

Automated Cost Estimating Integrated Tools

Building Inflation Tables and CER Libraries

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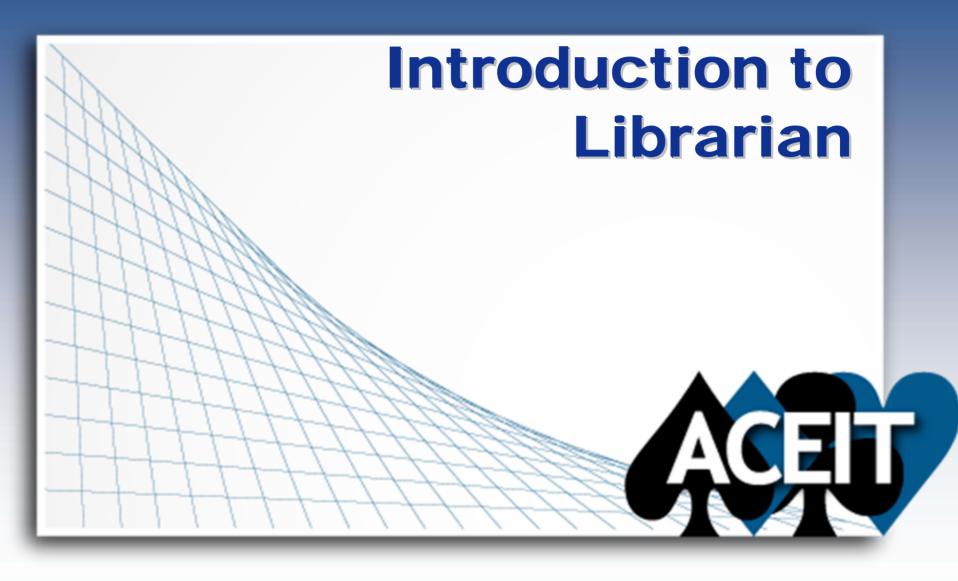
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The ACEIT Librarian is a new tool in ACEIT 7.0 that combines the Automated Information Manager (AIM) which is used to create CERs, and the Inflation Editor which is used to build custom inflation indices. Now users can easily work with Cost Estimating Relationship (CER) libraries and Inflation Tables inside a single utility. The Librarian makes it possible for users to have CER libraries and Inflation Tables customized for their particular use. All CER libraries and Inflation Tables can then be easily distributed to other users. This session will demonstrate how to Create a Custom Inflation Table, Create a Custom Appropriation, Create a New CER Library, Create a New CER, and Use/Share Custom Libraries.

Outline

- Introduction to Librarian
- Creating Custom Inflation Table
- Creating Custom Appropriation
- Creating a new CER Library
- Adding a CER to the Library
 - Using and Sharing Custom Libraries



Introducing ACEIT Librarian







Combination of:

- ACEIT Information
 Manager (AIM)
 - Create CERs
- ACEIT Inflation Editor
 - Create Inflation Indices

Efficient: Single utility to manipulate Inflation and Methodology Libraries

- Productive: Allows for sharing of custom libraries between users
 - Versatile: Provides for customization of all types of libraries



Launching the Librarian

- Start > Programs > ACEIT 7.0 > ACEIT Tools > Librarian
- Opens to a main screen for viewing System and Custom libraries
 - Methodology (CER) Libraries
 - Inflation Libraries

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Navigating the Librarian

Explorer View

- Left hand pane, similar to MS Outlook
- Navigate to desired library

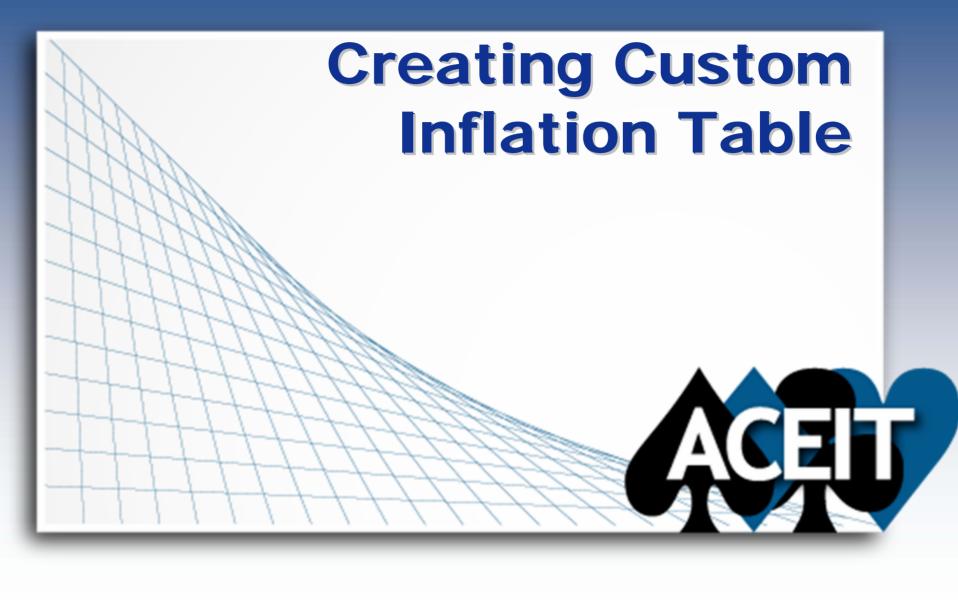
Library View

- Center pane, displays data in the selected library
- Displays information associated with the selected library (Methodology or Inflation)

Task View

• Right pane, quick access to common tasks

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Glossary/Definitions

- Inflation Measures the change in price from one year to another
- Indices Two Types: Compound and Composite (also called Raw and Weighted)
 - Allow for normalization of costs to a constant year
- Raw Inflation Rate % change in value of money from year 1 to year 2, etc.
- Outlay Rates (also called Expenditure Profiles) represent the proportion of program dollars that will be spent in each year
- Compound (Raw) Indices Calculated using the Raw inflation rate. Used to normalize costs from a particular base year to another year
- <u>Composite (Weighted) Indices</u> Calculated using Compound (Raw) indices and outlay rates (expenditure profile). Used to convert base year dollars to then-year (budget) dollars, or to compute <u>funding</u> requirements



Five Steps to Create an Inflation Index

- Step 1: Define the set of goods and services, or overall collection of items (Table). For example, "US Consumer Electronics"
- Step 2: Define the specific elements (appropriations) within the collection. For example, "TV, Stereo, Computer"
- Step 3: Collect historical and/or projection pricing data for the identified elements
- Step 4: Calculate the yearly overall inflation rate for the entire collection
 - Weighted average of the elements
- Step 5: Assign a base year, value = 1.0

Results: Compound (Raw) Inflation Indices



Creating a Custom Inflation Table

- Custom Inflation Tables and/or Appropriations can be added into the Custom Library
 - By default, the Librarian contains one custom inflation table (Sample Table) with one appropriation (1234) and its associated indices
 - You can add new appropriations and their associated indices to the existing table or create a new table to store this data
 - Custom Tables may contain multiple appropriations
- Step 1: Navigate to the Inflation Library
- Step 2: Click on New Table icon () or select Edit > New Inflation Table
 - Step 3: Enter table information in the resulting dialog

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Creating a New Appropriation

- **Step 1:** Navigate to the desired custom Inflation Table
- Step 2: Click on the New
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- **Step 3:** Enter information about the indices
 - Raw/Weighted
 - Yearly Escalation and Outlay rates (Librarian calculates resulting raw/weighted indices)

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Enter Inflation Indices Directly

- Step 4: Enter indices manually or paste indices from Excel or another spreadsheet
 - White area indicates data input. Grey area indicates calculated fields
- Step 5: Close the dialog with File > Close or red X
- The new index is now available for use within ACE

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5	2002	5.000	1.0500000000000	1.0500000000000
6	2003	5.000	1.1025000000000	1.1025000000000
7	2004	5.000	1.1576250000000	1.1576250000000
8	2005	5.000	1.2155060000000	1.2155060000000
9	2006	5.000	1.2762820000000	1.2762820000000
10	2007	5.000	1.3400960000000	1.3400960000000
11	2008	5.000	1.4071000000000	1.4071000000000
12	2009	5.000	1.4774550000000	1.4774550000000
13	2010	5.000	1.5513280000000	1.5513280000000
14	2011	5.000	1.6288950000000	1.6288950000000
15	2012	5.000	1.7103390000000	1.7103390000000
16	2013	5.000	1.7958560000000	1.7958560000000
17	2014	5.000	1.8856490000000	1.8856490000000
18	2015	5.000	1.9799320000000	1.9799320000000
19	2016	5.000	2.0789280000000	2.0789280000000



Using the Appropriation Wizard

Step 2 Step 1 🛃 Appropriation Wizard Appropriation Wizard Please select an inflation table below or create a new table that the new appropriation will be included. Enter the Appropriation Details: Sample Table 6745 SBCA Code: Term: (e.g., 3600) (e.g., RDTEA) Base Year: 2007 \$ Revision Date: 15-Jan -2007 v Description: Annual Inflation Factor Ex Create New Inflation Table Next >> Cancel Help << Back Next >> Cancel Help Step 3 Step 4 🛃 Appropriation Wizard 🛃 Appropriation Wizard Apply Yearly Weighting Factors? How is Inflation Rate Represented? No. All money is spent in the year funds are appropriated. Eixed Escalation Rate Yes. Money is spent over multiple years Enter Rate: % (e.g., 3) Raw/Compound India composite/weighted indices. I have outlay rates/expenditure profiles. Yearly Escalation Rates Weighted indices will be calculated from the raw/compound Enter Year Range: indices and outlay rates provided using the following method: V From Year: 1997 \$ To Year 2017 << Back Next >> Finish Help << Back Next >> Finish Help Cancel Cancel



Specifying Annual Inflation Factors

Step 5 – Input

- Specify % for each year
- Compound (Raw) and Composite (Weighted) are calculated for you by Librarian based on the specified Escalation %
- In this example, No weighting factors/outlay rates therefore Raw = Weighted

Inflation Rate: Inputs and Outputs

- Fixed Escalation Increase
 - Librarian will auto-calculate the Compound and Composite values
 - Can provide Outlay Rates/Expenditure profile if needed

Compound (Raw) Indices

- No Outlay Rates/Expenditure Profile
 Librarian will ask for Compound
 - Yes Outlay Rates/Expenditure Profile
 - Librarian will ask for Compound and Composite
- Yearly Escalation Rates
 - No Outlay Rates/Expenditure Profile
 - Librarian will ask for Escalation %
 - Yes Outlay Rates/Expenditure Profile
 - Librarian will ask for Escalation % and Composite

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4	2000	4.000	.75410028730385	.75410028730385
5	2001	4.000	.78426429879600	.78426429879600
6	2002	4.000	.81563487074784	.81563487074784
7	2003	4.000	.84826026557776	.84826026557776
8	2004	4.200	.88388719673202	.88388719673202
9	2005	4.200	.92101045899477	.92101045899477
10	2006	4.200	.95969289827255	.95969289827255
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12	2008	4.200	1.0420000000000	1.0420000000000
13	2009	4.200	1.0857640000000	1.0857640000000
14	2010	4.200	1.1313660880000	1.1313660880000
15	2011	4.200	1.1788834636960	1.1788834636960
16	2012	4.200	1.2283965691712	1.2283965691712
17	2013	4.200	1.2799892250764	1.2799892250764
18	2014	4.500	1.3375887402048	1.3375887402048
19	2015	4.500	1.3977802335140	1.3977802335140
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Specifying Expenditure Profiles

- Funds obligated in one year will be spent over several subsequent years (expended)
 - Expenditure profiles represent the percent of Total Obligation Authority (TOA) expended in any particular year



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2	2008	3.000	1.03000000000	1.06441504503	20.000	50.000	30.000
3	2009	3.000	1.06090000000	1.09803565697	20.000	50.000	30.000
4	2010	3.200	1.09484880000	1.13317279799	20.000	50.000	30.000
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9	2015	3.400	1.28657265347	1.33440554758	20.000	50.000	30.000
10	2016	3.400	1.33031612369	1.37977533619	20.000	50.000	30.000
11	2017	3,400	1.37554687190	1.42668769763	20.000	50.000	30.000
12	2018	3,400	1.42231546554	1.47602435223	20.000	50.000	30.000
13	2019	3,400	1.47067419137	1.52854758559	20.000	50.000	30.000
14	2020	3.600	1.52361846226	1.58357529867	20.000	50.000	30.000
15	2021	3.600	1.57846872690	1.64058400943	20.000	50.000	30.000
16	2022	3.600	1.63529360107	1.69964503377	20.000	50.000	30.000
17	2023	3.600	1.69416417071	1.76181843916	20.000	50.000	30.000
18	2024	3.600	1.75515408085	1.82803354999	20.000	50.000	30.000
19	2025	3.800	1.82184993593	1.89855762969	20.000	50.000	30.000
20	2026	3.800	1.89108023349	1.97370733031	20.000	50.000	30.000
21	2027	4.000	1.96672344283	2.05265562352	20.000	50.000	30.000

Alternate Step 4



Exporting Inflation Indices

To facilitate sharing, Inflation Libraries can easily be imported or exported

- **Export Step 1:** Navigate to the custom library
- Export Step 2: Select File > Export
- Export Step 3: Provide a name for the table. Custom tables are XML files that are put together in a .ZIP file
- **Export Step 4:** Click **Save**. By default, the exported library is saved in the **Libraries** directory under **ACEIT Data**, but the file can be located anywhere
 - The ZIP file can be e-mailed or placed on a network drive to allow other users access

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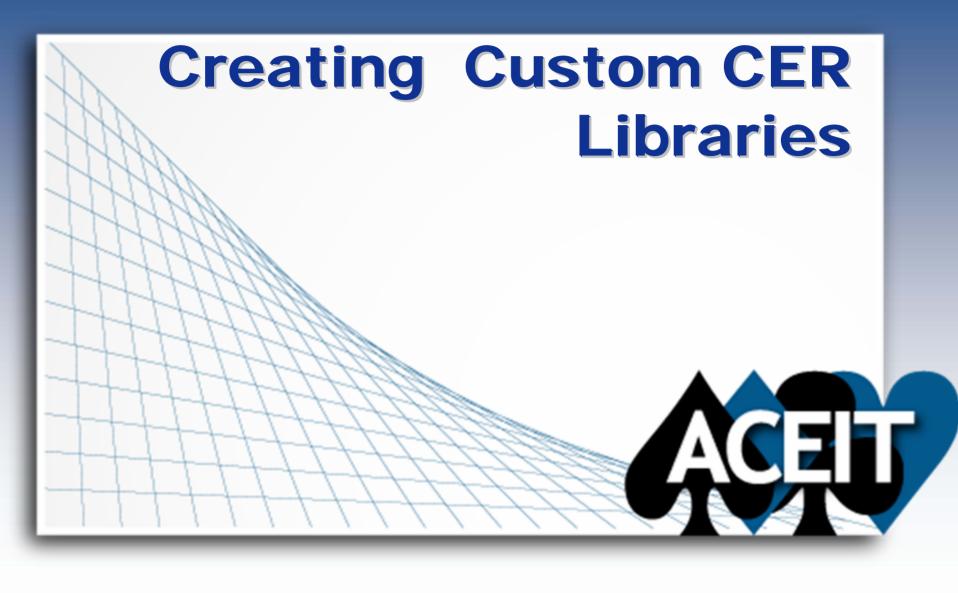
Importing Inflation Indices

You can quickly import ACEIT 6.1 custom indices or another user's custom indices

Import Step 1: Select File > Import

- Import Step 2: Select which table to import. By default it shows all databases that are in ACEIT 7.0 format (i.e. ZIP files). Navigate to a different directory and/or change the Files of Type drop down box to look for ACEIT 6.1 databases. (.DB files)
- Import Step 3: Select the file to import and click Open
- Librarian imports all tables and appropriations from the selected database into your custom library
 - If you have an appropriation that matches one in the import file, you'll be prompted to overwrite or ignore it

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Creating a New Methodology Library

- User can add new CERs to an existing custom library or create a new library
 - By default, the Librarian contains one custom CER Library (Sample CER Library)
- **Step 1:** Navigate to the Methodology (CER) Library
- Step 2: Select File > New > Methodology Library or click Add New Methodology Library in tasks section
- **Step 3**: Enter information about the custom library

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Adding a Methodology

- Step 1: Navigate to the Methodology (CER) Library and choose the correct CER library for the new CER
- **Step 2:** Choose to add or insert a CER using one of these methods:
 - Click on the Add CER(=) or Insert CER(=) icon on the Methodology toolbar
 - Select Edit > Add CER, Edit > Insert CER, Edit > Insert Child CER from the menu
 - Select Add CER from the Tasks area
- Step 3: This moves you to the Library View description column to enter the information for the CER
- **Step 4:** After entering CER information, enter a CER definition by clicking on Edit Definition from the Tasks or by Right-Clicking on the CER in the Library View

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Specifying Standard Methodology Variables

CERs often contain variables used to estimate a cost, Ex: Antenna cost based on <u>aperture</u> These variables can be placed in the methodology library so users have specifics on the variable if they wish to use the CER

- **Step 1:** Navigate to the Methodology Library
- Step 2: Select File > Edit Variables
- **Step 3:** Add, edit, or delete variables in the custom library
- Note: For users to see the variable information in ACE when they use the CER, they must change their ACE Session Properties so ACE searches parameter libraries for definitions of undefined variables encountered. This check box is found on the Calculation tab inside Session Properties (In ACE, Select File > Properties)

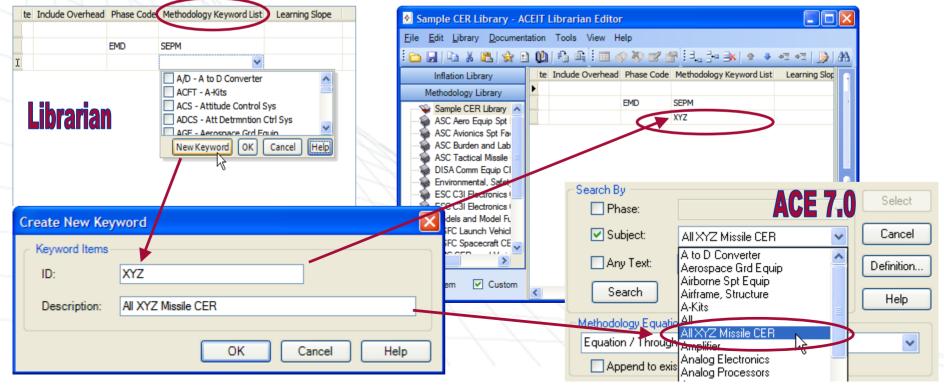
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Keywords and Custom CERs

Quickly search for a Custom CER with Keywords

- **Step 1:** Add the Keyword to the CER using the **Methodology Keyword List** column available in Librarian
- Step 2: Select the Keyword from the list available, or create a new keyword with description
- Step 3: In Librarian, select File > Save
- Step 4: Open ACE 7.0
- Step 5: Select Tools > CER Library
- **Step 6:** Search by Subject and select the correct description from the drop down list
- Step 8: Select the correct CER from the list at the bottom of the window
 - Alternately you can change the Destination drop down box to place the methodology in another cell on the active row





Exporting the CER Library

To facilitate exchange and sharing, CER Libraries can easily be imported or exported

- **Export Step 1:** Navigate to the custom library
- Export Step 2: Select File > Export
- Export Step 3: Provide a name for the table. Custom tables are XML files that are put together in a .ZIP file
- **Export Step 4:** Click **Save**. By default, the exported library is saved in the **Libraries** directory under **ACEIT Data**, but the file can be located anywhere
 - The ZIP file can be e-mailed or placed on a network drive to allow other users access

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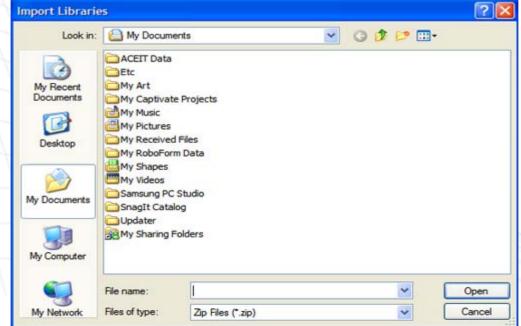


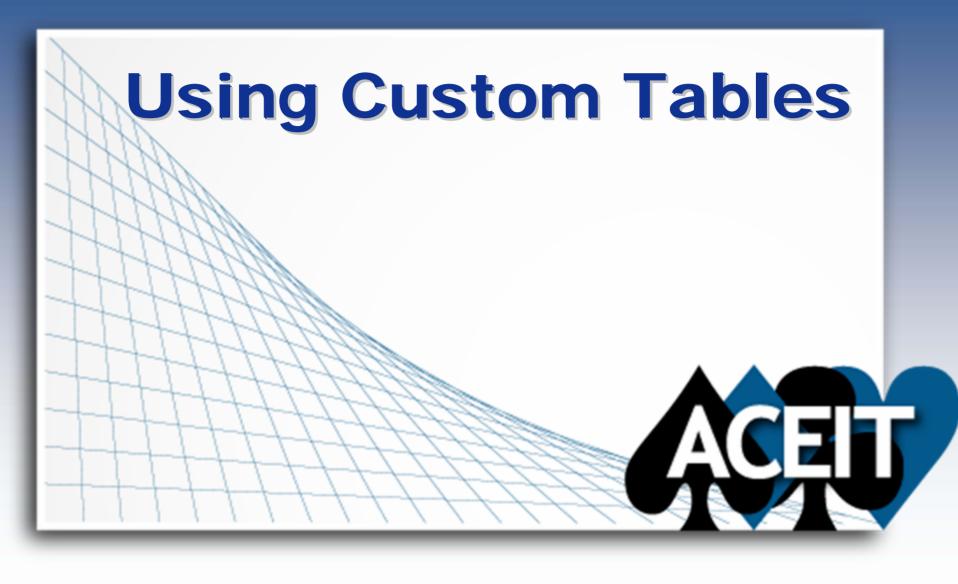
Importing a CER Library

Import allows user to bring in ACEIT 6.1 custom methodologies or some other user's custom methodology tables

Import Step 1: Select File > Import

- Import Step 2: Select which table to import. By default it shows all databases that are in ACEIT 7.0 format (i.e. ZIP files). Navigate to a different directory and/or change the Files of Type drop down box to look for ACEIT 6.1 databases. (.DB files)
- Import Step 3: Select the file to import and click Open
- Librarian imports all tables and methodologies from the selected database into your custom library
 - If you have a methodology that matches one in the import file, you'll be prompted to overwrite or ignore it



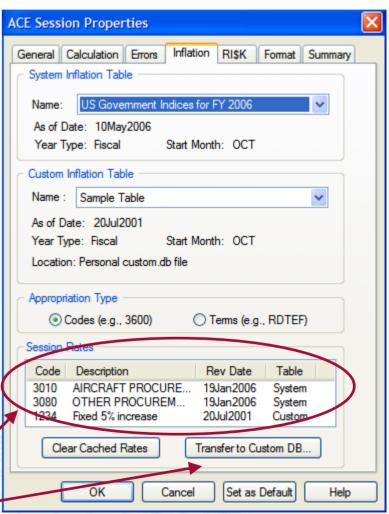




Using Custom Inflation

Once you have created a custom Inflation Table with appropriations, you can use them in ACE

- Step 1: Open ACE 7.0, Start > Programs > ACEIT 7.0 > ACE
- Step 2: Select File > Properties and switch to Inflation Tab
- Step 3: Using the drop down box under Custom Inflation Table, select your custom table name
- The custom inflation indices are now available for use in your session. Using either codes or terms in the appropriation column you can easily use your custom inflation table in an ACE session
 - The inflation indices used in your session are shown in the Session Rates, section of the page
 - To transfer all indices used in your session to your custom database, select "Transfer to Custom DB"

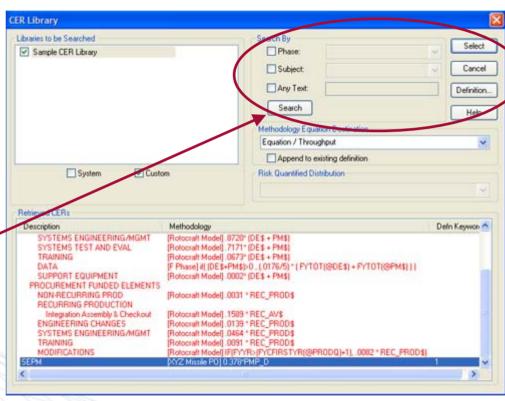




Using Custom CERs

Once you have created a custom CER (methodology) you can easily use it in ACE 7.0

- Step 1: Open ACE 7.0, Start > Programs > ACEIT 7.0 > ACE
- Step 2: Switch to the Methodology window to view the Equation/Throughput column
- **Step 3:** Place the cursor on the row you wish to use the custom CER
- Step 4: Select Tools > CER Library, the CER Library dialog opens
- Step 5: Make sure the checkbox for "Custom" is selected to view the non-system libraries
- Step 6: Specify search information to look up the specific CER you to wish to use, or simply press Search to find all CERs in the selected library
- Step 7: Select the desired CER from the list at bottom
- Step 8: Optional Click the Definition button (if active) to view detailed information about the CER
- Step 9: Choose Select and the Methodology will automatically be pasted in the active cell you selected earlier (Step 3)
 - Alternately you can change the Destination drop down box to place the methodology in another cell on the active row







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Backup One

- Illustrate an example of data collection, calculation of overall inflation rate for collection, calculation of raw indices
- In general, the equation to calculate the index (I_n) from base year b to year n is I_n = $(1+R_{b+1})^*(1+R_{b+2})^*....^*(1+R_{n-1})^*(1+R_n)$
 - Where R_n is the decimal rate of overall inflation for year n.

So to calculate the index for 2008 from a base year of 2005

- we would have I₂₀₀₈= (1+R₂₀₀₆)*(1+R₂₀₀₇)*(1+R₂₀₀₈)
- From market basket data we know that R_{2006} = 2.925% or .02925, R_{2007} =.03, and R_{2008} =.0325
- So I₂₀₀₈ = (1+.02925) * (1+.03) * (1+.0325)=1.0945816.....
 - Can be simplified to I₂₀₀₈ = I₂₀₀₇ ' (1+.0325)=1.0945816

ltem #	1	2				
ltem Name	Labor	Material	Overall			
Contribution	50%	50%	100.0000%			
Annual Inflation Assumptions						
2000	2.00%	1.89%	1.9450%			
2001	1.50%	1.75%	1.6250%			
2002	1.50%	1.75%	1.6250%			
2003	1.50%	2.10%	1.8000%			
2004	2.20%	2.50%	2.3500%			
2005	3.00%	2.75%	2.8750%			
2006	3.00%	2.85%	2.9250%			
2007	3.00%	3.00%	3.0000%			
2008	3.00%	3.50%	3.2500%			
2009	3.00%	4.00%	3.5000%			
2010	4.00%	4.50%	4.2500%			

	Compound (Raw)
Year	Indices
2000	0.903345
2001	0.918024
2002	0.932942
2003	0.949735
2004	0.972053
2005	1.000000
2006	1.029250
2007	1.060128
2008	1.094582
2009	1.132892
2010	1.181040



Backup Two

Funding considerations particular to government

- Full funding
 - The total cost of major *procurement* and *construction* projects is funded in the fiscal year in which they will be initiated
- Incremental funding
 - The total cost of major **development** programs or projects is funded over two or more fiscal years based upon levels and timing of obligation requirements for the funds
- Major issue with this policy: actual expenditures occur for several years past the initial obligation
- This requires the government to develop a composite index which weights the expected expenditures with the anticipated inflation
- Out years will have inflation that decreases the purchasing power of money
 - To maintain purchasing power of money, you must have more money to begin with
- Weighted index is ratio of Money Needed / Purchasing Power
- The index represents a composite of the out year inflation factors
 - Weighted by the amount of money spent in each out year according to the expenditure profile (outlay rates)
- **DoD services use two different basic formulas to develop weighted indices**
 - Army uses simple weighting formula
 - Navy, USMC, Air Force, and Defense Agency use a more complex formula
 - Librarian can use both, use the drop down box to select