## Building Jordan Digital Cadastral Data Base (JDCDB) in the Department of Lands and Survey (DLS)

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## SUMMARY

The Department of Lands and Survey (DLS) is almost the oldest official governmental organization in Jordan. It was established in 1927 and took over the cadastral and land registration tasks and documents from the Turkish administration.

Since DLS is in charge of establishing real-estate rights, safeguard them, keep the necessary documents concerning them, facilitate the use of these rights, and contribute on the building of GIS, DLS has thus initiated a programme aiming at improving land management and cadastral data in terms of quality, integrity, and completeness in the whole country.

In 1987 DLS started the process of Automating the Real Estate Register to serve all the activities related to land registration affairs. All of land ownership data are converted to digital form and stored in Ingress RDBMS migrated recently to Oracle. In 1995, DLS started a large scale project to convert (18.000) analogue cadastral sheets to digital format using optical scanners and home customized raster-to-vector software.

The high price of lands, the expectations of owners to get accurate and definitive results, and the conflicts between owners because of parcels boundaries; are all factors pushing in the direction of improving accuracy of the JDCDB and making it available in an easy and friendly form.

This paper will review the objectives, conclusion, and upgrade methodologies to keep JDCDB updated and accuracy enhanced. JDCDB now is available to all other institutions in Jordan.

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