

Converting a Winisis library Catalogue into a Greenstone Digital Library Application (“as is” conversion)

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Preface

The purpose of this manual is to serve as a self-instructional guide to those who want to convert Winisis database into greenstone application (as is conversion) with Greenstone digital library software 2.72 independently.

The manual can be used as a training handout for exposure training that long for one or two days. The basic approach of the manual is to include the essential and easy-to-learn things and to exclude everything else that cannot be learned by new users.

In exposure training, please desist from showering a lot of information of complex nature to the new participants who cannot digest all of them. That many dispel some of them from greenstone.

Practice reminds that learning happens in the form of layers one over the other. When the first layer is not stable, you cannot build up the subsequent layers. This manual deals with the first layer of knowledge on implementation of greenstone. Advance features are not dealt with in this manual.

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Abstract

The purpose of this guide is to narrate the steps to convert a Winisis database to a greenstone application, in an easy to understand manner. The details of software required, the address of download sites and the manner of creating the greenstone application are explained in the guide with screenshots. The guide would be useful to those who are experienced in Winisis and want to convert the database to Greenstone. The greenstone application thus creates can be uploaded in a website or published in a CD-ROM.

1. Objective of this Guide

The objective of this guide is to convert a Winisis database into a Greenstone Digital Library application. The converted greenstone collection can be put on the World Wide Web or it can be published on a CD-ROM.

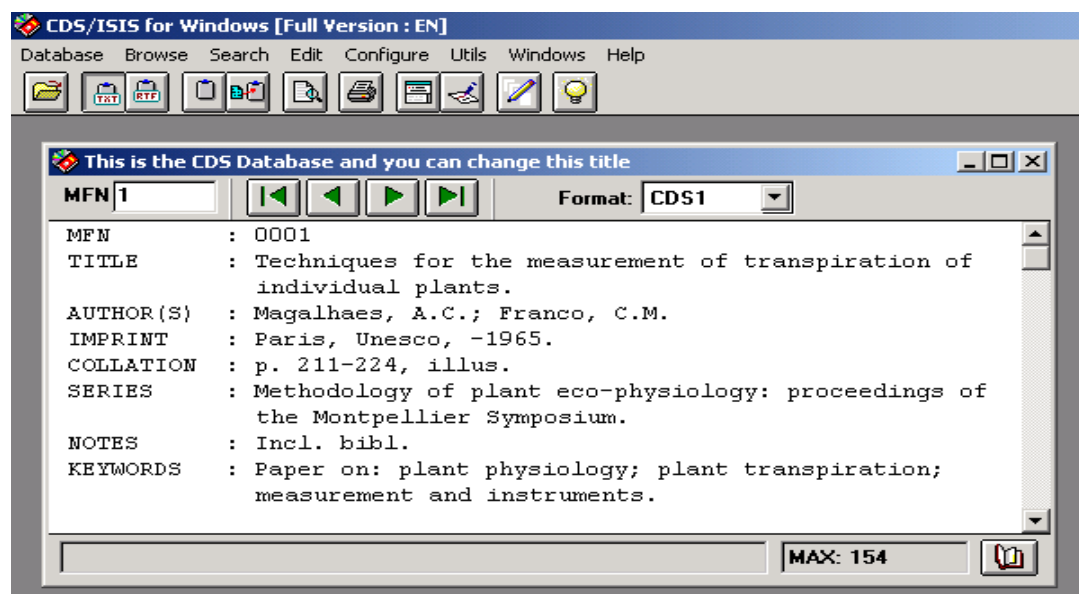
1.1 Sample Winisis Database Chosen for Conversion

We may choose the Winisis database **cds** that appears along with the software, for this experimentation. You can choose any other database for conversion. A sample Winisis database may contain fields such as Title, Author, and Keywords etc. The sample database **cds.mst** will appear as follows: -

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Figure 1 Winisis Archive



2. Software Installation

2.1 Software Download

The *GSDL* 2.72 software can be downloaded from <http://prdownloads.sourceforge.net/greenstone/gsd1-2.72-win32.exe>

Java2 Runtime Environment can be downloaded from http://greenstonesupport.iimk.ac.in/software/jre-1_5_0_05-windows-i586-p.exe

ImageMagick can be had from <http://greenstonesupport.iimk.ac.in/software/ImageMagick-6.2.3-2-Q16-windows-dll.exe>

Ghostscript can be obtained from http://downloads.sourceforge.net/ghostscript/gs854w32-gpl.exe?modtime=1155148078&big_mirror=1

Winisis 1.5 can be downloaded from www.unesco.org/isis/files/winisislicense.html

2.2 Installation of Software

Install **Java2 Runtime Environment** in your computer as a pre-requisite for installing GSDL software. Then install the **GSDL 2.72 (windows version)** software in your computer. Choose the recommended **Local Library** mode for installation.

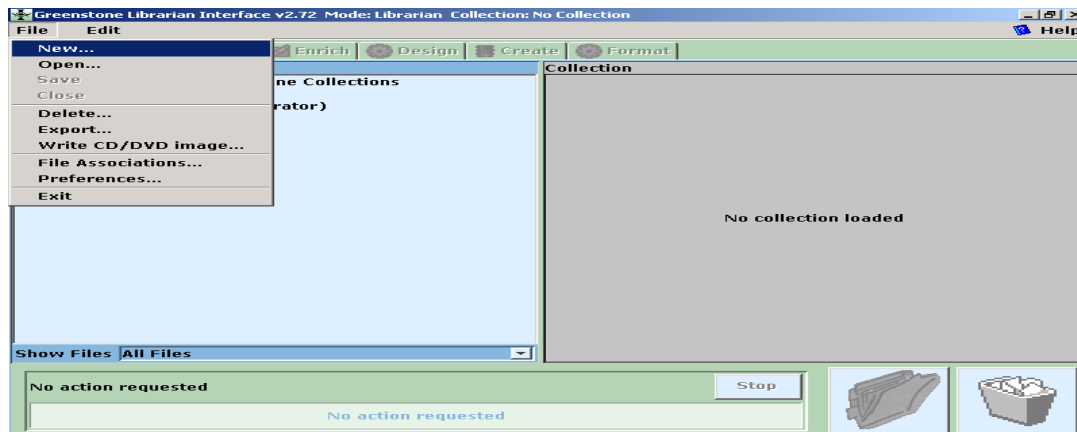
You may install **ImageMagick** and **Ghostscript** softwares, required to build image collections and to do advanced conversion of PDF and Postscript documents, respectively. Otherwise these two softwares are not required.

3. Conversion of Winisis into Greenstone Application

Open the Greenstone Librarian Interface (GLI) **Start** ⇒ **Programs** ⇒ **Greenstone Digital Library Software v2.72** ⇒ **Greenstone Librarian Interface**.

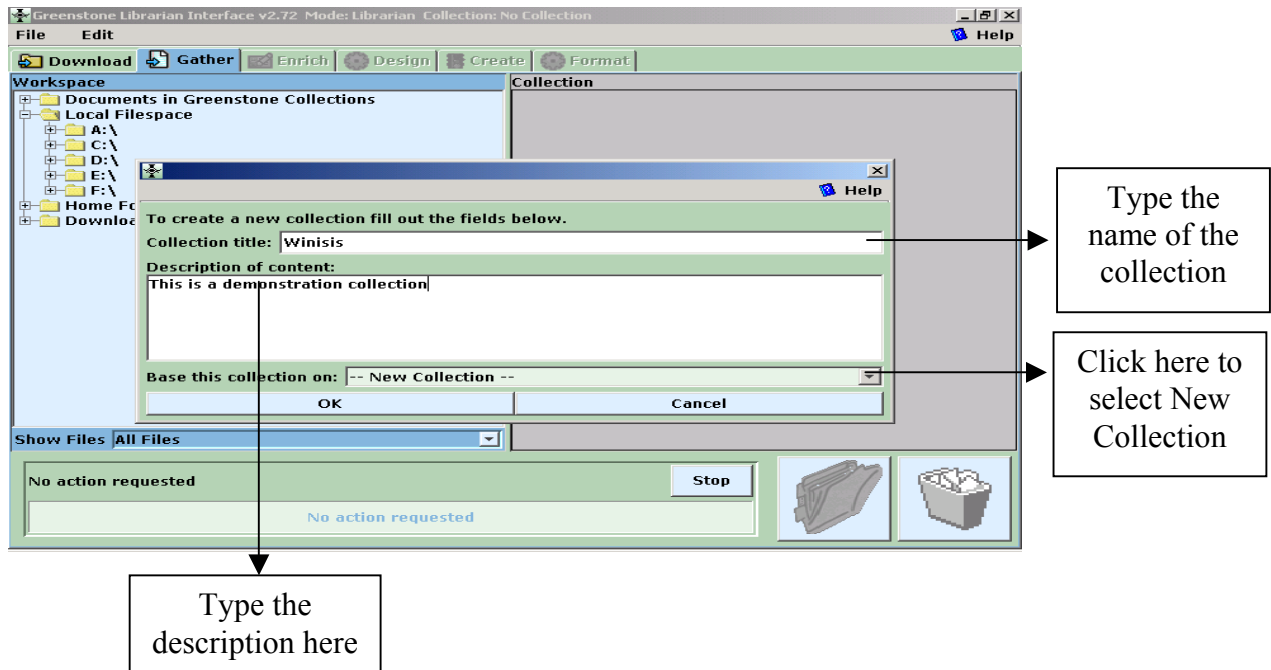
To create a new collection, choose **New** from **File** menu

Figure 2 Starting a New Collection



Give a title for the collection (say **Winisis**) and give a short description about the collection as shows in the following figure.

Figure 3 Collection Name & Description

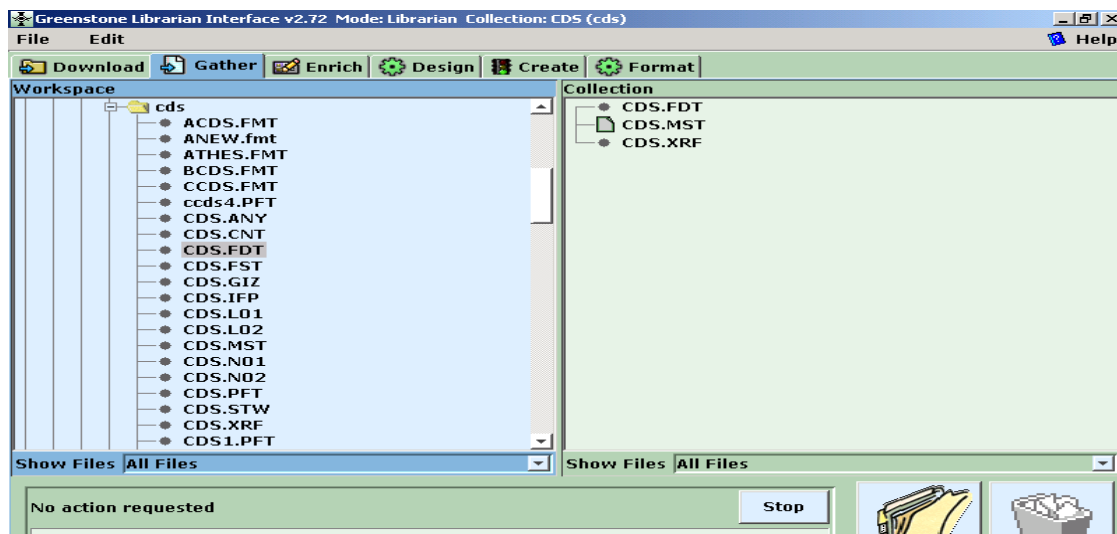


Select **New Collection** under **Base this collection on** dialogue and click **OK** button.

4. Gather the Database Files

Now the **Gather** panel will become active. Locate **.mst**, **.fdt** & **.xrf** files from your Winisis database (normally at *C:\Winisis\cds*) and drag them into the **Collection** panel as in the following screen: -

Figure 4 Gathering the Files



5. Designing the Collection

Then design the collection by choosing the following features given under the **Design** menu. Collection design consists of many facets enlisted in the left pane.

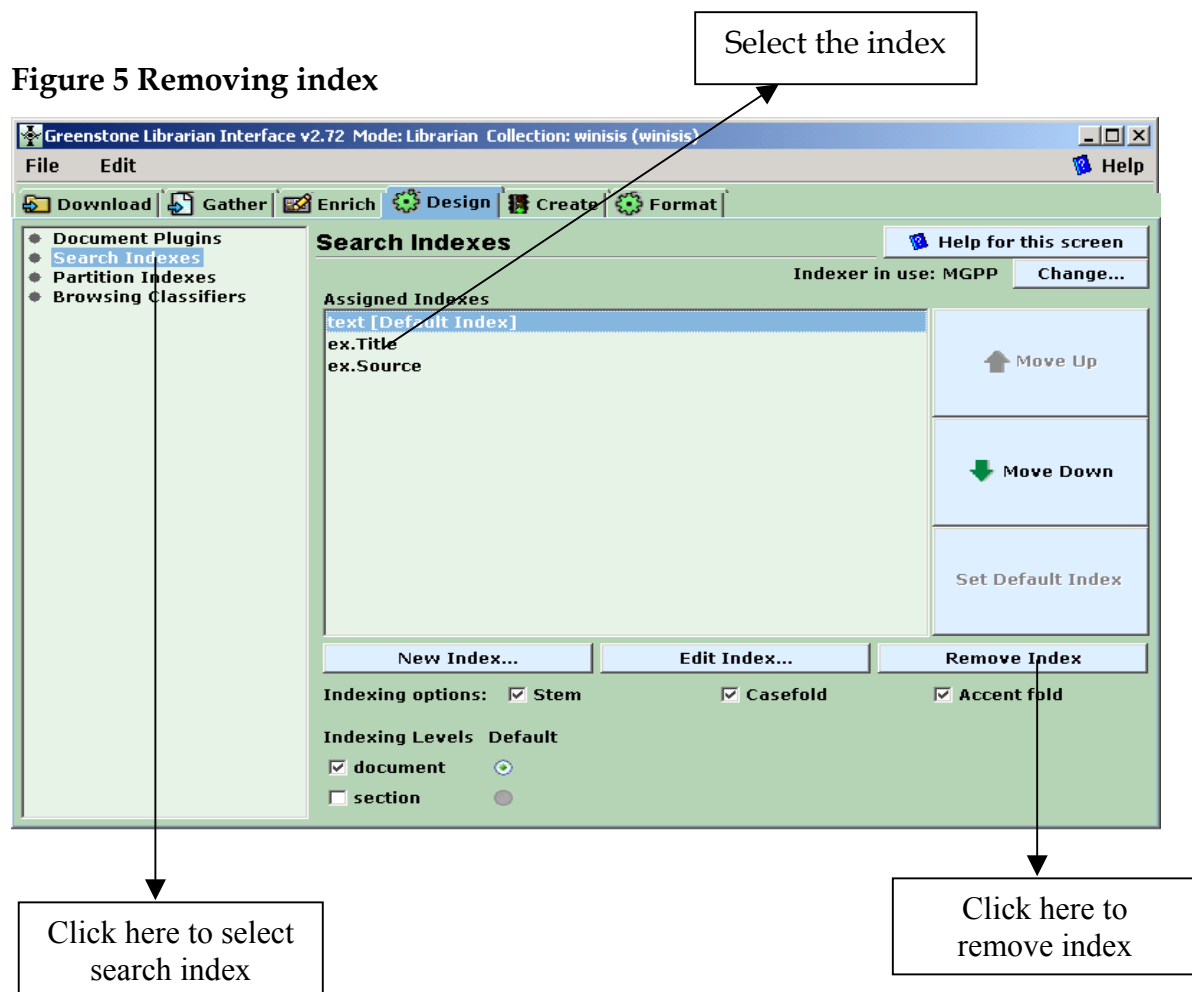
5.1 Create Search Indexes

Choose the **Search Indexes**, shown on the left pane, for creating *Search Indexes*. Remove the default indexes and add new search indexes.

5.2 Remove the Default Indexes

Remove the default indexes for *ex.Title*, *ex.PersonalAuthors* and *ex.Keywords* by selecting the index description under *Assigned Indexes* and then by clicking on the **Remove Index** button.

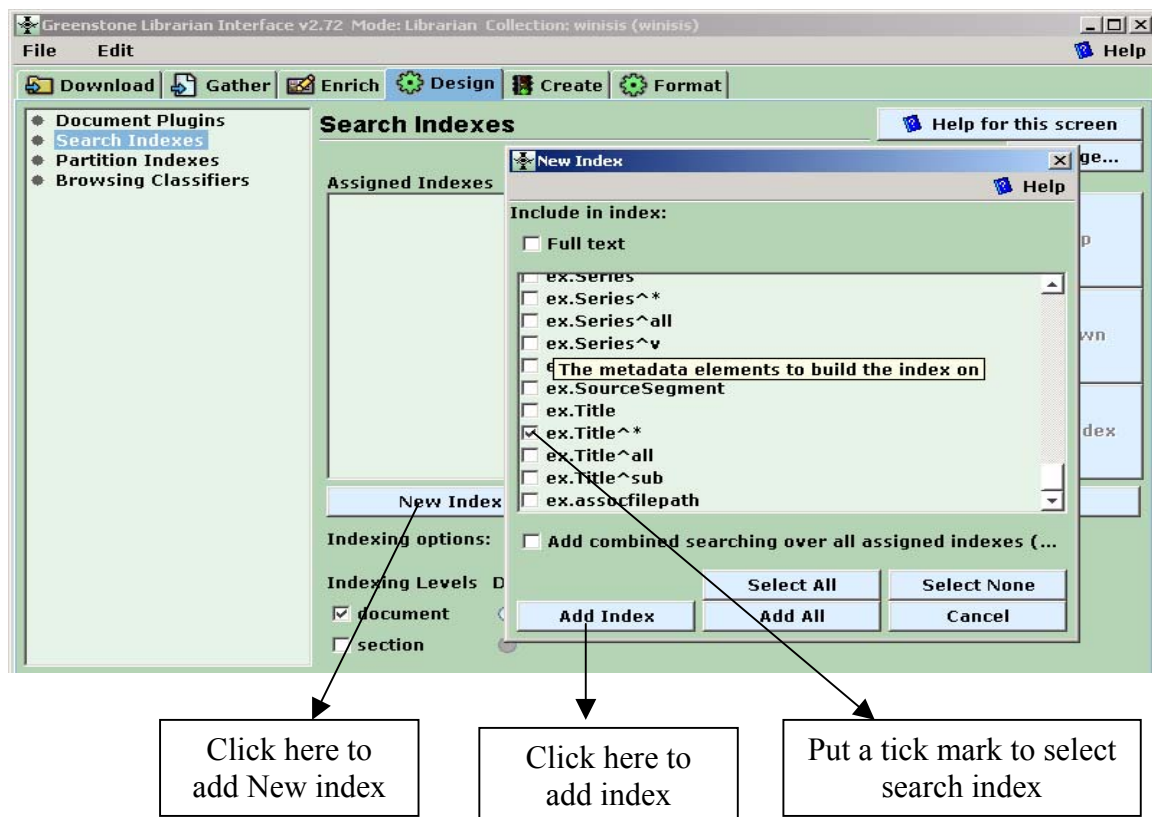
Figure 5 Removing index



5.3 Adding New Indexes

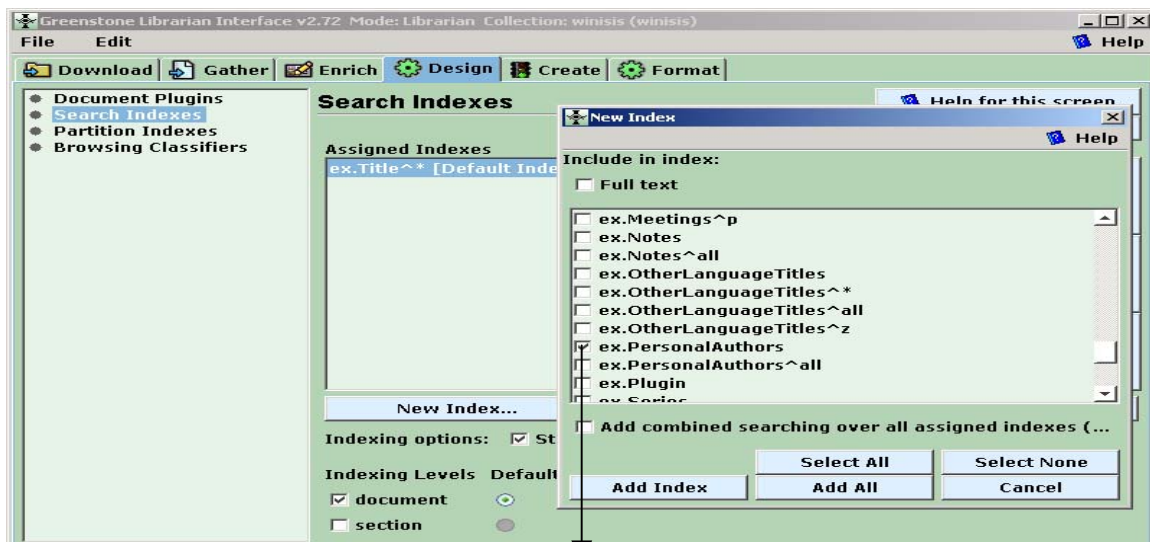
Click on the **New Index** button. Select the **ex.Title**, **ex.PersonalAuthors** and **ex.Keywords**, by tick marking on the check box one by one, and add them one by one by clicking on the **Add Index** button. That means select *ex.Title* first and add it, then select *ex.PersonalAuthors* and add it, then select *ex.Keywords* and add it and so on.

Figure 6 Adding Index for *ex.Title*



Select and add the Search Index for *PersonalAuthors* by choosing the metadata (*ex.PersonalAuthors*) as follows:-

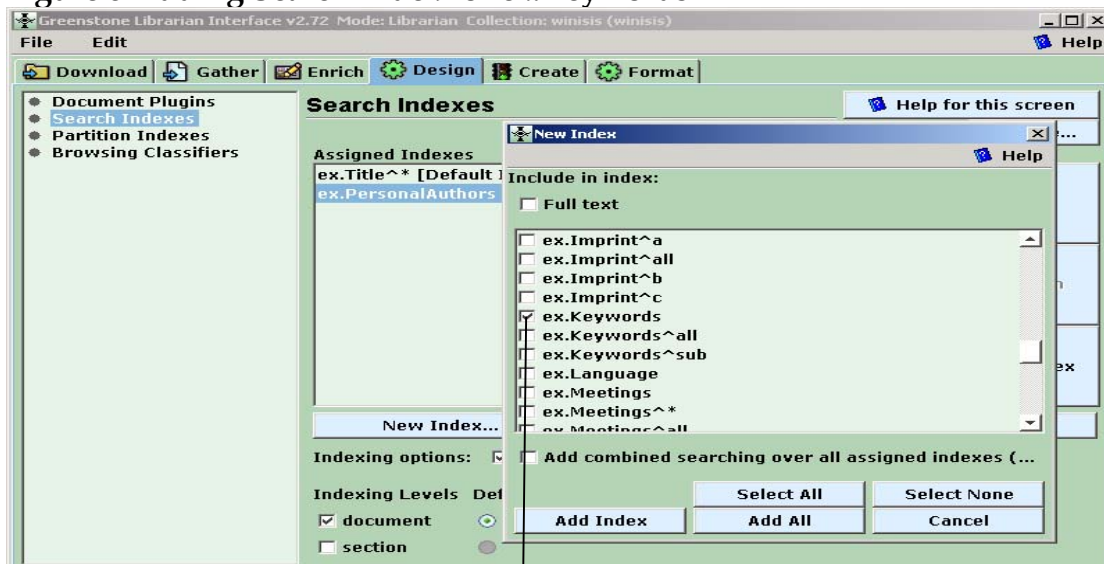
Figure 7 Adding Search Index for ex.PersonalAuthors



Put a tick mark to select search index

Select and add the Search Index for *Keywords* by choosing the metadata (*ex.Keywords*) as follows:-

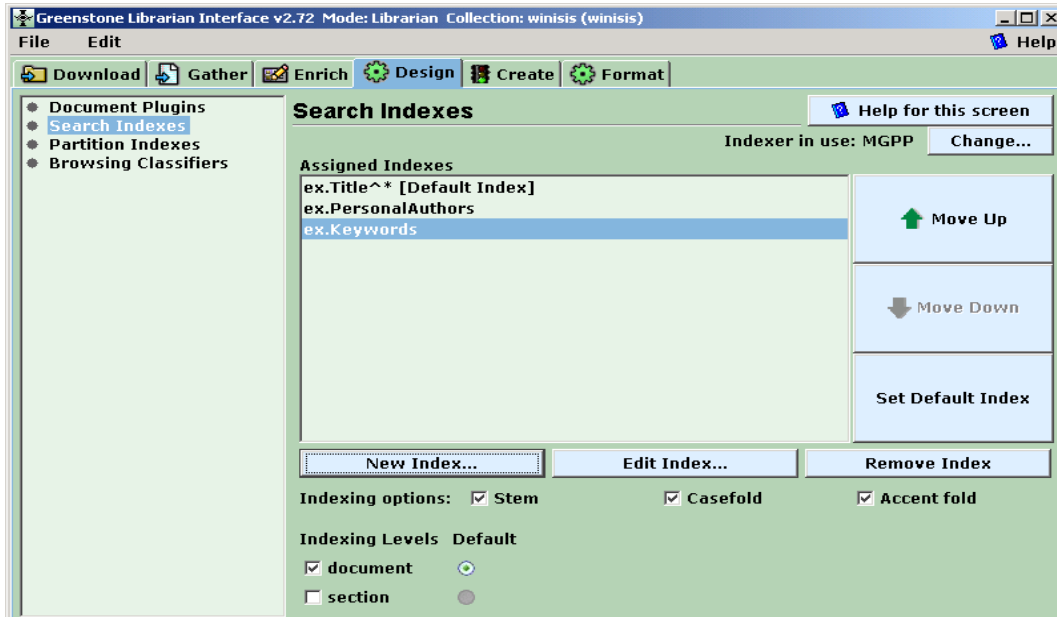
Figure 8 Adding Search Index for ex.Keywords



Put a tick mark to select search index

The three indexes will be added one by one as in the following figure.

Figure 9 Indexes Selected for the Collection

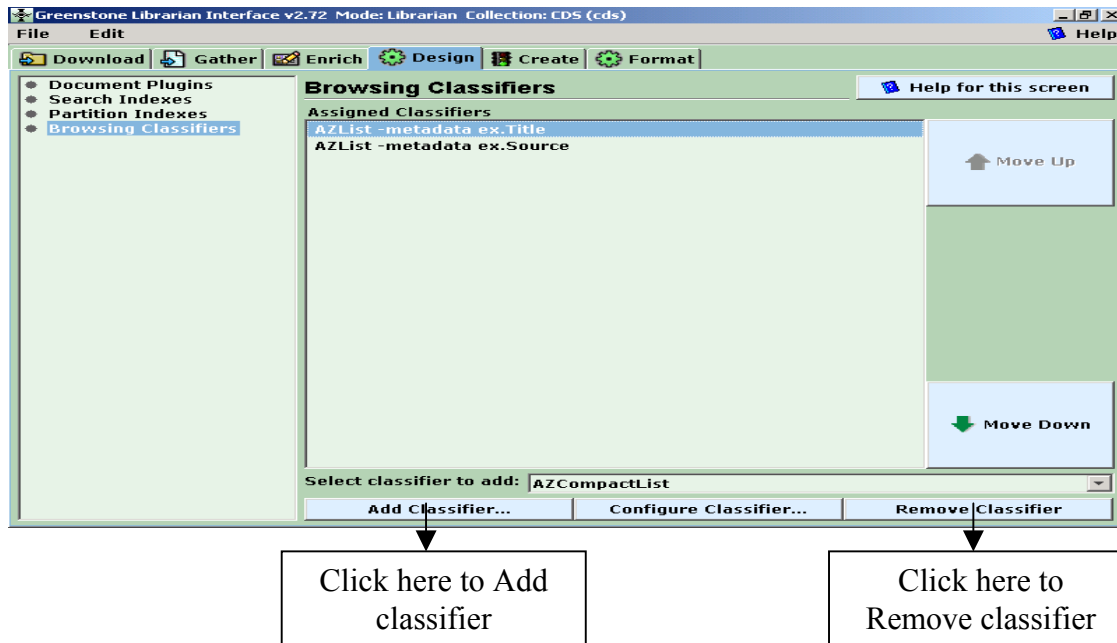


You can move any index up or down to set its order of appearance by selecting the index and clicking on the buttons on the right side. Likewise you can set any *index* as *default index* by selecting the index and clicking on the **Set Default Index** button.

5.4 Browsing Classifiers

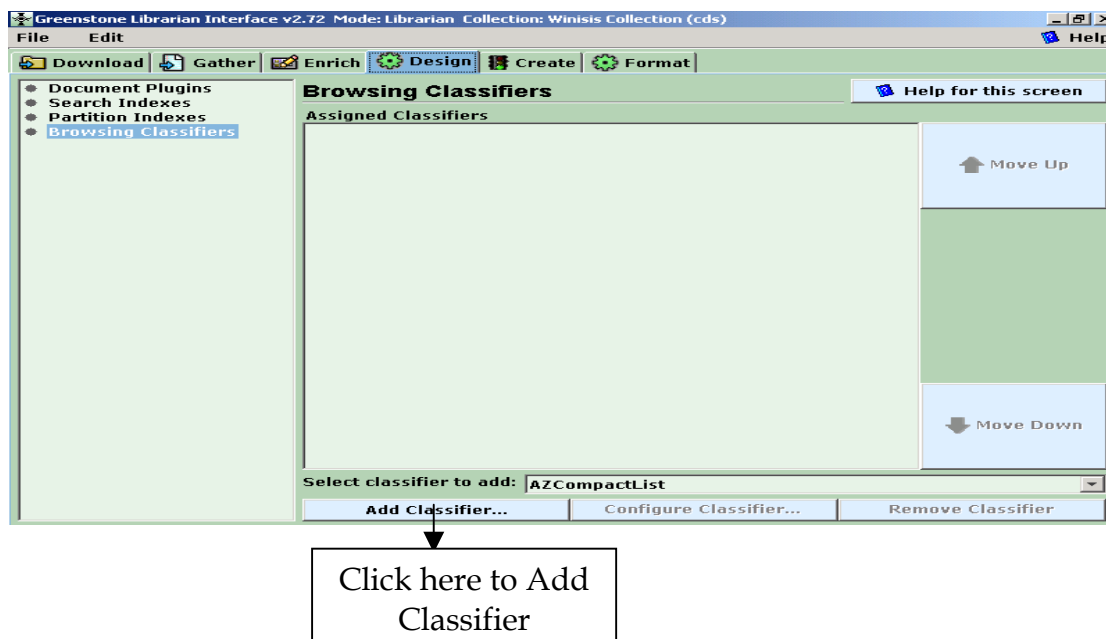
If you want to browse on a metadata element, you must set up a Browsing Classifier, independently of creating a search index on this metadata element. The metadata used for the database are *Title*, *PersonalAuthors*, *Keywords* and we need to create browsing classifiers for them. The default Browsing Classifiers are as follows:-

Figure 10 Default Browsing Classifiers



Select **Browsing Classifier** by clicking on it and then click on the **Remove Classifier** button for removing the default classifiers one by one. The resultant screen would be as follows:-

Figure 11 Adding Classifier



5.5 Adding Browsing Classifiers

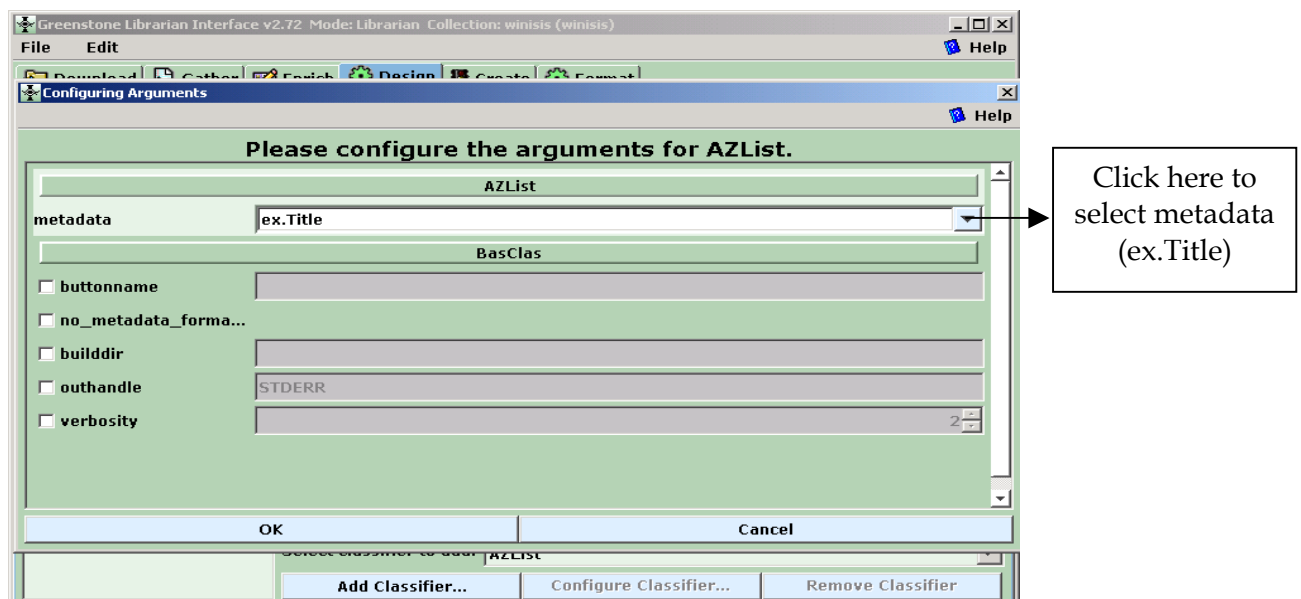
Now, choose **Select classifier to add** pull down list and select **A-Z List** or **A-Z Compact List**¹.

Then click on **Add Classifier** and add the Browsing Classifiers² for **Title**, **PersonalAuthors** and **Keywords** by one by one.

When you click **Add Classifier** button in the above screen, you will get the window for choosing the **Browsing Classifier** like *Title, Personal author, Keywords* etc.

Select the browsing classifier for *Title* by choosing the metadata option (ex.Title) as follows:-

Figure 12 Adding Classifier CL1 for Title - ex.Title



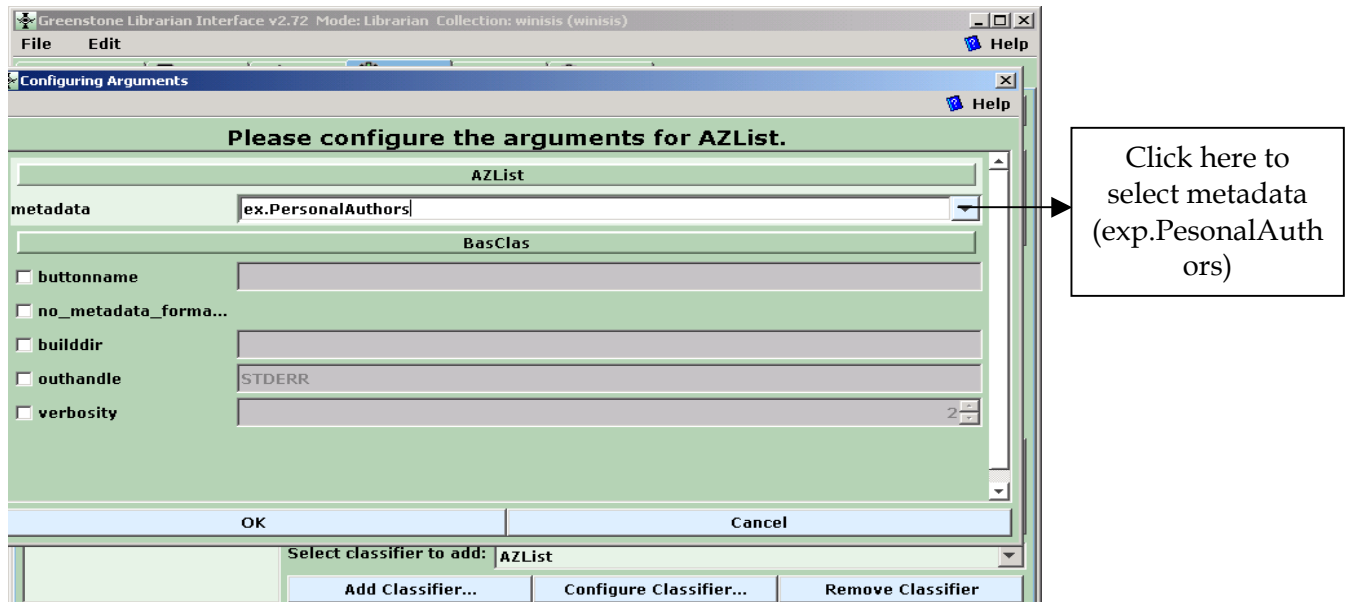
Click **OK** button to add *Title* classifier.

¹ Use of AZCompactList Classifier brings bookshelf icons under the browsing classifier. It groups together the documents that appear multiple times with same metadata and does not differ with AZList in any other manner.

² If you want to give a button name other than the button names like **Titles**, **Creators** etc, check the buttonname box in the "Configuring Arguments" window, type the desired button name and click **Ok**.

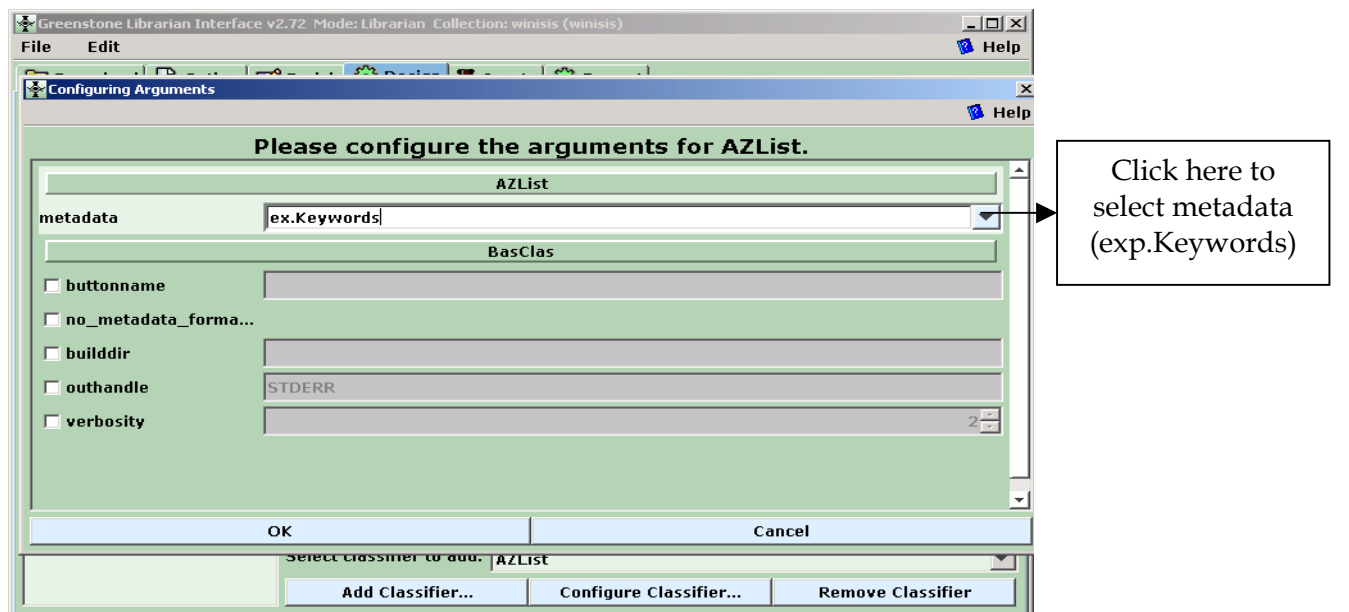
Then select the browsing classifier for *PersonalAuthors* by choosing the metadata option (ex.PersonalAuthor) as follows :-

Figure 13 Adding Classifier CL2 for Author - ex.PersonalAuthors



Click **OK** button to add *PersonalAuthors* classifier.

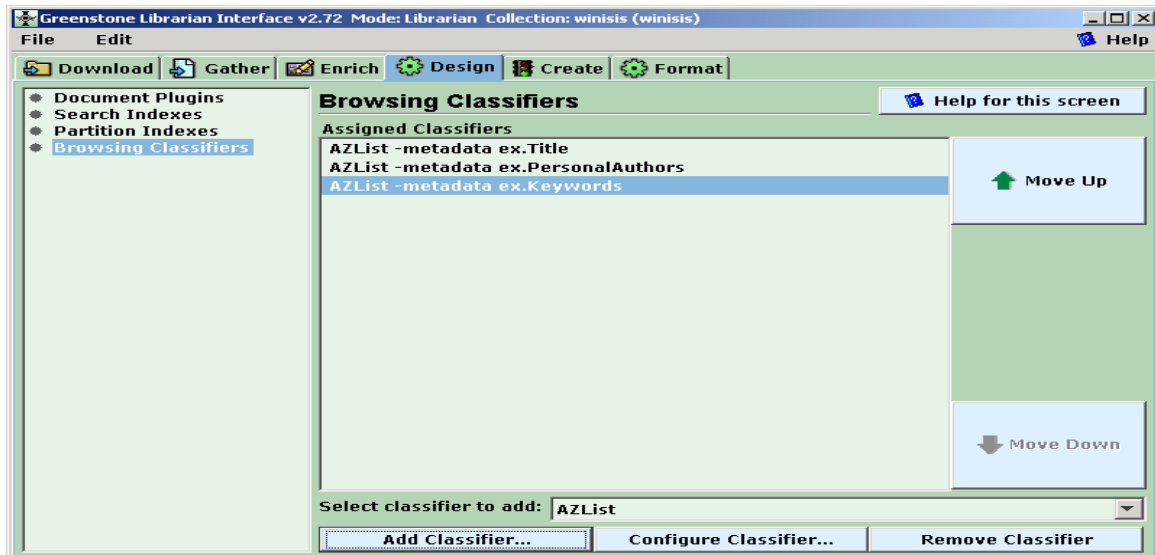
Figure 14 Adding Classifier CL3 for ex.Keywords



Click **OK** button to add *Keywords* classifier.

The resultant screen, that shows the three added Browsing Classifiers, will appear as follows:-

Fig 15 Browsing Classifiers assigned for this sample Collection



6. Format

Many aspects of the page-display of the resultant digital library are governed by the features provided under the **Format** menu. We do not explain Format Features here, as it is a bit complex for beginners.

7. General

Choose the **Format** Tab and select **General** to provide the general information about the collection.

7.1 Put a picture as a collection icon

Choose a small picture of around 100*100 pixels that needs to appear as an icon of the collection in the homepage, by clicking on the **Browse** button on middle right and selecting the picture. On choosing the picture, the full path of the picture will appear in the address box lying against the **Browse** button.

Click OK button when the building process is completed.

Click on the **Preview Collection** button to show the collection.

Figure 18 Home Page of the Demo Collection



Figure 19 Browse the Collection by Title Classifier

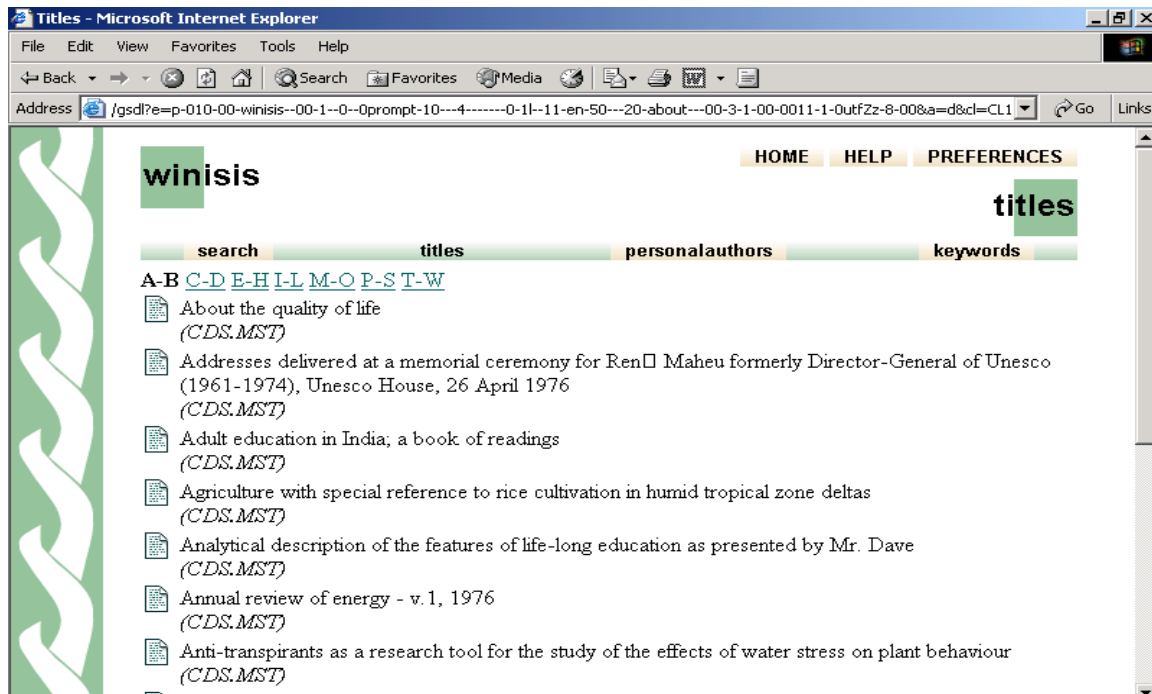


Figure 20 Browse the Collection by Personal Authors Classifier

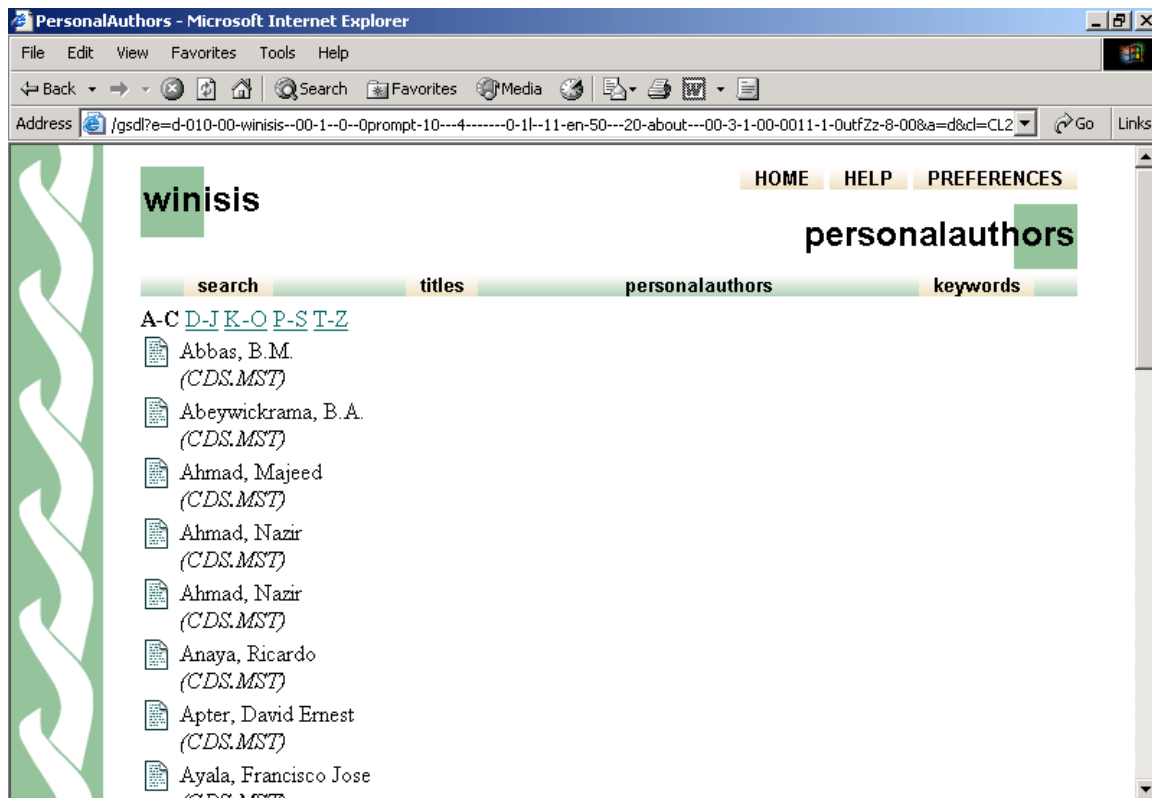


Figure 21 Browse the Collection by Keywords Classifier

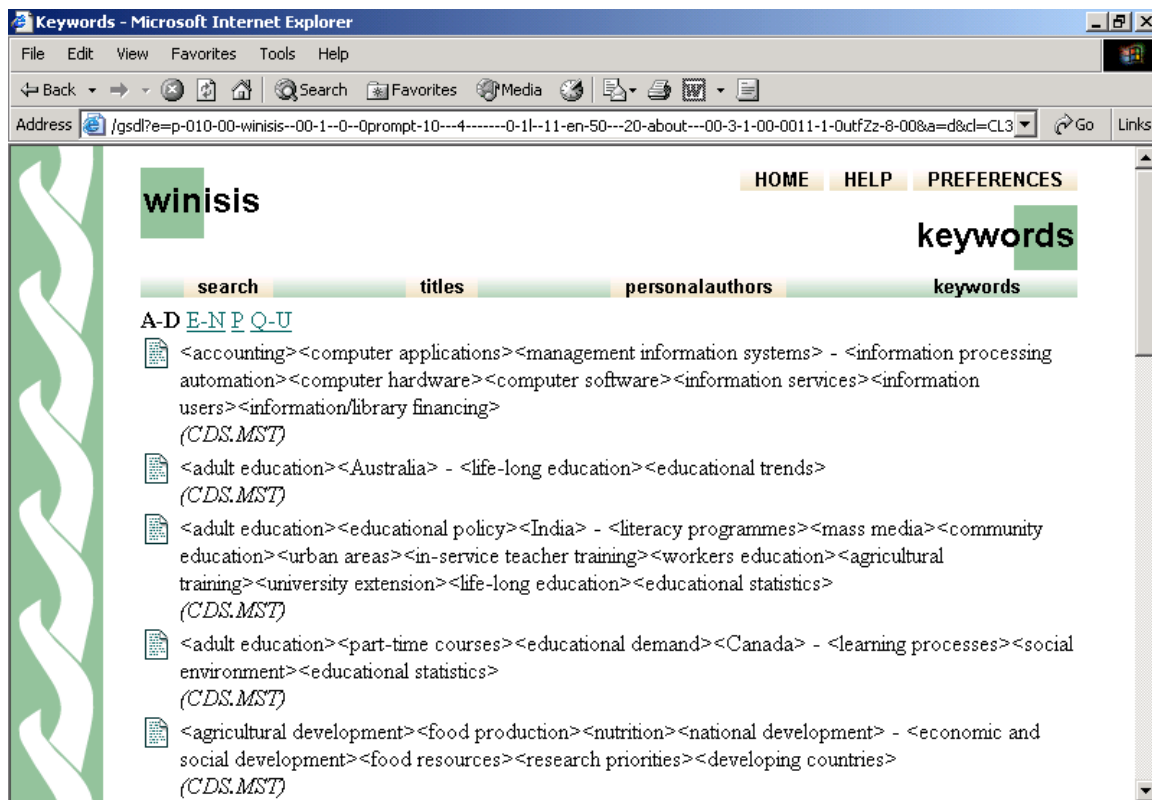
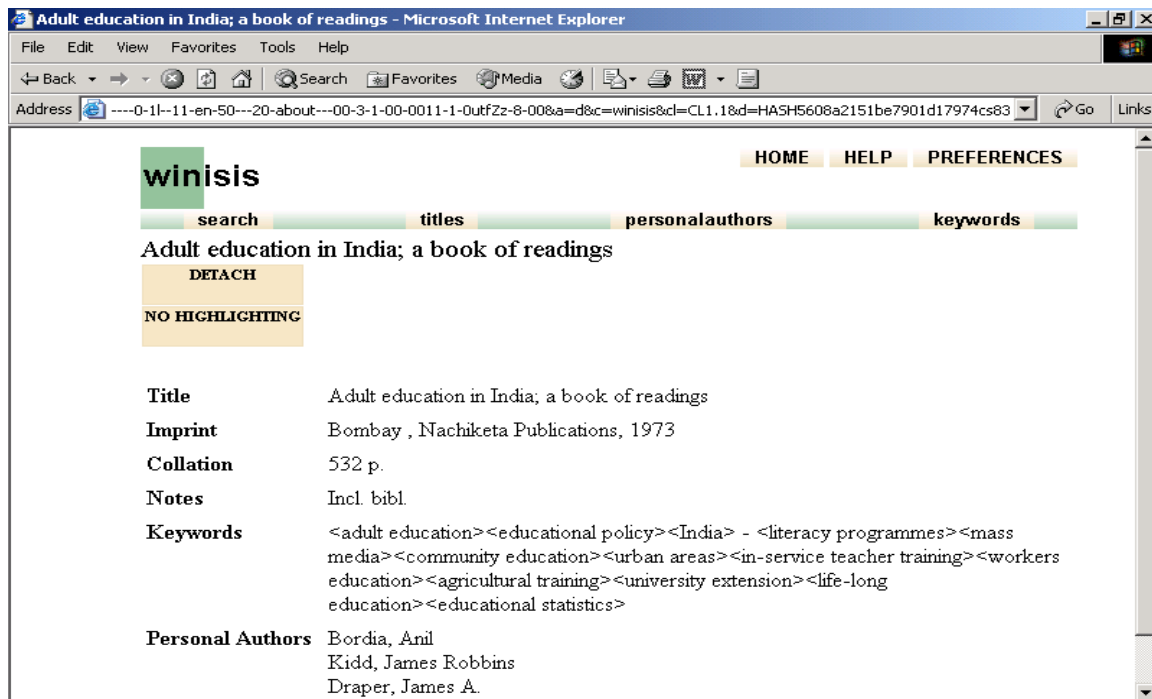


Figure 22 Display of One Record in the Database

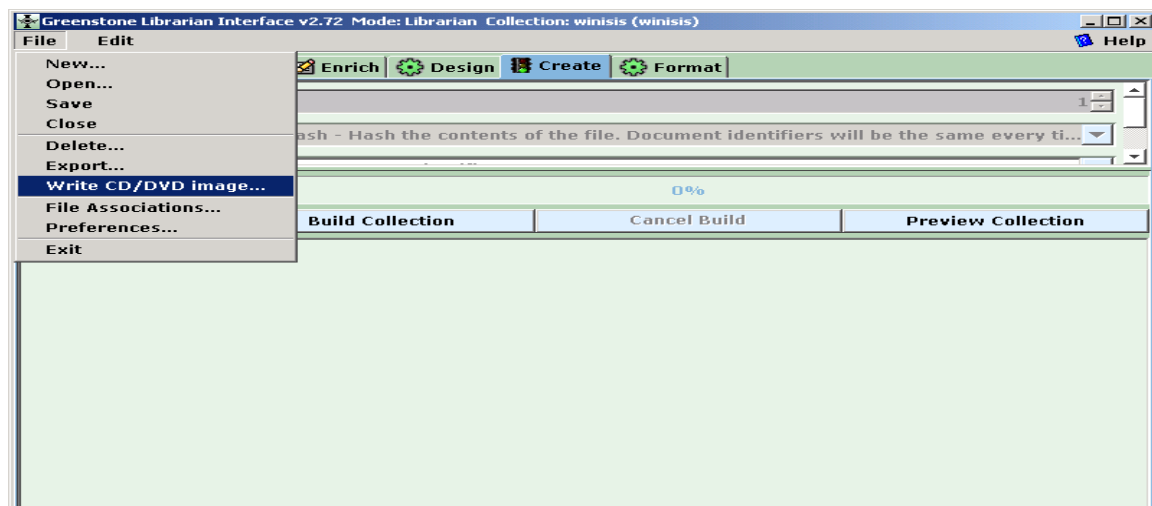


9. Converting the Collection in to a CD-ROM Library

You can write the collection/collections to a CD-ROM, if you want to convert the Greenstone collection into an installable CD-ROM for distribution among wider audience.

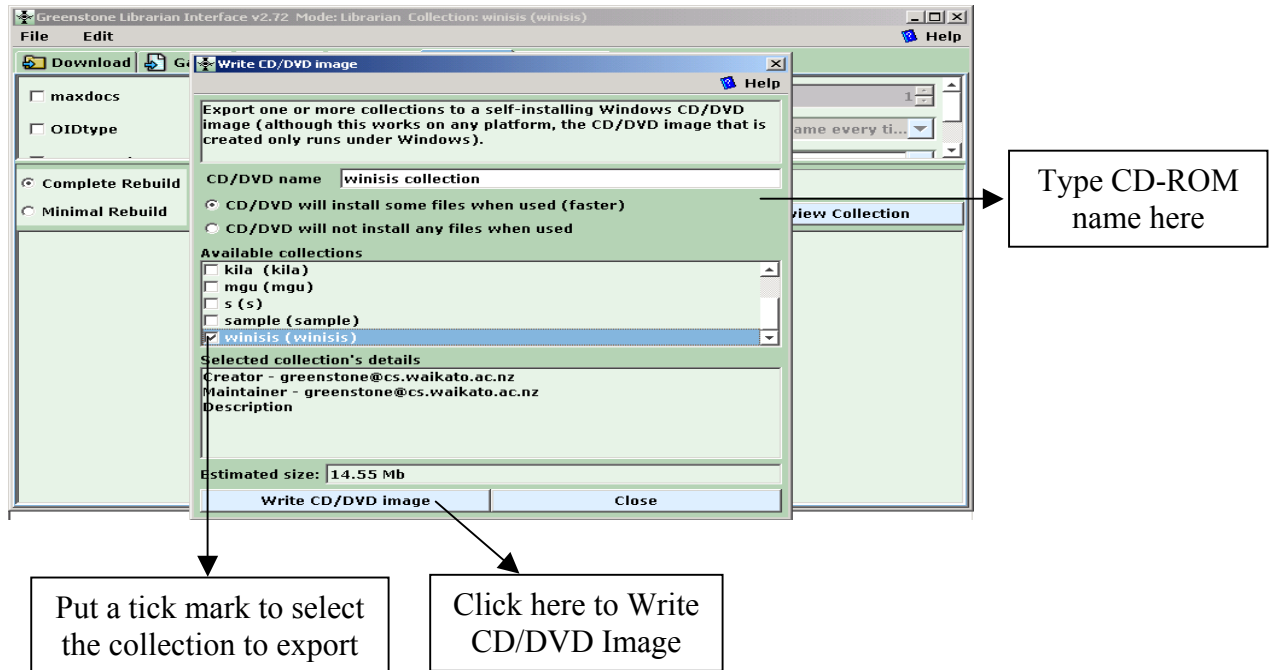
Click on **File** ⇒ **Write CD/DVD image.....**

Figure 23 Starting the Writing Process



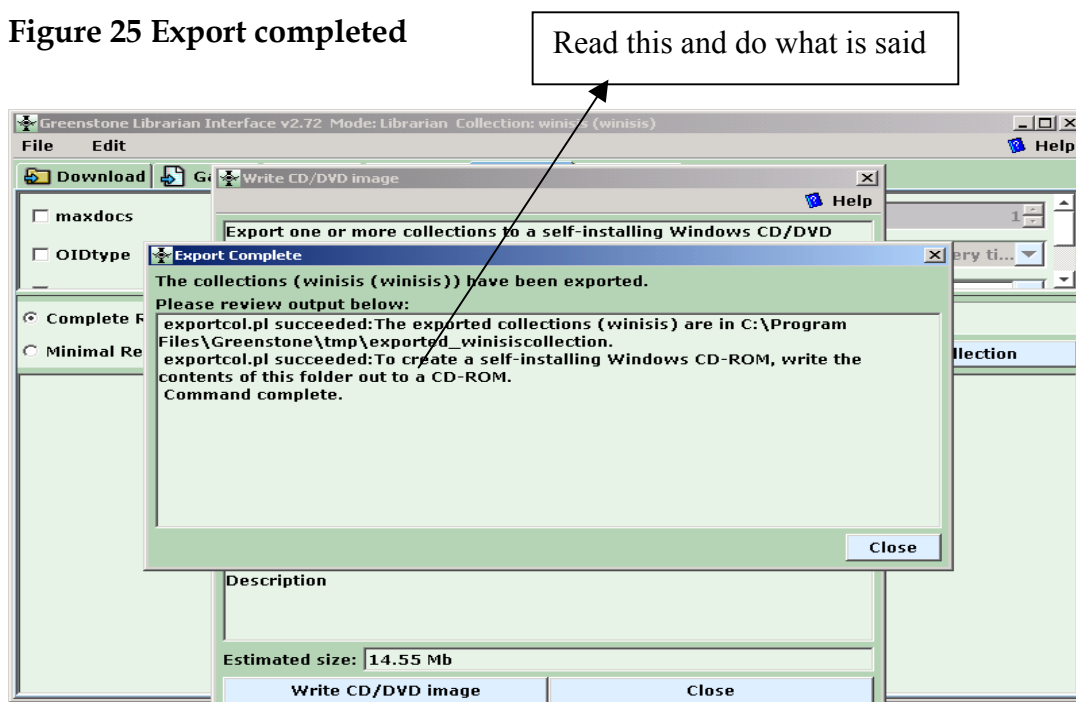
A pop-up window will appear as follows:-

Figure 24 Giving a Collection Name for CD-ROM



Provide a name for your CD-ROM (winisis collection), put a tick mark the check box pertaining to the collection and click **Write CD/DVD image** button.

Figure 25 Export completed



Click **Close** button

Then write the contents of the folder (C:\ProgramFiles\Greenstone\tmp\exported_Winisis) into a blank CD-ROM for creating self-installing Windows CD-ROM library.

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