

HSPLICE: The Bank Update Program

HSsplice is the program used for updating hashed banks. Hashed banks are now the standard data banks that Inforum creates and maintains. The compression routines for hashed and compressed banks are essentially the same, however, with the hashed banks we have added a far superior method of indexing the data series.

Suppose you have just received new data for a bank you already have. How can you correct or extend the bank without completely remaking it? If the new data has come to you as a hashed bank -- as data from the Inforum EconData service does -- then, at the DOS prompt, type

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hssplice <old_hashbank> <new_hashed> <updated>
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where `old_hashbank`, `new_hashbank`, and `updated` are the names of the old hashed bank, the new hashed bank, and the updated hashed bank. The updated bank will contain all data in either the old or the new bank, but the data in "new" will replace that in "old" wherever both banks have a data point.
