *Find historical files in "Archive"*)
  - **Company Mapping List** (it contains information of all the companies which have ever been added to our system)
  - AS Data for All Economies (combination of all the .csv files in "AS Data for Individual Economies")
  - AS Data for Individual Economies (separate .csv files for each economy)

#### DTD Data

- Company Mapping List (it contains information of all the companies which have ever been added to our system)
- DTD Data for All Economies (combination of all the .csv files in "DTD Data for Individual Economies")
- DTD Data for Individual Economies (separate .csv files for each economy)



#### Parameter Data

- (update and calibrate once a month; *Find historical files in "Archive"*)
  - explanatory note (click on the hyperlink)
  - **Parameter Estimates** (includes all files of individual economies' parameter estimates)
  - NS Parameter Estimates (includes all files of individual economies' four parameter estimates for the Nelson-Siegel function of each covariate)



## **Methodology & Insights**

To learn more technical details about CRI methodology and insights, you can click on "**METHODOLOGY**" and "**INSIGHTS**" buttons respectively for the drop down menus (shown as below).





All the methodology papers and insight reports are available even without an account.



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