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1. Introduction

Normally, GDS systems software is supplied in a secured state i.e. the listings cannot be accessed. This is done in order to protect our copyright. We do recognise, however, that some GDS Users may have bona fide reasons for wishing to modify the software for their own particular purposes. Accordingly, you can have the security code of your software divulged to you provided your institution enters into an agreement to respect our copyright. The procedures are given below.

2. GDS Software Security Code

We will divulge the security code to you on receipt of a letter from your head of department agreeing to clause 24 of our Terms and Conditions relating to copyright of software, specifically:

"... The customer warrants and agrees that it will use the Software and Firmware only for its own purposes as contemplated by the Contract and will not sell lease dispose of or disclose the same to any third party for any purpose whatsoever."

When we receive this we will send to you :

- the software descriptions listing the variable names and briefly describing the purpose of the code section by section.
- a further secured copy of the software.
- the security code of the copy software.

You will now have two versions of the software which are identified and separate but which are identical, and you will have the security code for one of them.

The security code of the copy version will be different from the security code of the original version. The security code of the original is not divulged so it is not possible for you to change the original GDS version.

We ask you not to write down the security code of the copy version but to commit it to memory.

Don't worry if you forget the security code as we can always remind you of it over the telephone. We also ask you to keep the software in a secured state, only unsecuring to work on the code and resecuring at the end of each work session.

GDS warranty and technical support does not apply to the software copy whose security code has been divulged. GDS warranty and technical support only applies to the original secured version of the software. The original version of the software must be used for all troubleshooting of GDS hardware, software and systems.