UN Comtrade

Presentation of World Wide Trade
On the world wide web

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Sources and Partners

- Customs Administrations

- National Statistical Offices

- International Agencies
  - OECD, IMF, FAO, WCO
  - WTO, UNCTAD, ITC (Geneva partners)
  - Regional offices (ECLAC, ESCWA, ECOWAS, COMESA, IADB)

International Trade Statistics

- IMTS, Rev.2 (1998) –
    - Compiler's Manual (2004)

- Harmonized System (WCO)
    - and SITC (UN)

- Data Structure

  ➤   150 Reporters by 5000 Commodities by 200 Partner Countries
       by 42 Years (1962-2003) for IMPORTS and EXPORTS

  ➤   Value (US dollars), Net Weight (kilograms), Supplementary
       Quantities (WCO recommended units)

UN Comtrade Data Availability

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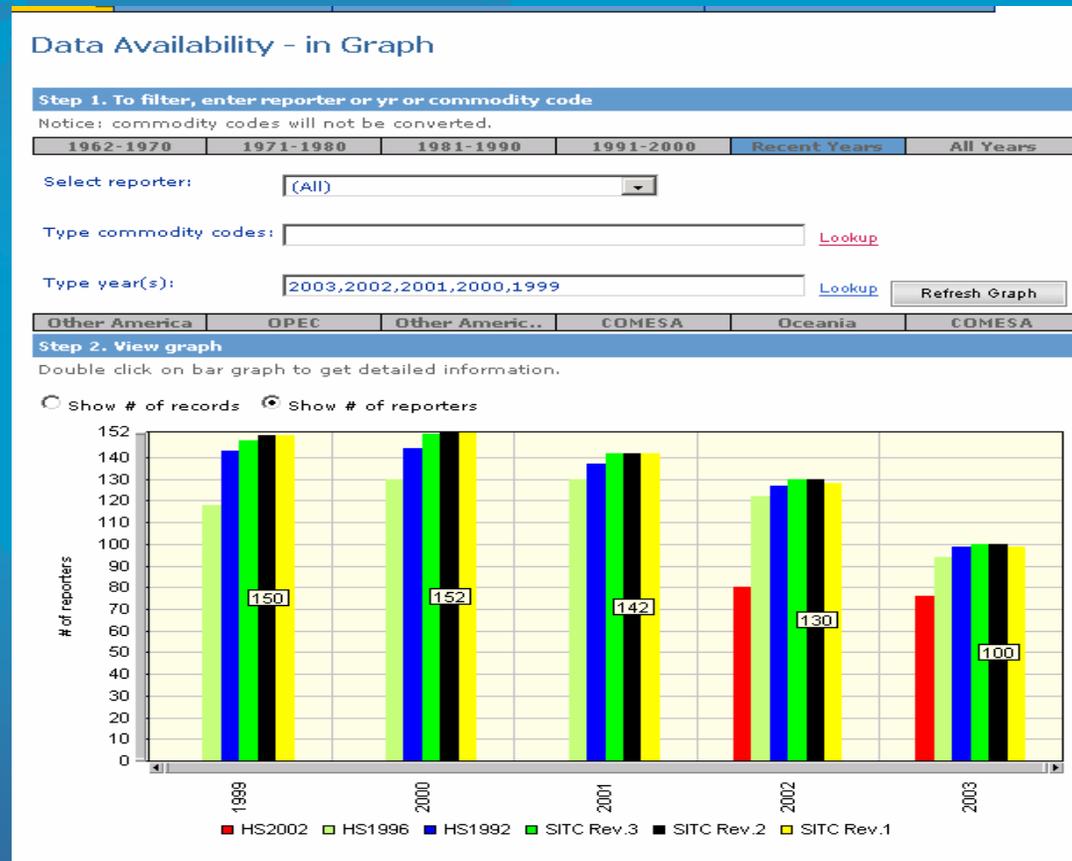
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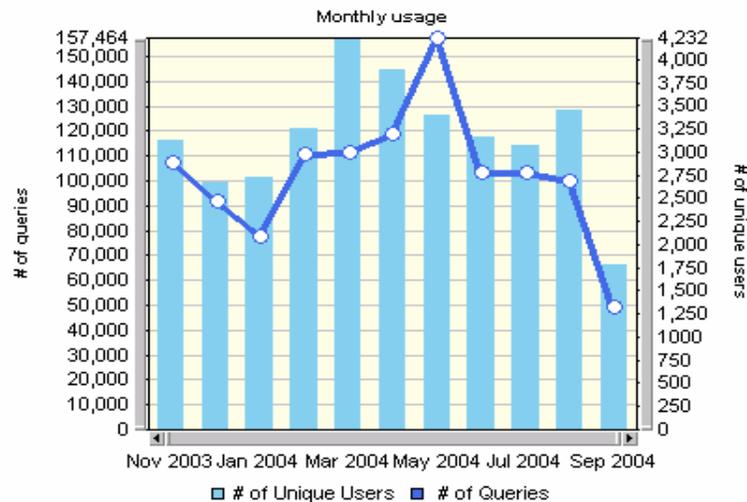
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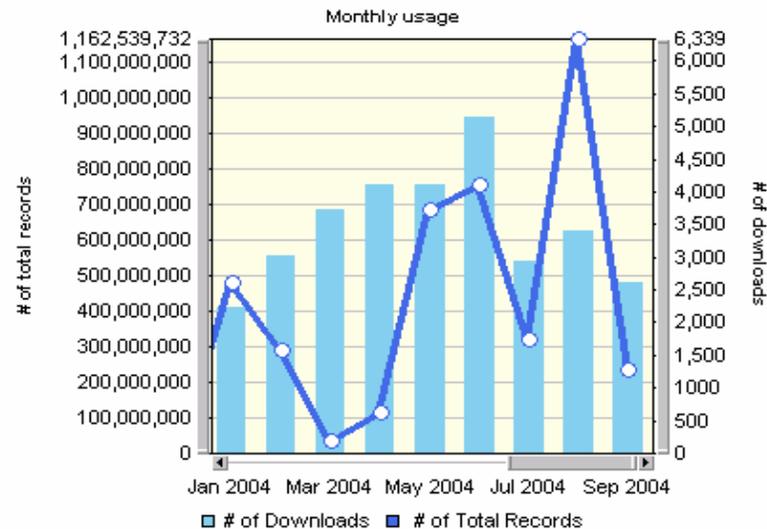
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    - Number of Reports by Classification and Year
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3. Graph
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