



Invantage Connect is the UK's most widely used CREST messaging system for the management and control of CREST holdings. Connect automatically generates, sends messages to and receives messages from CREST. The application can integrate your Back Office system with a number of CREST gateways including Syntegra, SWIFT and the London Stock Exchange, allowing users to view and reconcile CREST and the Back Office view of CREST holdings.

Connect holds and reports a parallel image of a firm's CREST settlement and custody positions. This reduces your costs as all querying is run against your local database. By holding the complete transaction history in Connect, ad hoc enquiries and reconciliations can be performed without additional CREST messaging. This significantly reduces message traffic and the costs of data transactions.

The Invantage Connect system adheres to the latest regulatory changes, including DEX upgrades, the FSA guidelines and the way systems report data (Transaction Reporting, the Transaction Reporting User Pack (TRUP)). We maintain close relationships with Euroclear and the FSA to ensure the system is up-to-date and your organisation remains compliant.

## CREST Messaging

Connect can be configured to send messages to CREST as soon as they are created or at a time that suits you. The messages will request that all information is downloaded and stored locally. Connect allows you to set up user defined messages to alert CREST when a trade is authorised. These messages automatically update the Back Office with cash and stock posting information.



The presence of a data feed allows third party systems to generate transaction data to be processed by Connect and transmitted to CREST. The Rapid Data Entry functionality allows you to enter CREST transaction information via a user-friendly screen layout which clearly shows mandatory, optional and CREST matching fields. If a transaction is rejected by CREST, Invantage Connect can send email notification detailing the failures. This then reduces the need for staff to manually monitor RBT message failures. The data from these rejected transactions is easily edited and re-transmitted using data from the existing transaction and adding a new Transaction Reference.

Connect supports cross-border messaging. This allows users to deliver stock to participants in other Central Securities Depositories. The Invantage Connect system will match deliveries of stock from participants of Central Securities Depositories. This significantly benefits those who wish to carry out direct cross-border deliveries or clients who have foreign holdings and would like to sell them through CREST.

## Crest Transaction(s)/Transaction Reporting

Connect has a variety of reporting and audit trail functionality and can report on:

- Transaction status changes via an audit trail
- Transactions liable to matching fines
- Transactions liable to settlement fines
- Comprehensive stock movements report
- Historic requests for transactional information against your local database

## Single Platform

Investmaster is fully committed to evolving our CREST solution to ensure it complies with the impending arrival of the Euroclear Single Platform message types. With a large and active client base we are already involved in specifying a compliant solution and have a schedule to deliver our solution to clients as promptly as is possible.