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HOW TO PERFORM A CODE LOOKUP

1. Navigate to Code Lookup

Under get data and then to find companies. A new window should appear. You can also get to a similar window by clicking the Code Lookup link while performing a web query (this is explained more in step 6). WRDS provides instructions for code lookups, but this guide will go a little more in depth.

Company Code Lookup

Enter a company name here or identifier such as ticker:ibm Starts With Contains Is Exactly

The Company Code Lookup Tool is designed to find all identifiers associated with a specific company. This tool can retrieve identifiers for multiple companies, then add the codes directly to your query. You can also use this tool to save and download codes for future queries. Downloaded codes are saved in the text (.txt) file format.

1. Start by entering a company name (or part of the name) into the search box above.
2. After the results are displayed, make your selections and chose an identifier.
3. Next, refine your list of codes or add more.
4. Last, choose whether to insert your selections into your web query or to download them as a text file for later use.

Need more help?

Take a moment to [read the full step-by-step instructions](#) to using this tool, including a [complete list of identifiers available](#).

2. Start by entering a company name or part of a company name

Enter the name into the textbox, then select the option that corresponds to your text (Starts With, Contains, or Is Exactly). If you simply press enter the search engine assumes you mean “starts with”. Your results will then populate at the bottom. You can also search by identifiers for example sic:6798, or Ticker:dis.

i For this example enter Amazon

3. Enter Check the companies you want to add to your codelist

Select the check box to the left of the entity name and select the identifier, understand that not all identifiers can be used for web queries and not all entities may have your selected identifier. At the bottom of the page select the option to add codes to list, your companies should now appear at the bottom of the page.

i For this example use the ticker as your identifier

Your Selected Codes	
Here are your codes. Use the ✕ next to any item to remove it from your list.	
✕ ENTITY_NAME	TICKER
✕ AMAZON COM INC	AMZN



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4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until you have your full list of companies

You can search different terms to create your list of companies, but you must use the same identifier, switching identifiers will cause you to lose your current list. To remove a company click the X left of the entity name.

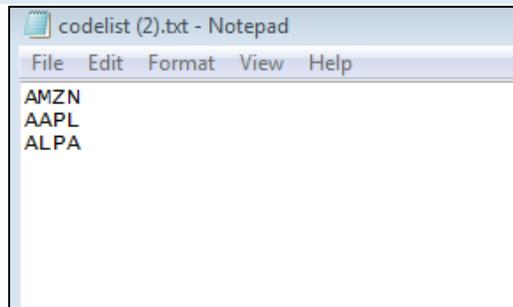
i For this example add Apple and Alphabet

Your Selected Codes		
Here are your codes. Use the x next to any item to remove it from your list.		
x	ENTITY_NAME	TICKER
x	AMAZON COM INC	AMZN
x	APPLE INC	AAPL
x	ALPHABET HOLDING COMPANY INC	ALPA

5. Download as Text

Once your list is complete choose the option to download as text. This txt file can now be used from web queries.

i Your file should look like the one below.



6. Other Option – Using code lookup during a web query

If you choose you use the code lookup link in the web query the identifiers and companies will be limited to those that apply directly to that database. The CRSP Monthly Stock Code Lookup only allows you to use the PERMNO and PERMCO identifiers. Along with the option to download as text, you will also have the option to directly add the codes to your query.