Converting Winisis Database into Access or Excel Database

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Abstract

The article describes how to convert a Winisis database into an Access database with Iso2access software and then re-converting the access database into excel database.

Introduction

Winisis database can be converted into an Access database. **Iso2access[1]** is the free software tool used for the purpose. The purpose of this guide is to show the process, with the help of screenshots, for the beginners.

Convert Winisis Database into .iso Format

The Winisis database with **.mst** extension need to be converted into **.iso** format using the **Export** process (File $\Rightarrow$ Export). Open the Winisis database as follows : -

Figure 1 Opening the Winisis Database

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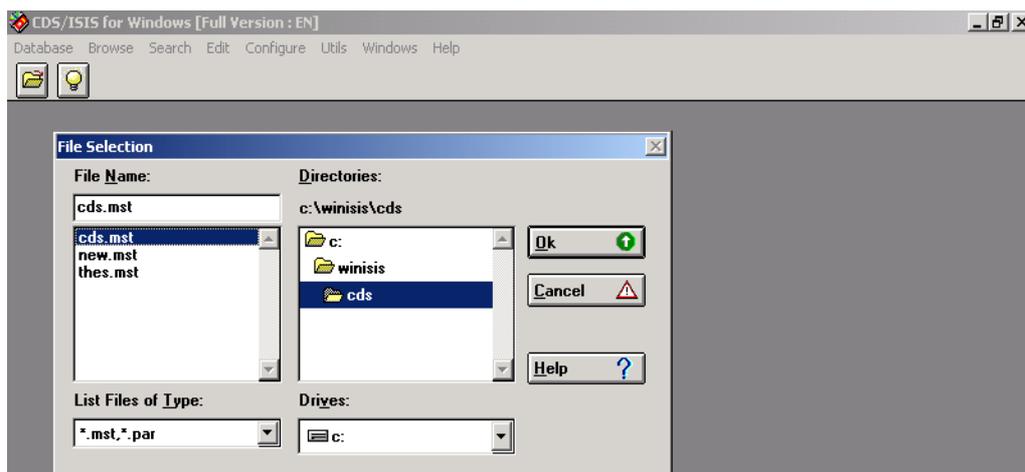
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[1] The software is available at http://consag.tij.uia.mx/cgi-bin/ftp/file.pl?file=Isis/iso2access.exe for download

Click on **Export** menu, as follows, to convert **.mst** into **.iso** format.
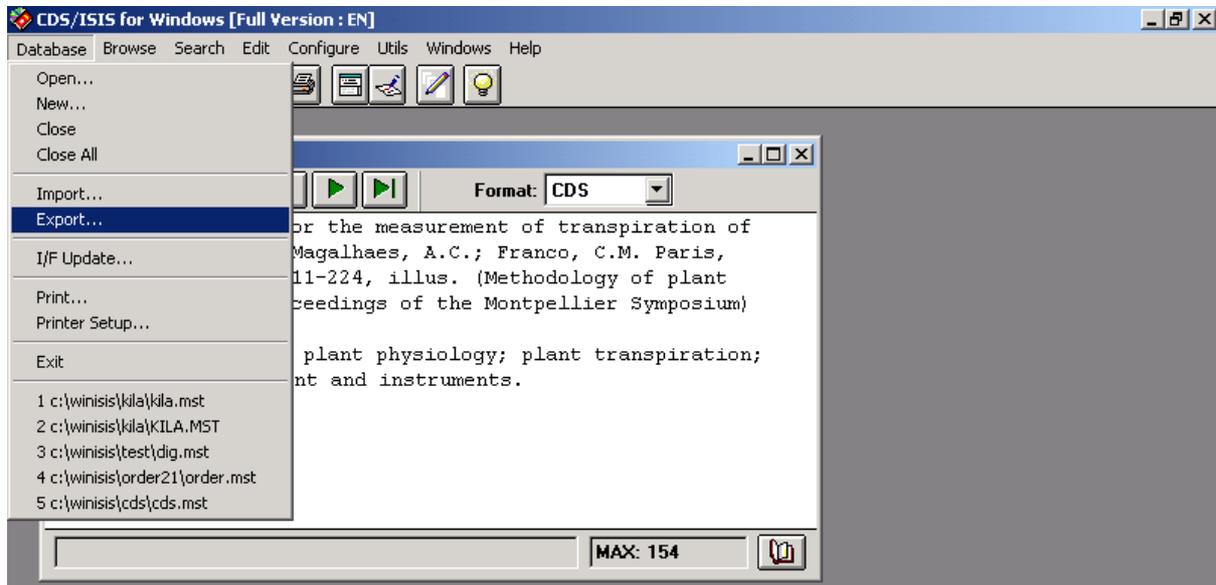
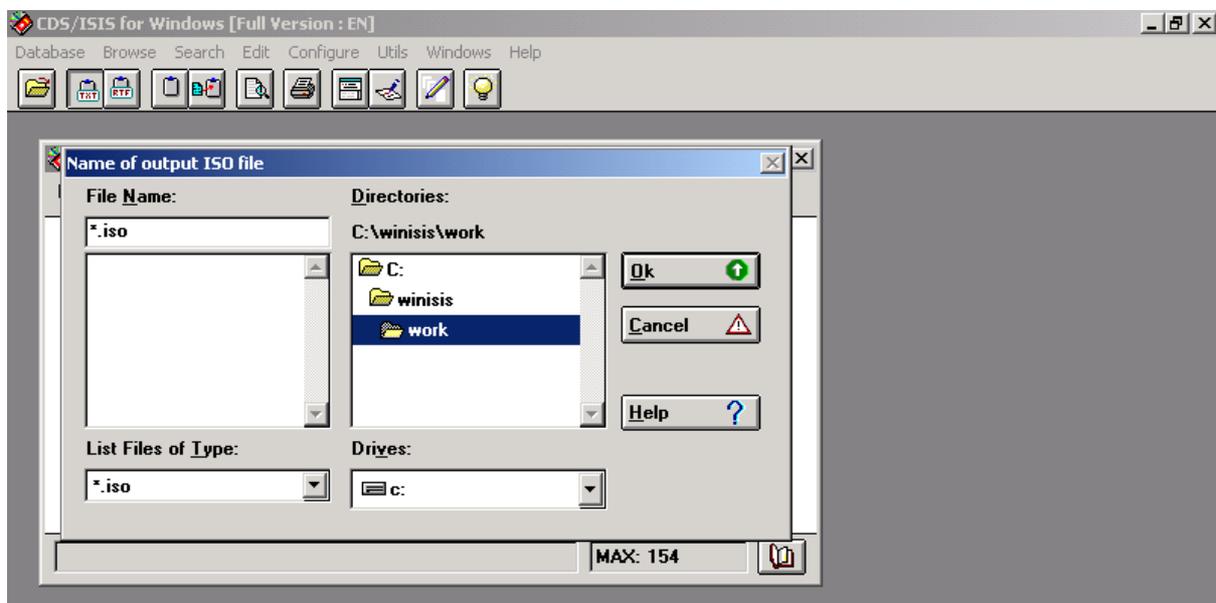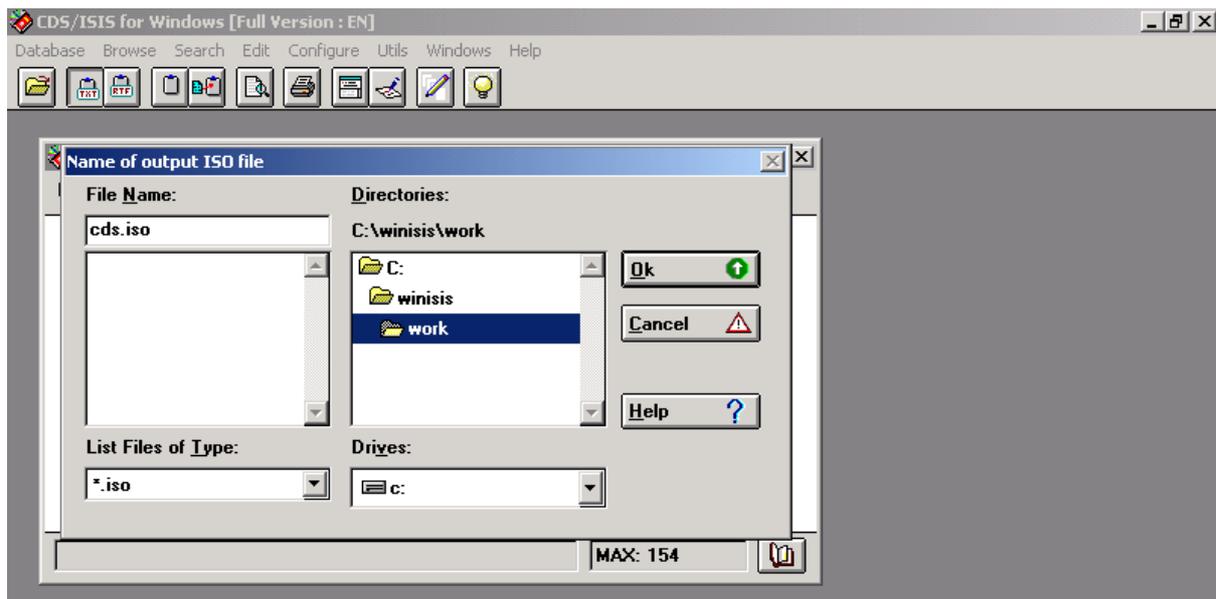**Figure 2 Starting Export Process**

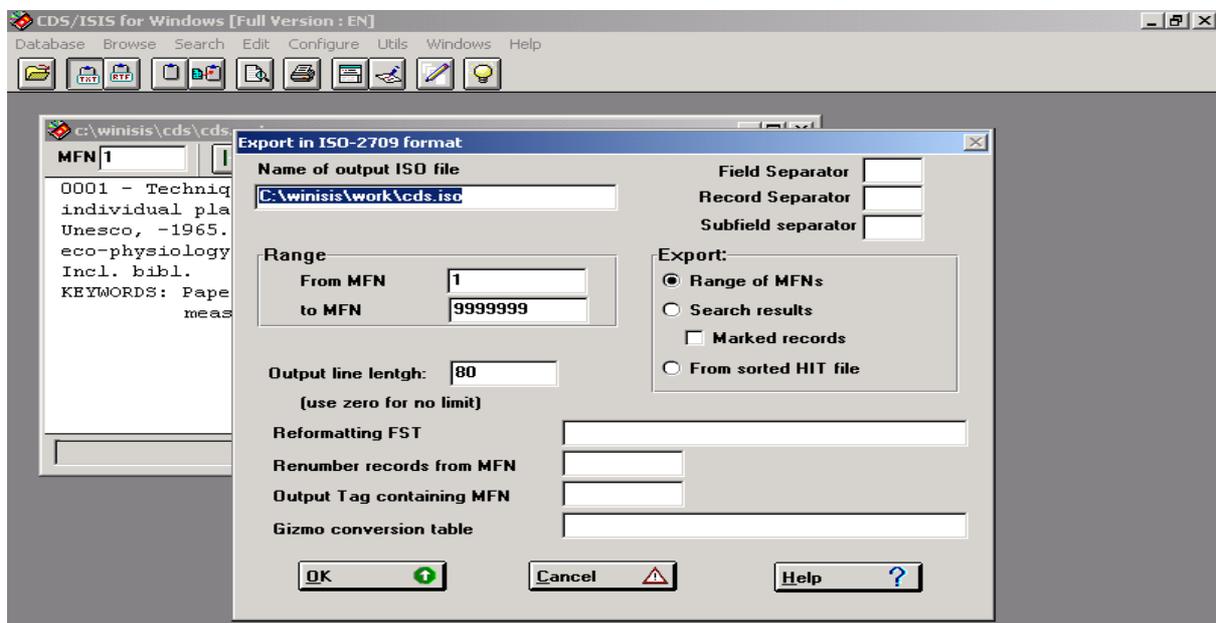**Figure 3 Continue Export Process**

Give a name (such as *cds.iso*) to **.iso** file.

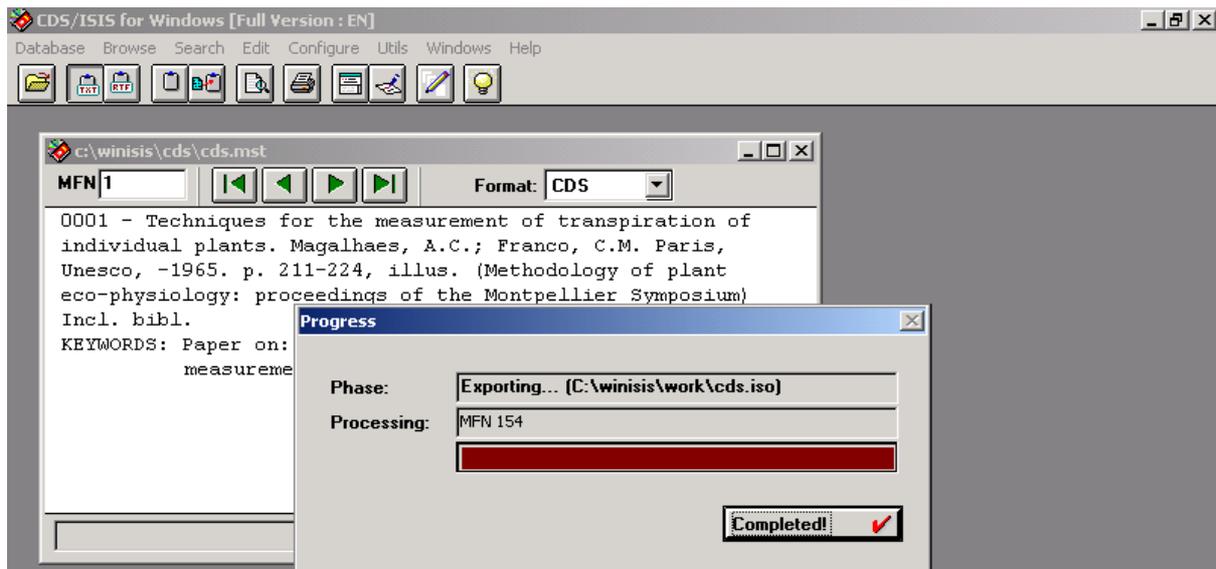**Figure 4 Named the file as *cds.iso***

Click on the **Ok** button

Figure 5 Continue the Export Process

Click on the **OK** button.

Figure 6 Export completed

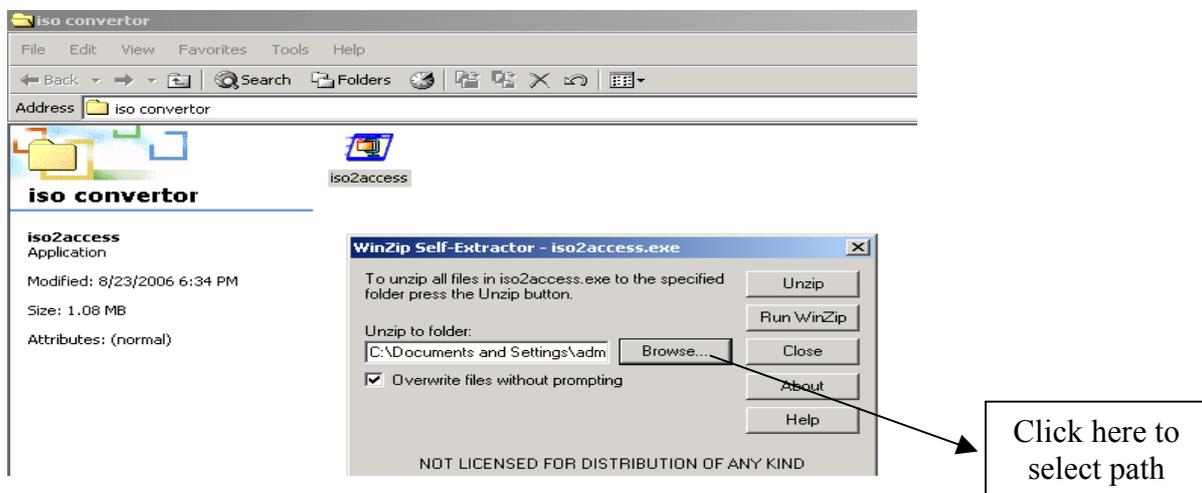Click on the **Completed** button, when the export is completed.

Installation of ISOconvert

Double Click on the **iso2access** zip file.

Figure 7

iso2access

Figure 8

In the above screen, select the path of the folder (you can choose any folder) where the zip file should be unzipped. Then click the Unzip button and you will get the following screen.

Figure 9
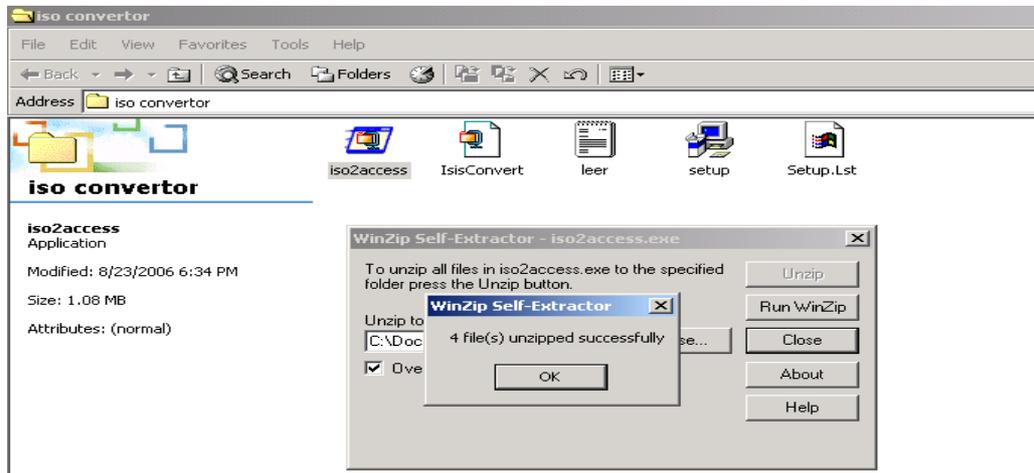
The four unzipped files will look as follows :-

Figure 10
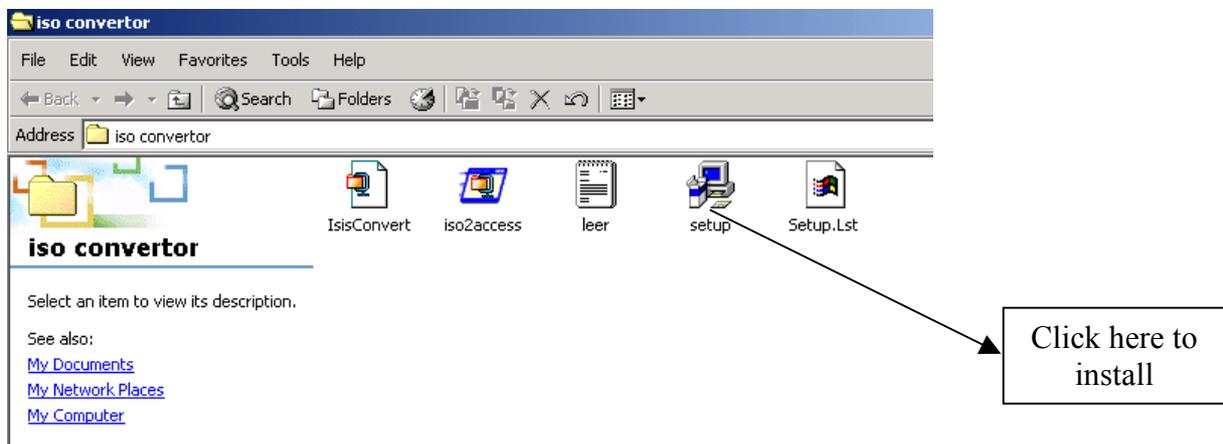
Double click on the **setup.exe** file to start the installation process as follows:-

Figure 11
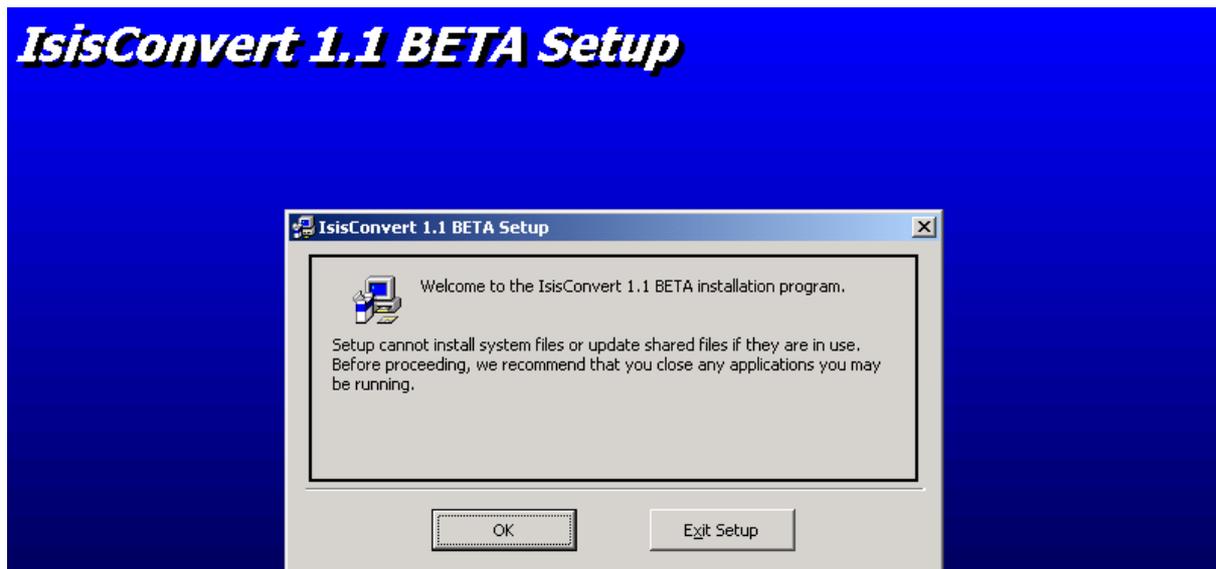
Click on the **OK** button.

Figure 12
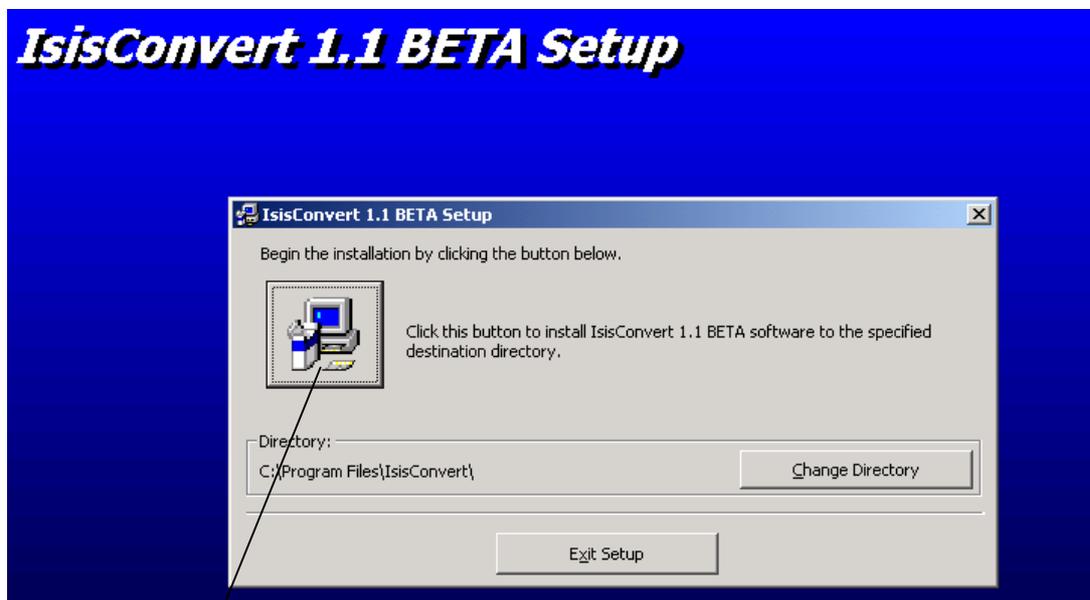
Click on the
computer icon

Click on the **computer icon** to continue.

Figure 13
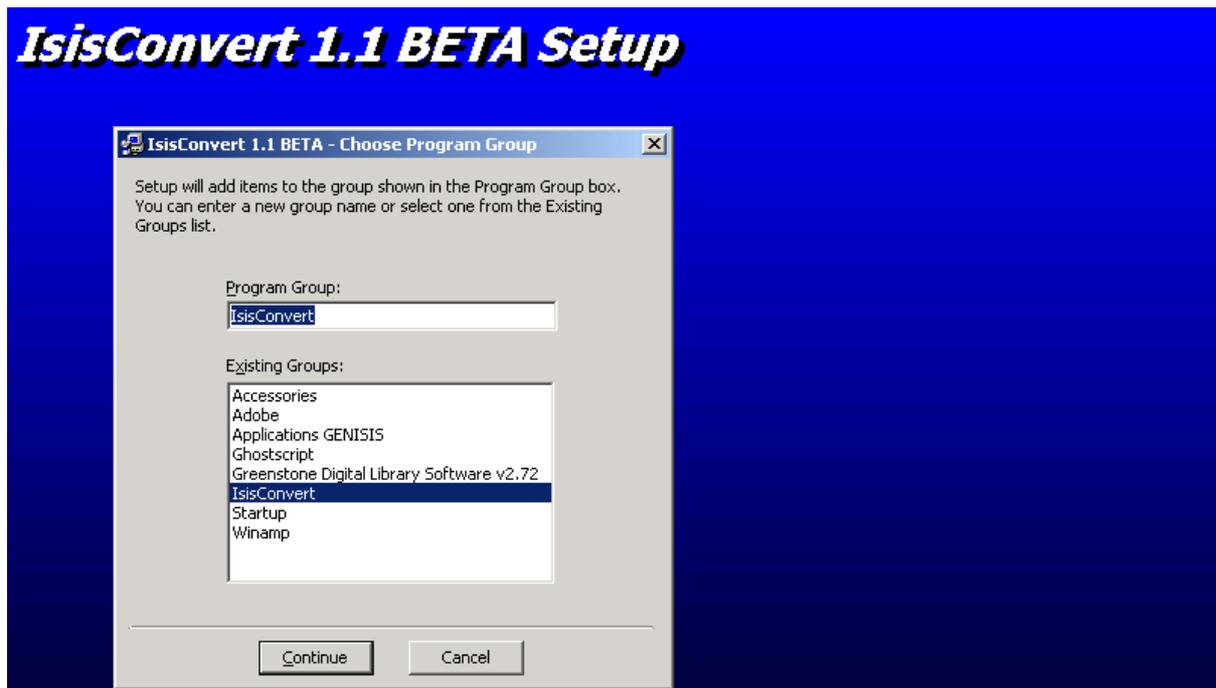
Click on the **Continue** button.

Figure 14
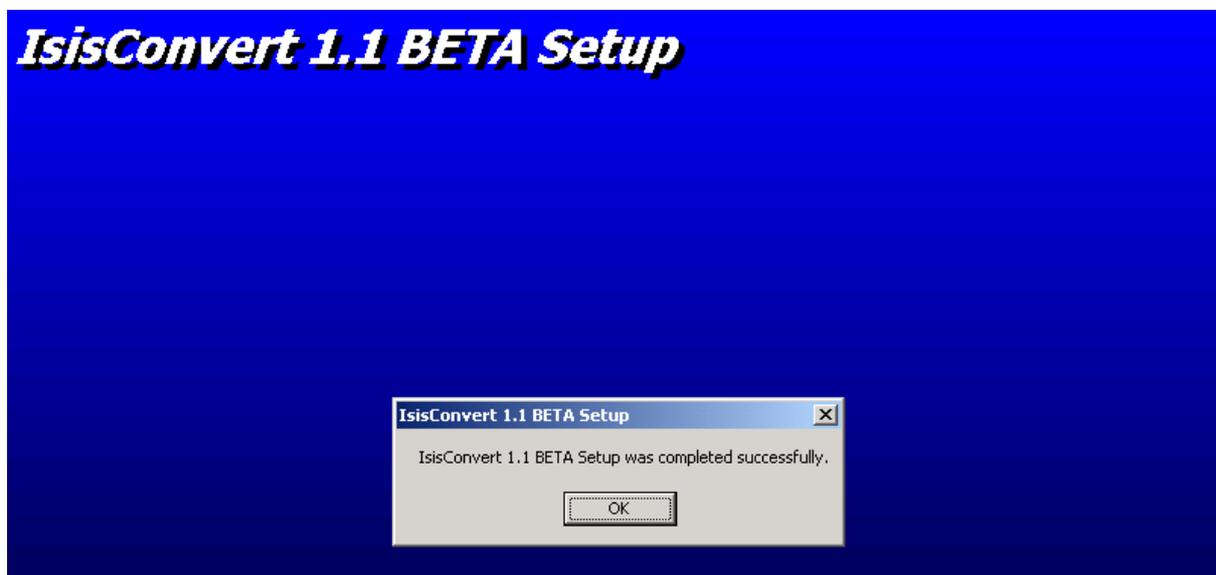
The installation process is completed. Click on the **OK** button.

Run the IsoConverter Program

Open the IsoConvert program by selecting **Start ⟹ Programs ⟹ IsisConvert⟹ IsisConvert**

Figure 15
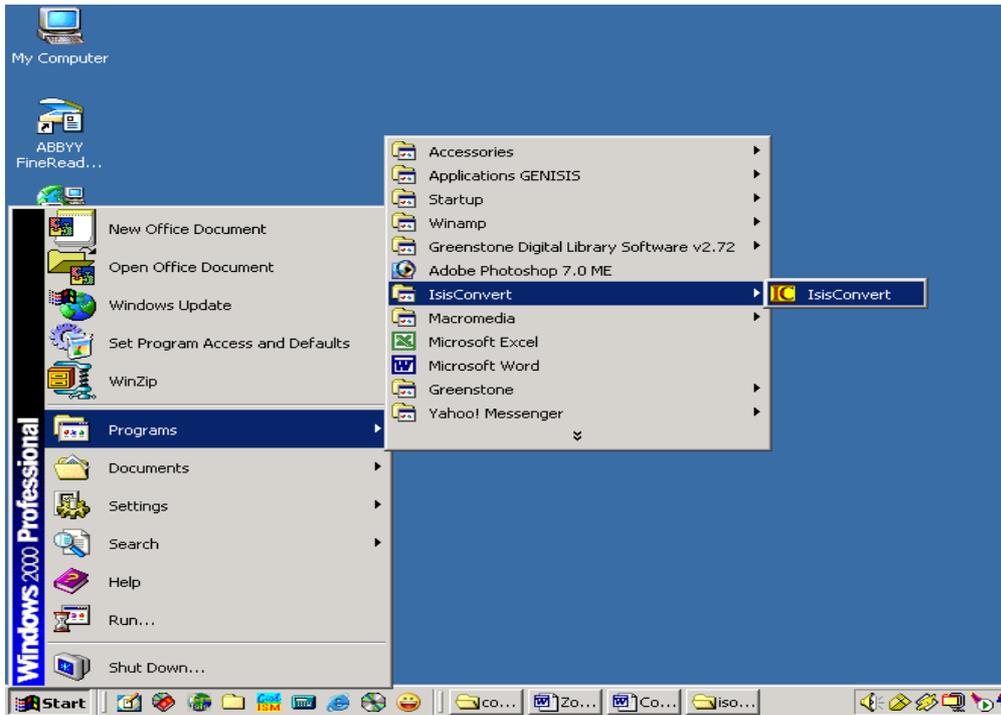
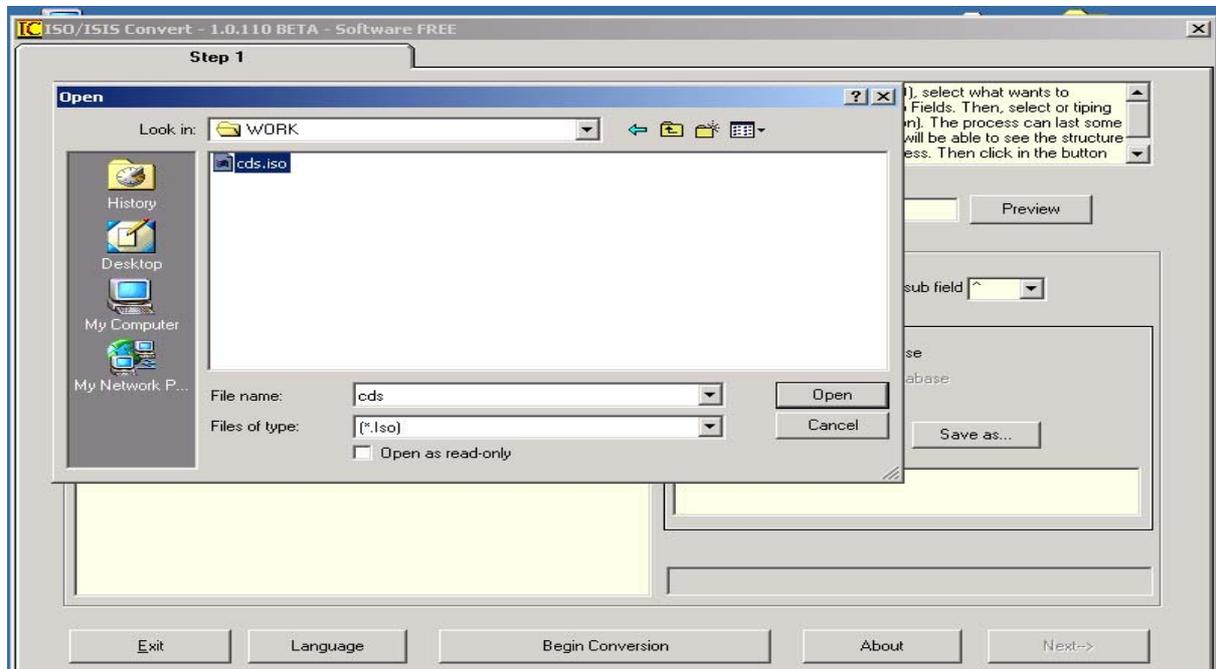
An opened **Isoconvert** program window will look as follows:-

Figure 16
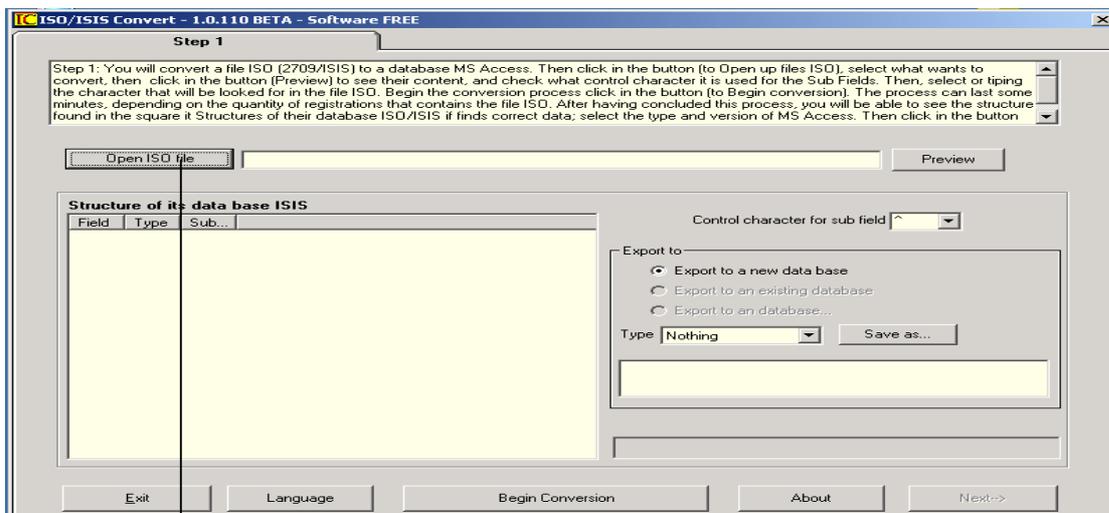
Click here to open the ISO file

Click on the **Open the ISO file** button and the following screen will appear, if the computer has Winisis installation.

Figure 17 Select the iso file

Select the **ISO** file and click on the **Open** button.

Figure 18 iso file Selected
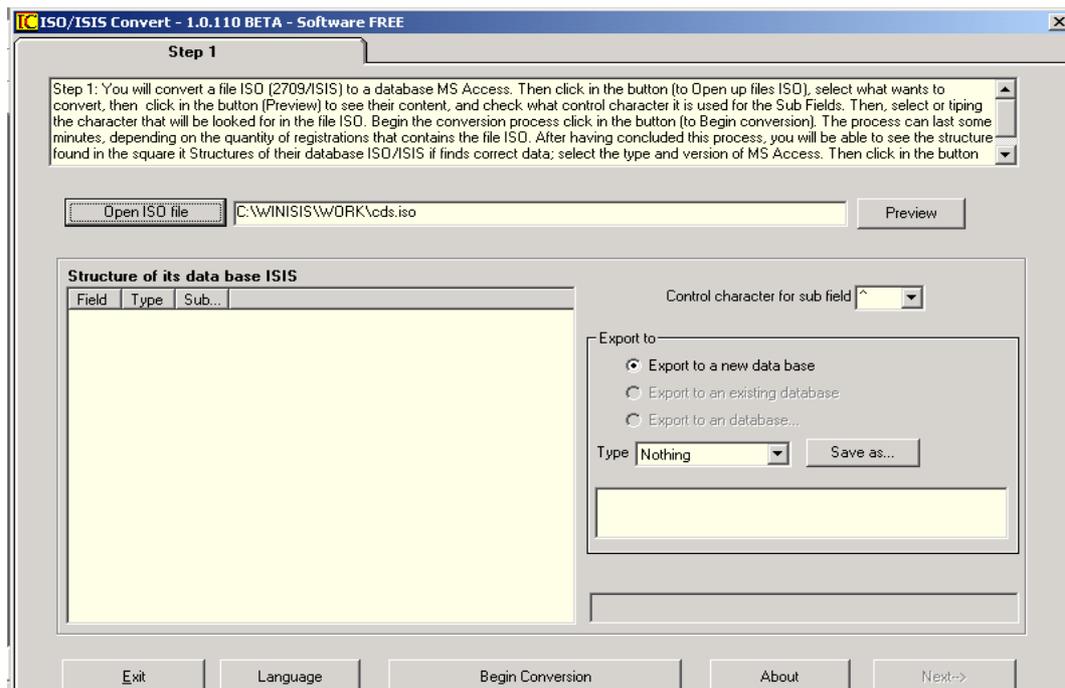
Figure 19 Chose the File Type as MS Access 2000
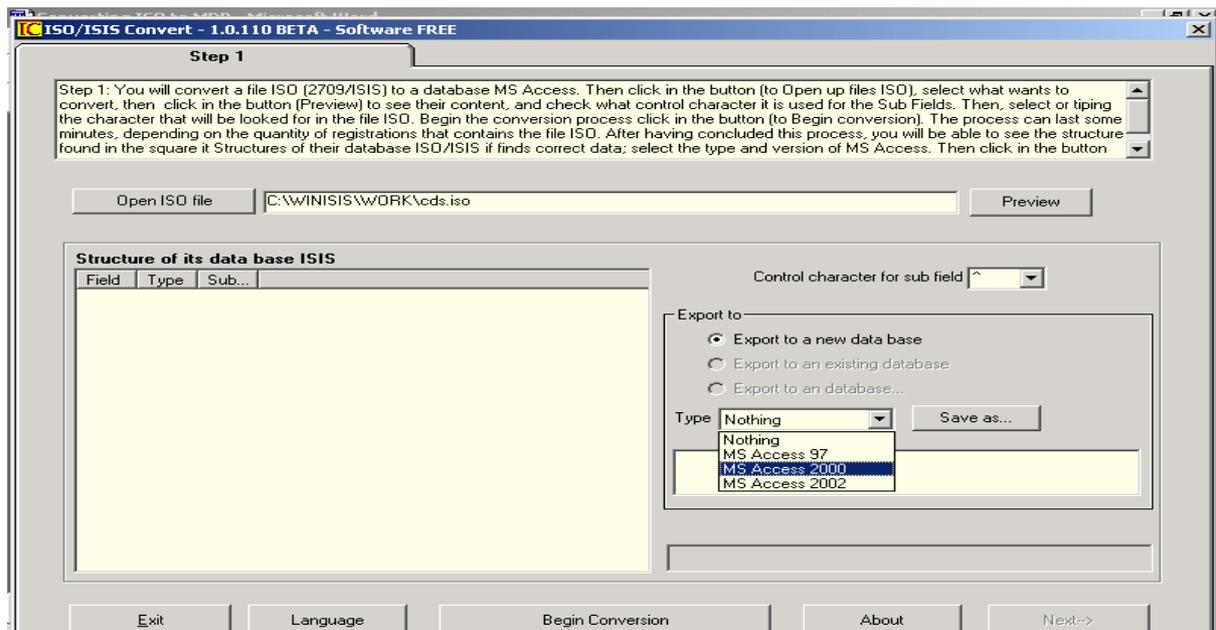
In the above window select **Type** as **MS Access 2000** and click on the **Save as** button.

Figure 20 Select a Filename for Access Database
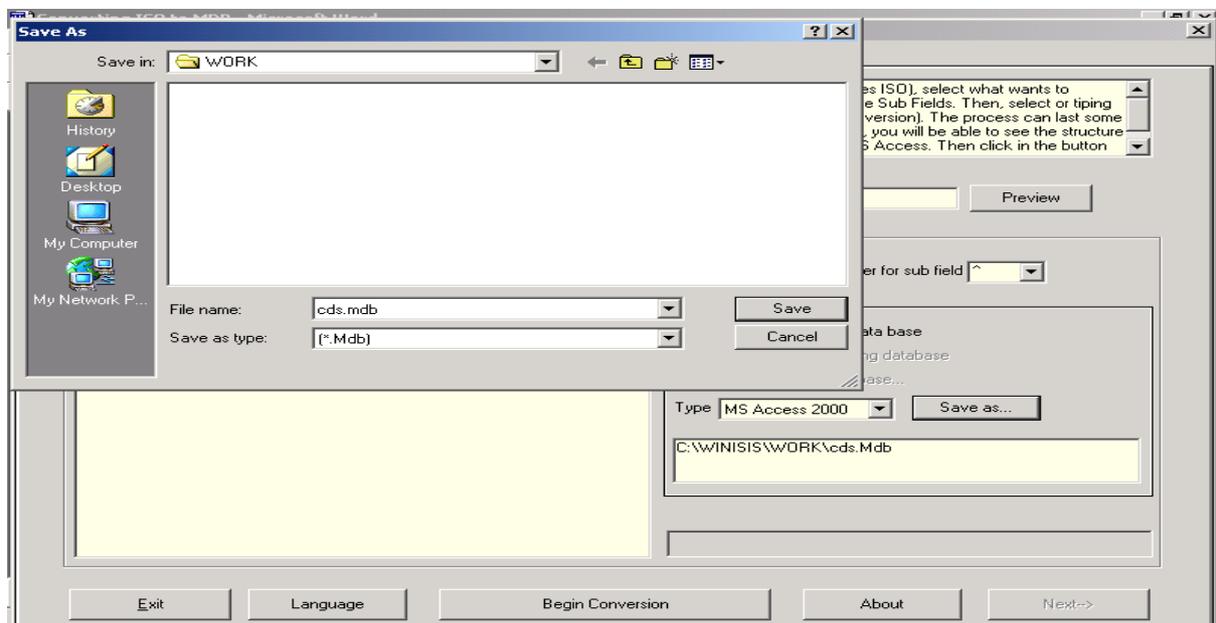
Give a filename to **mdb** (eg. *cds.mdb*) and click **Save** button. Then the following screen will appear.

Figure 21 Beginning Conversion

Click on the Begin Conversion button
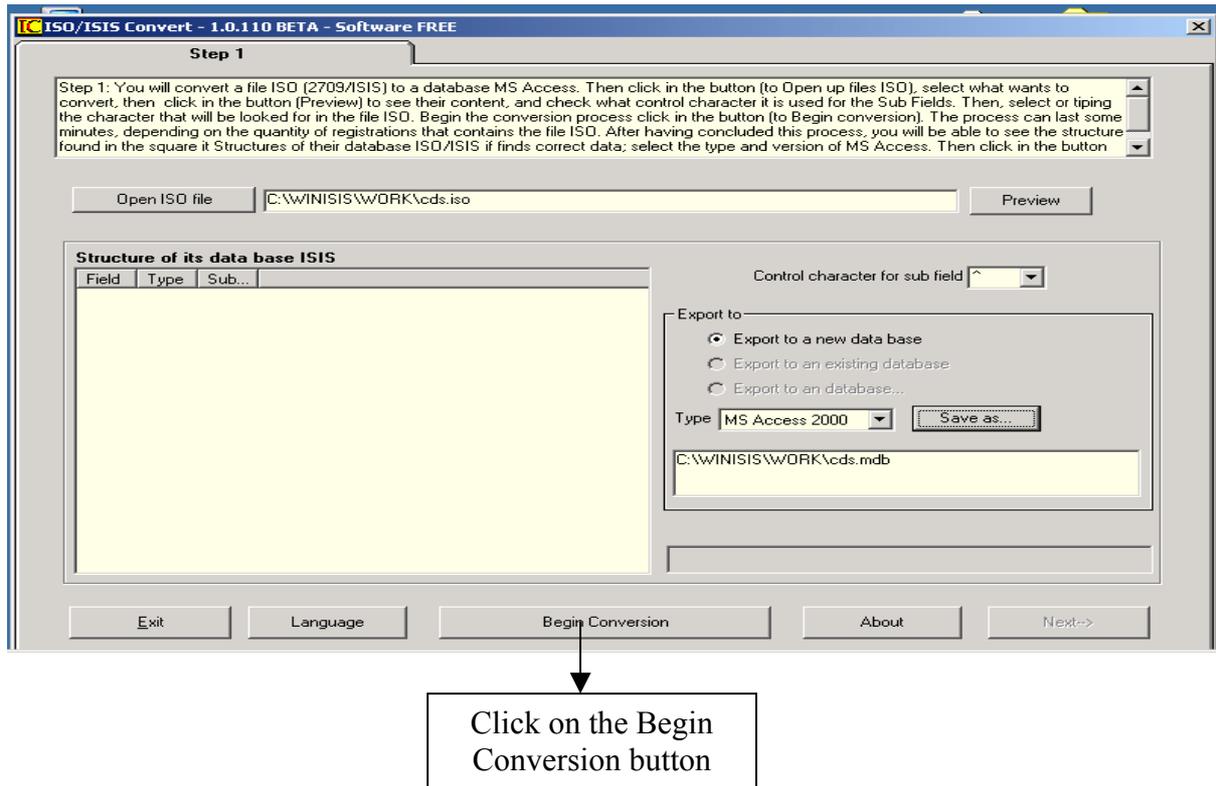
Click on the **Begin Conversion** button.

Figure 22 Conversion Process Started
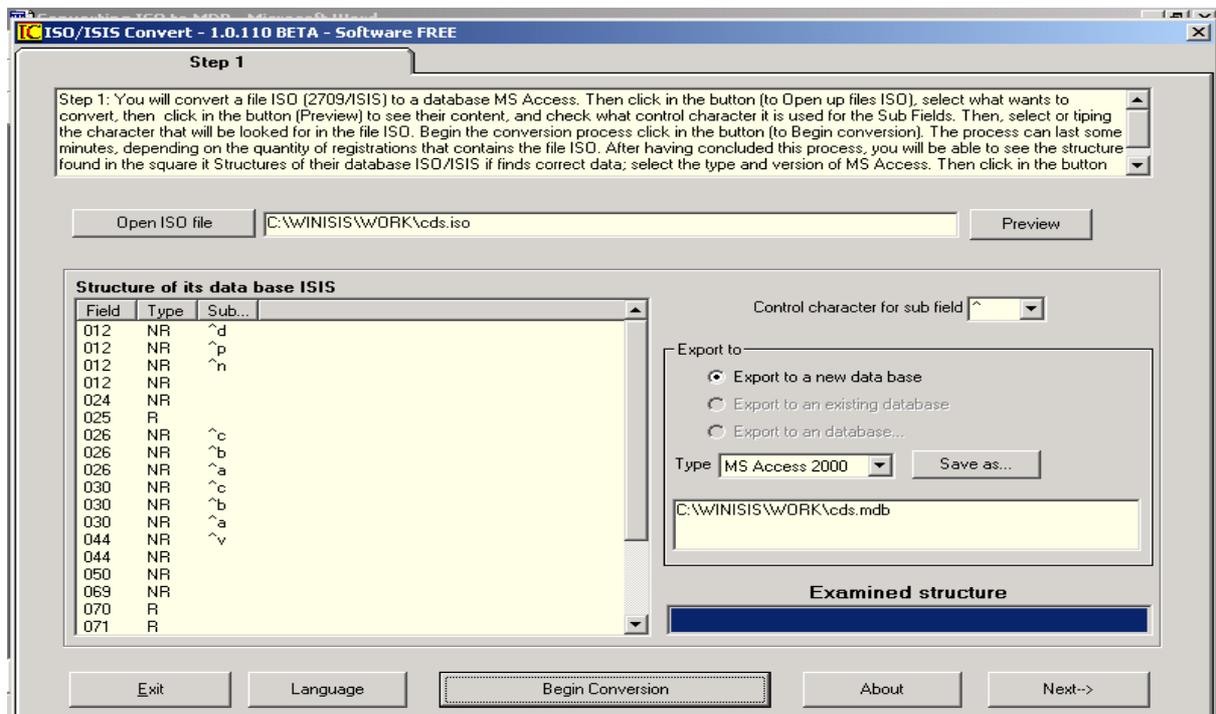
Click on the **Next** button.

Figure 23
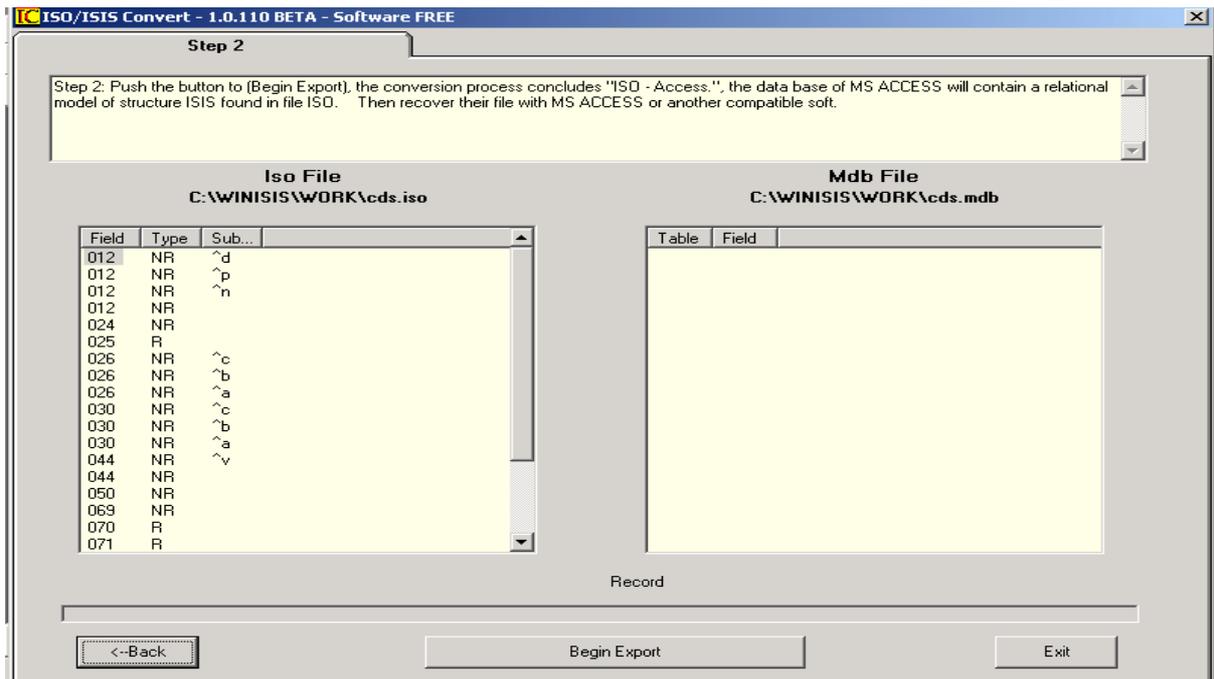
Click on the **Begin Export** button.

Figure 24 Export Process
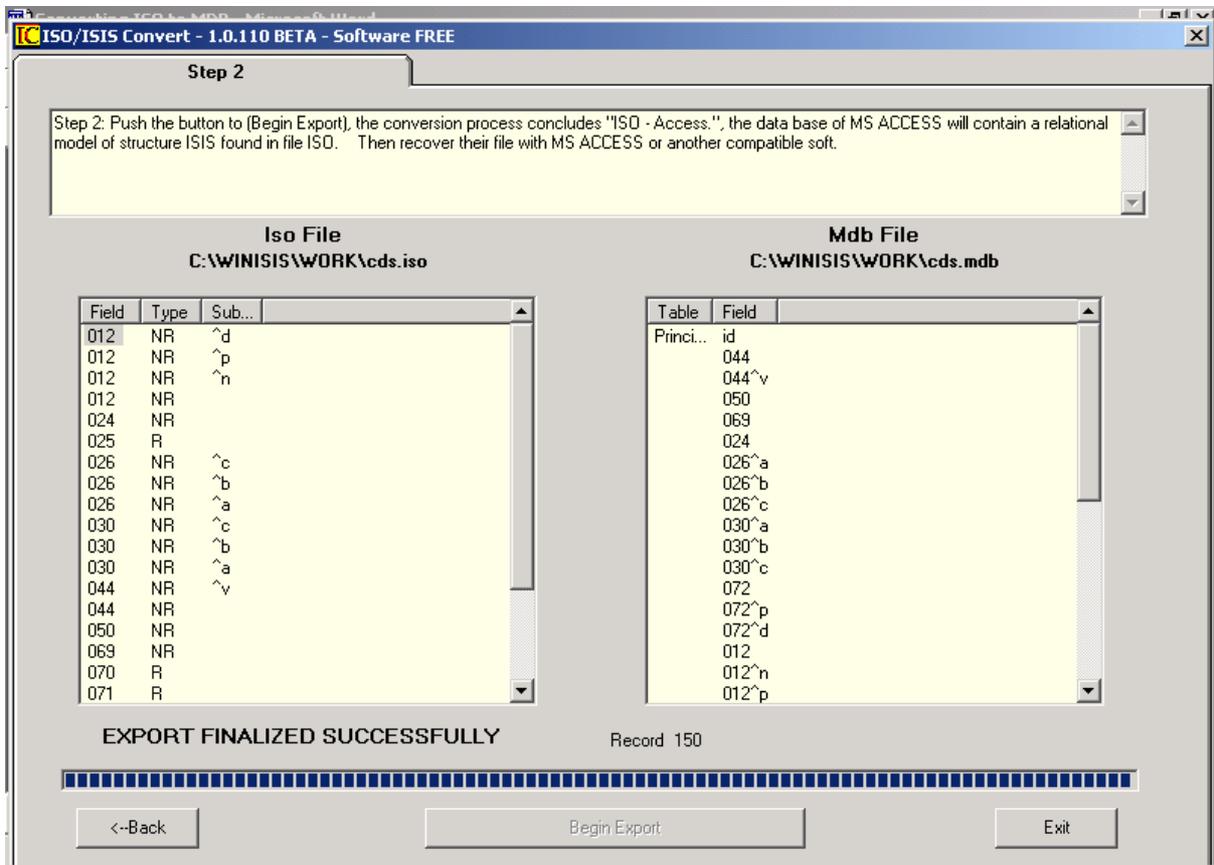
When the export process is over, click on the **Exit** button. You will get **cds.mdb** file in **C:\WINISIS\WORK** folder.

Then open the **cds.mdb** file with *Access 2000* as follows.

Figure 25 An Opened Microsoft Access Window
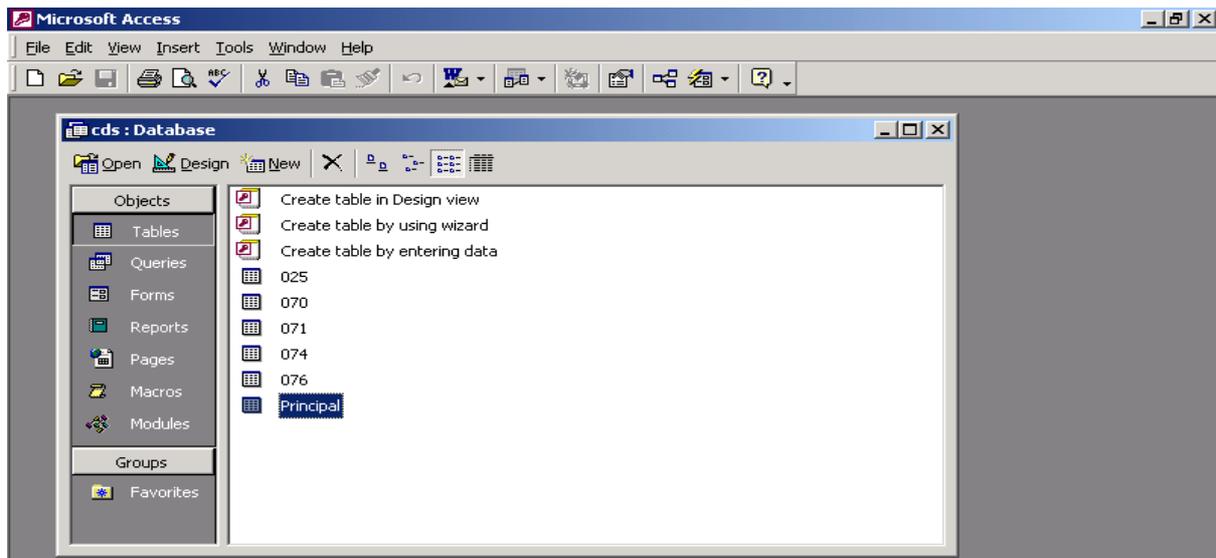
Select and double click on the **Principal** table of the access database as above. The opened window will look as follows:-

Figure 26 Converted as Access database

The Winisis database is now converted into an access database.

Converting Access Database into Excel Database
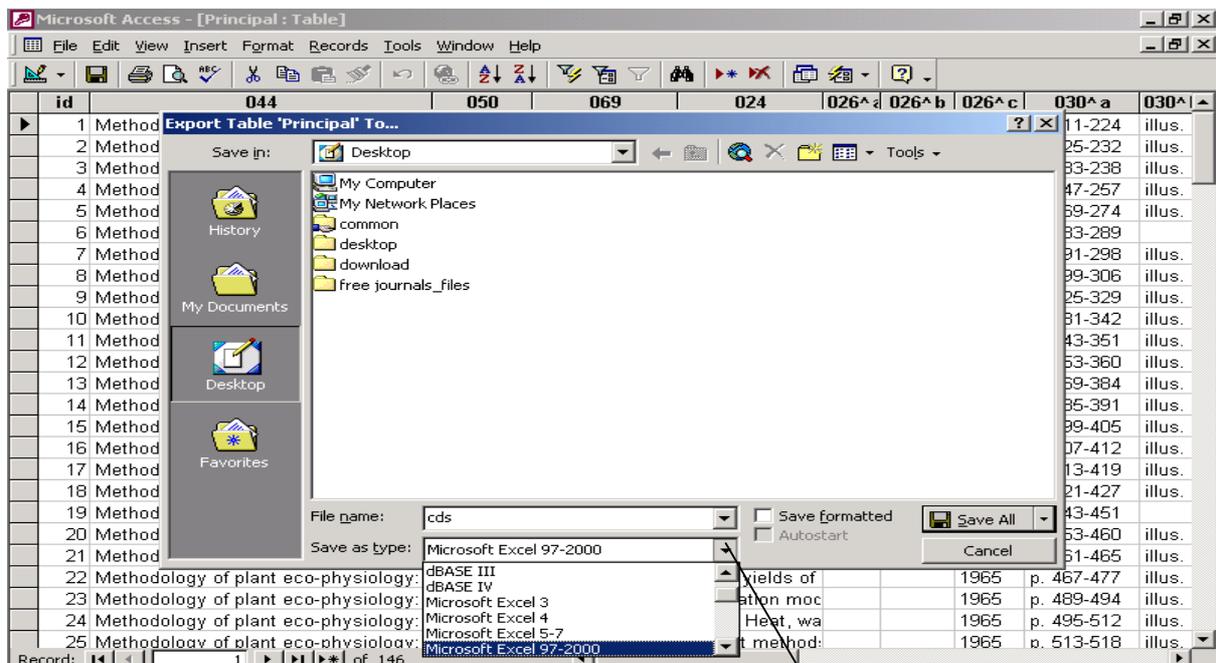
The above Access database can be converted in to Microsoft Excel database by using **Export** function.

Figure 27 Exporting Access Database
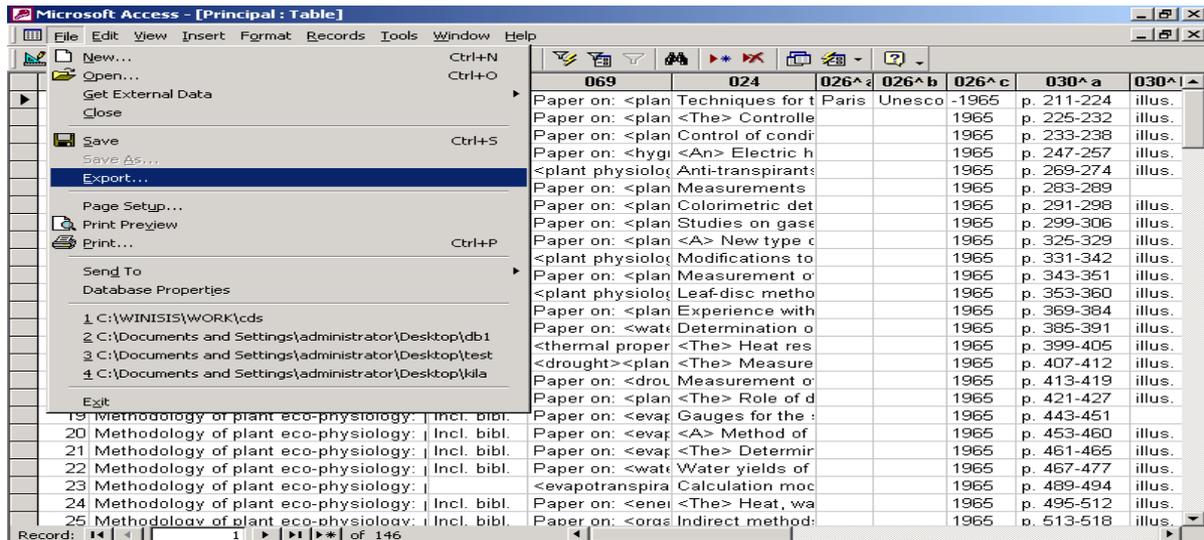
Click on the **Export** under **File** menu.

Figure 28 Choose the Location to Save Excel File

Select Save as type

Give a file name (cds) and select **Save as type** as **Microsoft Excel 97-2000**. Then click the **Save all** button.

Then the database will be converted into **cds.xls** file as follows.

Figure 29 An Opened Microsoft Excel Window

Conclusion

This write-up shows the modality to convert a Winisis database into Access database with free software **Iso2access** first and then re-converting it into an Excel database. The procedure is very simple and the conversion is useful for many purposes.

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