

CRSP®/COMPUSTAT® MERGED DATABASE

Concurrent Database Access

CRSP, together with Standard & Poors, offers you side-by-side access to CRSP's stock data and Compustat's fundamental data.

CRSP Stock Data +
Compustat Fundamental Data +
CRSP Link® = Seamless time-series examination of CRSP and of Compustat companies and securities, regardless of CUSIP or ticker changes.

Matching the databases with CRSP Link is more accurate than relying on matches by CUSIP's alone, because CUSIPs change over time.

CRSP Link maps CRSP's permanent, unique identifiers, PERMNO® (permanent issue identification number) and PERMCO® (permanent company identification number), with Compustat's permanent, unique company identifier, GVKEY.

Key CRSP/Compustat Merged Database Features

- ✓ Accurate links over time - In use at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business since 1990, CRSP Link is continuously updated to improve both the quantity and quality of matches. The databases each contain a historical link history that supports complex relationships.
- ✓ Ease of access - CRSP reformats the Compustat data files into a single database integrating GVKEY with the Compustat and CRSP Link data. This eliminates the need to load and integrate multiple Compustat back data and current files.
- ✓ Access Compustat data through multiple keys - These include GVKEY, CUSIP, PERMNO, and PERMCO.
- ✓ CRSP data contains security level historical descriptive information and market data on more than 20000 stocks (inactive and active companies) from the NYSE, NASDAQ and AMEX markets
- ✓ Compustat data contains more than 335 annual and 135 quarterly income statement, balance sheet, cash flow, and supplemental data items, as well as 300 financial ratios on more than 11000 US and Canadian active companies and 13300 inactive companies.

General Information

If you subscribe to the CRSP/Compustat Merged Database (CCM), you must also subscribe to:

A CRSP US Stock Database and

The following Compustat data files:

- ✓ Full North American Compustat subscription
- ✓ Complete Back Data Package
- ✓ Prices/Dividends/Earnings
- ✓ Business Information Operating Segment Data
- ✓ Bank Annual and Quarterly Format
- ✓ Annual Index Fundamental Data

Annual, quarterly, or monthly update frequencies available.

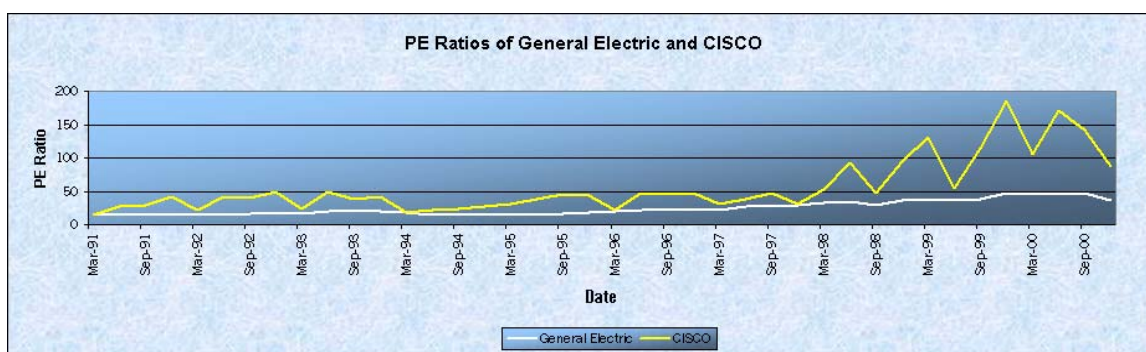
CRSP Database Access Highlights

CRSP/Compustat Merged database is stored in the proprietary CRSPAccess® format, and is packaged with Compustat data reformatted in our CRSPAccess format. CRSPAccess can be used by non-programmers and programmers alike. CRSP-provided access includes:

- ✓ Precompiled utility software for processing and sub-setting data for non-programmers. Output CRSP and Compustat data side-by-side for analysis.
- ✓ C random or sequential access programming support, with CRSP-provided access functions with pre-compiled FORTRAN 77 and C code libraries.
- ✓ Data is delivered in little- and big-endian binary on CD-ROM(s).
- ✓ Data can also be accessed via the internet through Wharton Research Data Services (for academic subscribers only).

CRSP Data Snapshot

The following is a snapshot of CRSP and Compustat data, comparing a 10 year window for price-to-earning ratio of General Electric and CISCO. CRSP prices were used with Compustat earnings.



Data was extracted using the *ts_print* utility, and graphed in Microsoft Excel.

CRSP/Compustat Merged Database Product Specifications

Product Description	Description CRSP/Compustat Merged Database
Format	CRSPAccess
Technical Specifications	The product is shipped on CDs for the following supported systems: Intel® Pentium® running Windows Intel® Pentium® running Linux Redhat (FORTRAN not supported) Sun® Sparc™ running Solaris™ Compaq Alpha running Compaq Tru64™ UNIX® Compaq Alpha running OpenVMS
Requirements	A minimum of 2.6 Gbytes of local hard disk and 64 Mb RAM

Contact CRSP and S&P

If you are interested in the CRSP/Compustat Merged database, you will need to contact our subscriptions department at 773.834.4606 or subscriptions@crsp.uchicago.edu and Compustat's sales department at 800.525.8640 ext 8802 (commercial), ext 4458 (academic) or ims_marketing@standardandpoors.com.

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