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DECIDING WHICH DATABASE OR VARIABLES TO USE

1. Find Databases

Find a databases by concepts by selecting the Get Data dropdown and selecting Concepts. This will group the databases under various topics such as: Company Financials, Financial Markets, Corporate Governance and Earnings Forecasts. The Plus sign opens the menu to list the databases and the links will navigate to the web query forms.

What kind of data are you looking for?

Company Financials	Financial Markets, Prices, and Returns	Corporate Governance and Ownership Data
+ Financial Statements: BS, IS and CF Data Items	+ Stock Prices	+ Company Management and Executive Compensation
+ Industry-Specific, Segment, and Pension Data	+ Intraday Trades and Quotes	+ Board of Directors, Governance Provisions and Voting Data
+ Point In Time Accounting Data	+ Market Indices and Factors	+ Social Responsibility
+ Index Fundamentals and Constituents	+ Bonds and Fixed Income Data	+ Insiders and Blockholders Ownership
+ Audit and Regulatory Filings Data	+ Mutual Fund/Hedge Fund/ETF Returns	+ Mutual Fund / ETF Ownership
+ Banks	+ Derivatives/Options	+ 13F Institutional Ownership
	+ REITs	
	+ FX Currencies	

i As WRDS continue to update their site some links may not be working, for a full list of databases view subscriptions under the Get Data dropdown.

2. Find Variables

While you can navigate to the Find Variables option under Get Data and search for variables in many different databases. It is usually easier to find data about variables under the web form either through the tab “Variable Description” located at the top or through the smaller menu about halfway through the steps.

1- Navigate to Get Data - Find Variables

Enter Search Term

Search For:

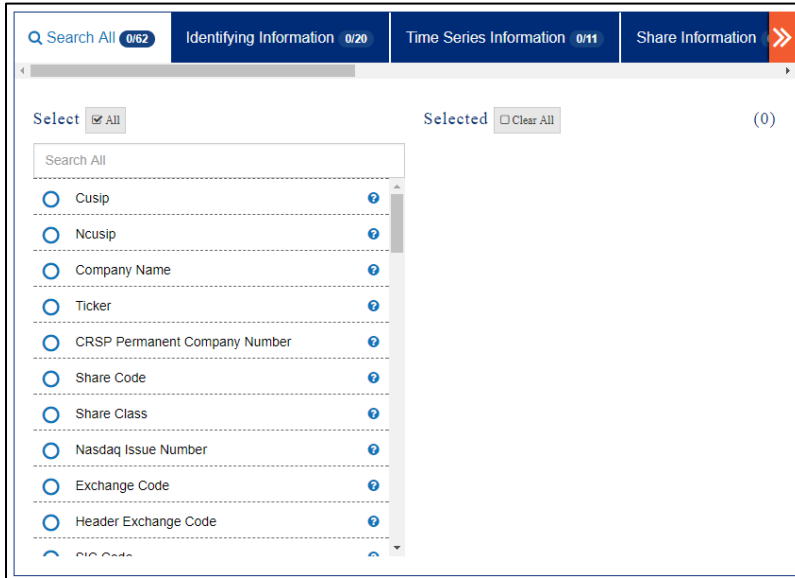
Check the libraries you wish to search. [All | None]

Data Set	SAS Library Name
<input type="checkbox"/> 2iQ	twoiq
<input type="checkbox"/> 2iQ Sample / Trial	twoiqsmp
<input type="checkbox"/> American Hospital Association	aha
<input type="checkbox"/> American Hospital Association - Sample / Trial	ahasamp
<input type="checkbox"/> Audit Analytics	audit



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2- Navigate to Query Form - Scroll down to about Step 3



3. Search for Variables

Enter a term or scroll through the tabs to find variables you might consider using. To learn about the variable click on the question mark. A new window will appear giving information such as a brief definition; the format or units; how it was calculated; if the variable has changed over time; what a zero or negative number might indicate; and how long data has been collected.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Variable Name = acominc

Mnemonic	Category	Periodicity	Format	Units
ACOMINC	Income Statement Supplemental	Annual	Number	Millions
ACOMINCQ	Income Statement Supplemental	Quarterly	Number	Millions

This item represents the accumulated change in equity of a business from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources.

This item includes:

1. Marketable Securities Adjustments
2. Cumulative Translation Adjustments
3. Minimum Pension Liability Adjustments
4. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) - Derivative adjustments
5. Any other adjustments listed under a heading of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)