TourStat

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1. TourStat is a software related to the monthly statistic of the belgian tourism (hotel business, camping and renting). This software was developed with dBase IV in the year 1989; it is a MS/DOS application for both the MS/DOS and the Windows platforms.

2. TourStat is a multilingual tool (dutch, french and german) being composed of different modules :

- management of the profile of the PSI (provider of the statistical information);
- collection of data by type of accommodation (hotel, camping or renting) with range checks;
- printing of data or metadata (essentially classification of countries from where the tourists are issued);
- sending of data to NIS Belgium;
- management of the local database (refresh, backup and restore of the database);
- help modules.

3. TourStat allows to create a file under a standard predefined format; the PSI sends this file on a floppy disk to the NIS. Those data, after consistency checks, are integrated in the MVS/DB2 database located on the mainframe.

4. TourStat must be rewritten to offer to the PSI a more user-friendly interface (GUI or Web form).