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What is Thomson Research?

Thomson Research is a web-based service that provides financial information on U.S. and international companies. It is accessible both in the library and remotely. Official company filings are available, along with data extracted from those filings. Data are available in spreadsheet format. Overview Reports on companies and stock price data are also included in *Thomson Research*.

When Should You Use Thomson Research?

When you need:

- financial data on domestic or international companies
- downloadable 10-year financials
- searchable access to SEC EDGAR filings
- detailed corporate information about individual companies

To Connect to Thomson Research

1. Go to the *Management Library web page*, available at: www.library.cornell.edu/johnson.
2. In the **Top Business Databases** pull-down menu, scroll down to and click *Thomson Research*.

Need More Help?

Reference help is available in the library, via e-mail (mgtref@cornell.edu) or by telephone: 255-3389.

Sample Search #1

Locate Company Information

Find company information for the Ford Motor Company.

1. Type **f** (ticker symbol for Ford Motor company) in the search box at the top left of the main screen, and select *Ticker*. Click **Go**.
2. The *Content Profile* for Ford Motor Co. will appear. This *Profile* is divided into different sections, each of which can be clicked for more information.

Selected sections include:

- Company Profile
- Executive Officers
- Stock Performance
- Ownership and Subsidiaries
- Annual Financials

Sample Search #2

Locate Company Filings

What is the date of the most recent 8-K for Nike?

1. Type **nike** in the search box at the top left of the main screen. Bullet **Name**. Click **Go**.
2. A list of companies containing the word *Nike* appears. Click **NIKE INC**.
3. On the left hand side of the screen, in the *Latest Online Filings* section, click **Complete Filings History**.
4. Look through the list of *Filing Types* until you see **8-K**. Note its filing date. (Listings are in reverse chronological order.)

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Sample Search #3 Find Fundamental Ratios

Find the most recent Net Sales/Employees ratio for Amazon.com.

1. Type **amazon.com** in the search box at the top left of the main screen and bullet **Name**.
2. Click **Go**. Under *Overview Reports* on the right side of the screen, click **Fundamental Ratios**.
3. Scan the list for *Net Sales/Employees*.

Sample Search #4 Perform Keyword Searches


Find the actual sections of 2000-2001 Starbucks' SEC filings that mention "Japan."


1. Type **Starbucks** in the search box at the top left of the main screen. Bullet **Name** & click **Go**.
2. A list of companies containing the word *Starbucks* appears. Click **STARBUCKS CORP**.
3. In the *Latest Online Filings* section on the left of the screen, click **EDGAR Full-Text Search**.
4. In the search box next to *Full Filing*, type **japan**.
5. In the *Receipt Date* range boxes, type **07/01/2002** in the first box and **07/01/2003** in the second box. Click **Search**.
6. Place a **checkmark** in the *View Keywords* column of a filing you wish to view.
7. Click the **View Keywords** button. Click **Next Keyword** to see the paragraph(s) in which **japan** appears.
8. Click **View Filing** to see the full document. (Jump to "japan" in the full document by pressing **Ctrl+F** and entering **japan**.)


Viewing, Printing, and Downloading Instructions


There are six possible filings formats, indicated by the following icons.

** Not all filings will have each of these formats.*


 -- *online, html* version (depends on web browser's capabilities)

 -- *as reported* version; an image of the original filing

 -- *word processor* version (depends on processor's capabilities)

 -- Downloadable spreadsheet financials format in Microsoft Excel.

 -- PDF image.

 -- *custom, html* format. Choose only specific parts of a filing to print or save via web browser.

TIPS

1. Financial information about private companies isn't available from *Thomson Research*. Try an article database such as *Factiva* for recent articles profiling the firm.
2. Uncertain what a 10-K is? Unsure what information other SEC filings contain? Consult the SEC's "Guide to Corporate Filings" at: www.sec.gov/info/edgar/forms/edgfor.htm