Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS) is a web-based interface which allows the user to search amongst financial databases.

- Only the databases in the "Your subscriptions" tab are accessible. You will have access to AMADEUS, Thomson's IBES (European and American data), CRSP, Compustat - Capital IQ and the databases included in the WRDS package (TRACE etc.). Some datasets may be greyed out when our subscription is incomplete.
- Suppliers to whom we are not subscribed are in the "Not Subscribed" tab.

Why use WRDS?

- Simplified data extraction
- 3 access methods to choose from: A web interface - A Unix terminal - SAS method on a computer

Technical information

- Access: reserved for teacher-researchers and students of Paris Dauphine-PSL. On site access for One Pass Day licenses or remote access for master students and for teacher-researchers.
- For remote access, the creation of an account is necessary: click on "Register for a WRDS account", choose from the list of institutions "Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University", fill in the requested fields, indicate your Dauphine email. After validation by the administrators, activate the link received by email and create your password after reading the instructions received.

RESEARCH

In the menu on the home page you can find out what the databases contain; how to get data; what are the best analysis tools; follow tutorials; access an FAQ; access support.

Before doing a research

The search in financial databases is generally based on codes: A Ticker, a CUSIP, a SEDOL, an ISIN, a GVKEY... It is impossible to load a list of companies based on the "nom de l'entreprise" (company name) criterion.

The identifiers used are different depending on the data provider.
Tip: When creating a list of companies, select as many identifiers as possible for your export format, they will be useful to move from one database to another.

**Start a research**

First, choose the resource and then the dataset you want to use.

In the search form that appears, 4 steps are to be completed:

**Step 1 | Choose your date range**

**Step 2 | Search for your company code (Via code Lookup) or upload a file via the “Browse” button in .txt format including either your company’s Ticker, CUSIP or GVKEY. Be sure to tick the radio button that corresponds to the loaded identifiers. You can also query the entire database.**

**Étape 3 | Select the variables**

**Step 3: Query Variables.**

*How does this work?*
Step 4 | Select the exportation format

Select the desired format of the output file. For large data requests, select a compression type to expedite downloads. If you enter your email address, you will receive an email that contains a URL to the output file when the data request is finished processing.

Export in the format of your choice: .txt, .xlsx, .csv, .html, Sas, Stata, Spss

Click on “Submit Query” to start the research and to download your answers.

TIPS

- Help available via the Support menu at the top right
- A FAQ is available by clicking on Support > All Support > More Getting Started Resources
- An email help service is also available, Support > Contact WRDS Support
- Consult didactic videos