

# Glossary

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## Useful Terms

The following terms are specific to the COMPUSTAT (Global) database. Knowing them makes it easier to use and navigate through Research Insight:

**Concept:** A mathematical or logical combination of items and/or other concepts, generally used to save time and increase accuracy when manipulating data in routine, repetitious, or complex expressions. Concepts don't contain values. They are mathematical calculations that are evaluated each time you use them.

**Formula:** A mathematical or logical combination of one or more items, concepts, functions, and operators that you can build to extract information from the database or perform a calculation.

**Function:** A predefined calculation tool that you can use to perform numerous tasks, from something as simple as averaging data for an industry, to more sophisticated analyses using fractions. You can use functions in your screening, reporting, spreadsheet, and concept formulas individually, or combine them for more complex analysis.

**GVKEY:** A unique, six-digit number used by Research Insight to identify the company in the COMPUSTAT (Global) database. It is a retrieval key similar to the ticker symbol used to identify companies in the COMPUSTAT (North America) database.

**ISO Country Code:** The 3-character International Standard's Organization code that Research Insight uses to identify countries.

**ISO Currency Code:** The 3-character International Standard's Organization code that Research Insight uses to identify currencies.

**Item:** A piece of information collected by Standard & Poor's and stored in a database. Each item is identified by a descriptive name and a mnemonic.

**Mnemonic:** An abbreviated name used to represent items within the COMPUSTAT (Global) database.

**Primary Currency:** A currency you select to facilitate a translation into another currency when no direct translation rate exists.

**Set:** A grouping of companies, segments, issues, or currencies in the COMPUSTAT (Global) database. Research Insight comes with pre-defined sets, such as \$G (Active Industrial Companies), but also allows you to create your own sets. All sets are identified by the dollar sign (\$) in front of their name.

**Target Currency:** The currency in which you want Research Insight to display data for screens, reports and other operations.