Getting Started

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Overview

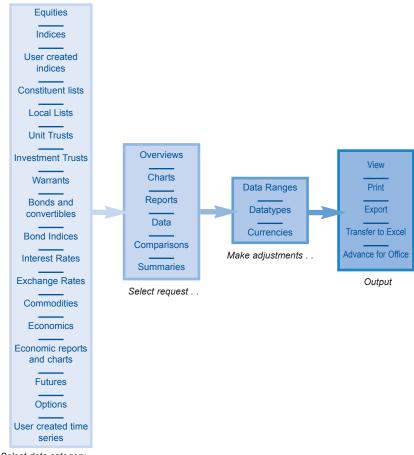
Datastream Advance gives you access to the world's largest and most respected historical financial numerical database. Advance provides a range of charting and reporting tools that enable you to manipulate and display, or simply download that data in the way that you want. With Datastream Advance you can also get a set of Microsoft Office add-ins that enable you to access the Datastream database directly from within Excel, Word, or PowerPoint - create and embed data requests that put the data you want straight into your spreadsheet, document, or presentation.

Datastream's data coverage

Unrivalled depth and breadth of coverage across the full range of instrument types means immediate access to the data you need. Worldwide equity coverage direct from the stock markets, comprehensive market indices, economics data direct from national government sources as well as the OECD and IMF, fixed income securities and associated indices, commodities and derivatives data. Forecast earnings data from I/B/E/S and added value data sets from respected sources such as MSCI and FTSE All World. And all data is quality checked and actively maintained by dedicated staff.

Data selection

Datastream Advance provides an easy to use interface with most options for standard requests selectable by mouse click. Start by selecting a data category and follow this sequence to generate the output you require:



Starting Advance and Advance for Office (AFO)

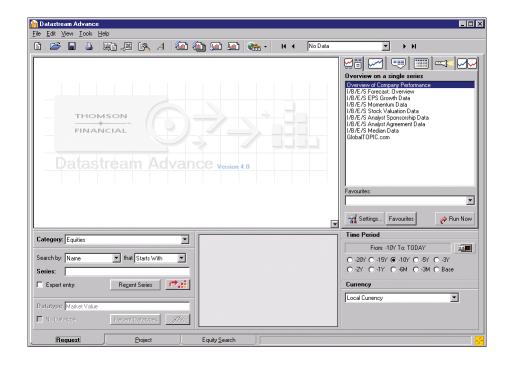
Before you use Advance, or Advance for Office, your systems administrator should have configured your communications link with the Datastream host. If you have any problems connecting to Datastream, please contact your systems administrator, or see *Configure Communications, Advance Installation guide*.

Starting Advance

Double click on the Advance icon.



When Advance has loaded successfully, the **Request** screen is displayed.



Closing Advance

From the Request, Project, or Equity Search screens, select Exit from the File menu.

Note:

Remember to save or export those reports, charts, and data that you want to use again before you exit Advance.

Starting AFO

To use Advance for Office, open your Office application and use the **AFO** drop down menu.

Closing AFO

Advance for Office closes when you close your Office application.

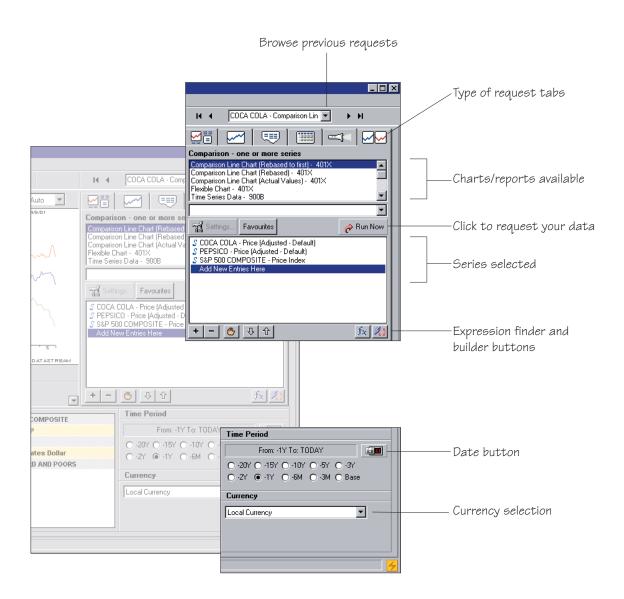
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The Advance interface

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The tool bar



Create a new Project. Specify a name for the new Project when you Save the Project.



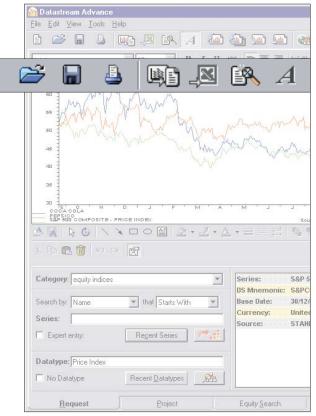
Open an existing Project. Choose from a list of Projects, save the details of the current Project before opening a new Project.



Save any additions or changes to the current Project.



Print the displayed request to the default Windows printer. If you want to specify another printer or change the printer settings, select File>Print to display the Windows Print dialog.





Export a chart, or a selected area of data, or a report in a format suitable for use with spreadsheets, word processors, etc.



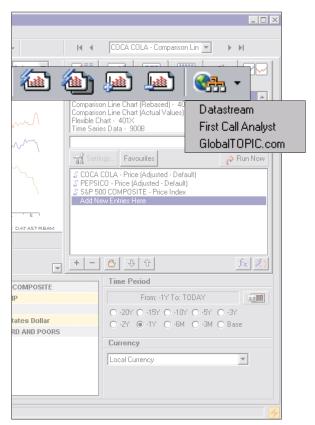
Transfer the data or chart request to Excel, for regular updating in Excel.



Create, edit, merge, or download lists from Datastream for generating requests.



Display the Annotations tool bar. Click this button again to turn off the Annotations tool bar. Use the Show Annotations option from the View menu to show/hide any annotations added.





Launch Datastream Research Extranet, First Call Analyst browser, or Global Topic browser in the display window.

To use First Call Analyst or Global Topic, you need a license.



Refresh the currently displayed request with the latest Datastream prices or values.



Refresh all requests in the current Project with latest Datastream prices or values.



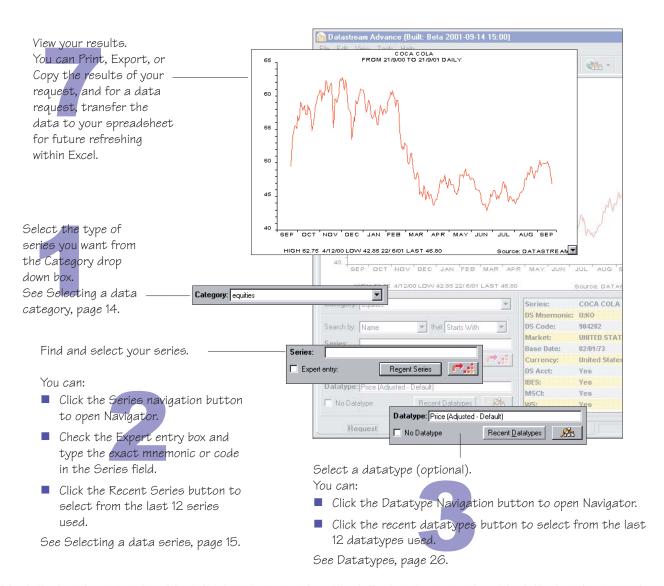
Add request to Project for Scheduled Night Shift processing. Use the Add New Request button to add any number of requests to a Project so all requests can be processed together when you connect to Datastream.



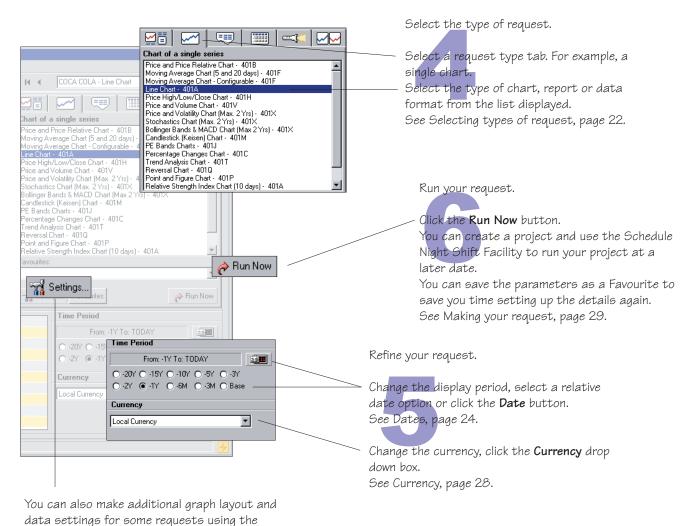
Delete the displayed request from the current Project.

Making a request

To make chart, report, and data format requests, follow this sequence of steps to select the data you require:



For interactive step by step instruction, see the Advance 4.0 tutorial: select **Advance Tutorial** from the **Help** menu.



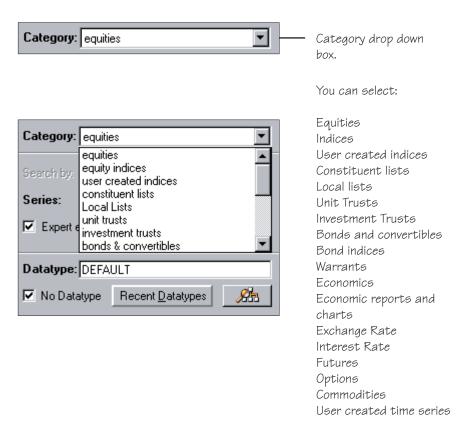
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Settings button.

See Settings, Advance User Guide, page 130.

Selecting a data category

Datastream series codes are stored in a database and are accessed using Datastream Navigator. The series are grouped into 18 data categories, which are selected from the Category drop down list. Selecting a data category gives you access to all the series within that category.

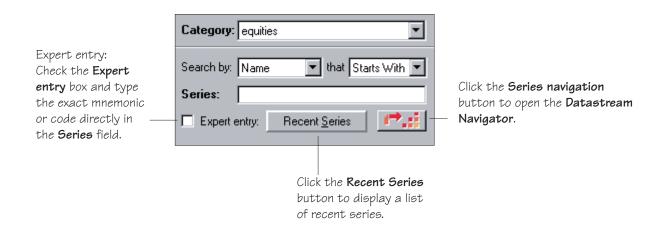


To select a data category:

Click the **Category** drop down box and select a category from the list displayed.

Selecting a data series

Use Datastream Navigator to find and select the series you want, or if you know the exact Datastream mnemonic or code, or SEDOL, ISIN, or other Datastream supported code, check the Expert entry check box and type the mnemonic or code in the Series field to select your series.



To select a data series

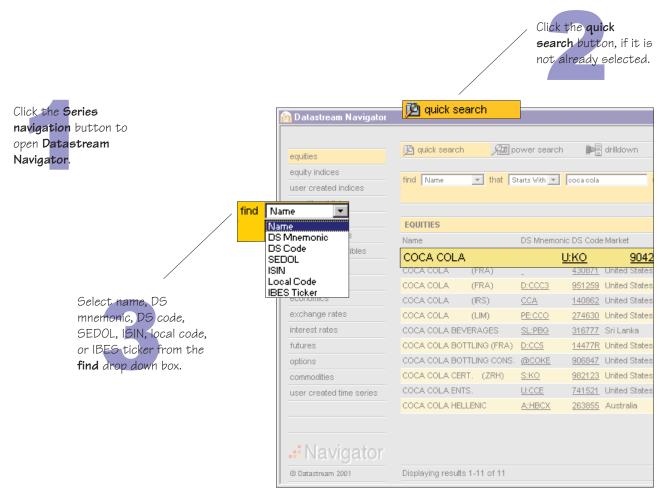
- Click the Series navigation button to find and select your series from Datastream Navigator.
- Click the **Recent Series** button to select from the last 12 series used.
- Check the **Expert entry** box and type the mnemonic or code in the **Series** field.

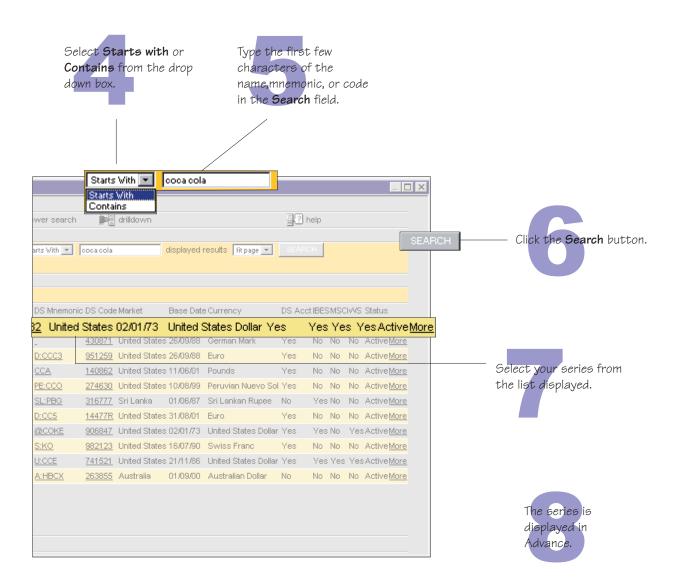
You can also use the Datastream Help Browser, see the Advance User Guide, pages 7-8.

Using Datastream Navigator - quick search

Quick search is the most basic search. Use this to search by the name, DS mnemonic, DS code, SEDOL, ISIN, local code, or I/B/E/S ticker of the series you are looking for.

To find and select a series using quick search:

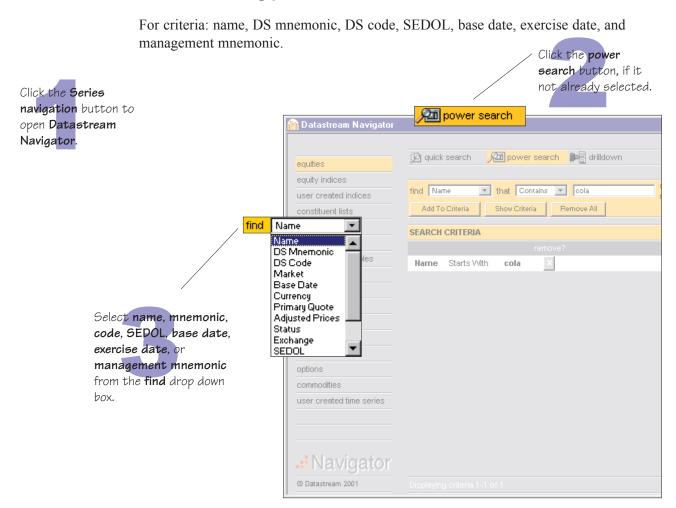


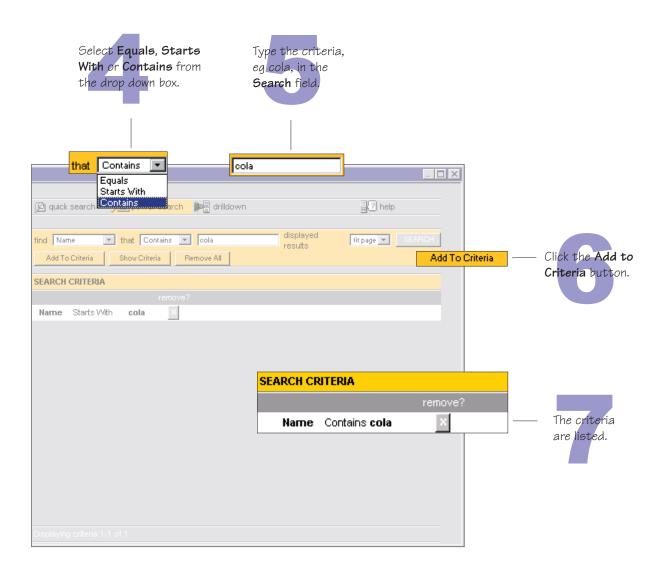


Using Datastream Navigator - power search

Power search helps you speed up the search for your series by using your own search criteria.

To find and select a series using power search 1:





Using Datastream Navigator - power search

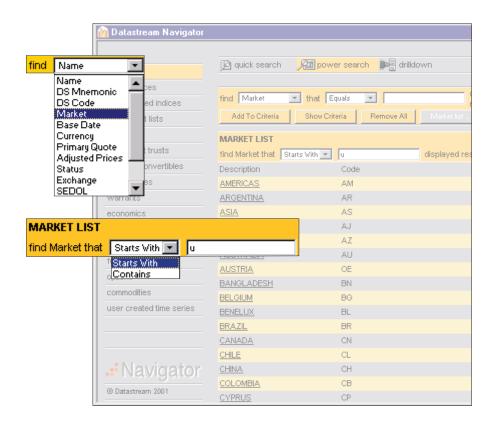
To find and select a series using power search 2:

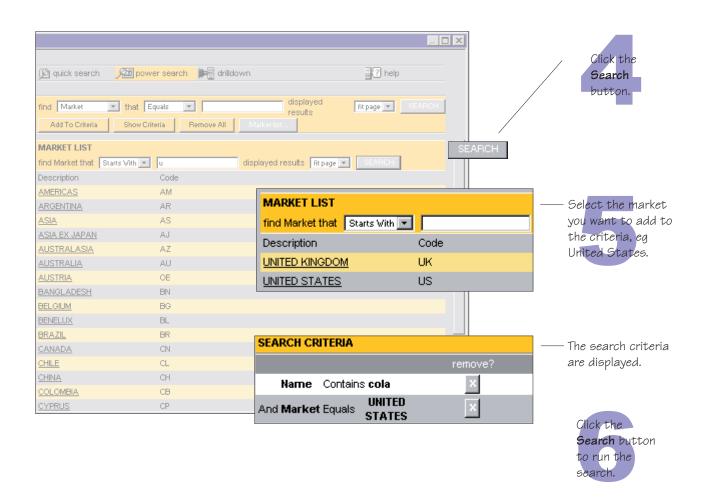
For criteria: market, currency, source, class, frequency, unit, type, key indicator, adjustment, borrower, call/put, from currency, to currency, country, exchange, adjusted prices, and primary quote.

Select one of the above criteria from the find drop down box, eg
Market. The Market List is displayed.

Select **Starts With** or **Contains** from the drop down box.

Type the criteria, eg U for markets starting with U.

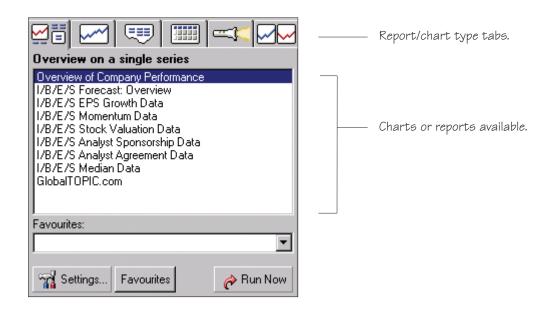




Selecting types of request

Advance gives you access to a wide range of reports, charts, summaries, overviews, and comparison requests.

Over 100 Datastream reports, charts, and data formats are stored in Advance's database. You can access these by selecting a report/chart type tab on the **Request** screen.



To select a request:

- 1 Click a request type tab.
- 2 Select a request from the list displayed.

Request types:



Overviews - You can request Datastream company, commodity, warrant, trust, and bond performance overviews, and a range of fixed format I/B/E/S forecast overviews.



Charts - You can request any of the standard Datastream graphics, including Line, Moving Average, Stochastics, High-Low-Close, Candlesticks, and Bollinger Bands.



Reports - You can select from a range of pre-formatted report types including Profit & Loss, Dividend & Earnings, Key Accounts Ratio, and Company Profiles.



Data Formats - You can download time series, static, and company accounts data, which you can export or transfer to your spreadsheet.



Summaries - These are used for data requests for a list of series. For example, performance, geographical, and industrial summaries for a Datastream constituent list. Values for all constituents are displayed in one summary report, chart, or data format.



Datastream Mnemonic Search - Two tools are available to search the Datastream database for company mnemonics. The searches can be for 'live' or 'dead' stocks.



Comparisons - You can request information on multiple series, enabling you to create comparisons across different data category types, and use flexible charts to create multiple chart requests. For example, you can compare an equity with an index such as the CAC40 and with an economic series such as the RPI.

Refining your request

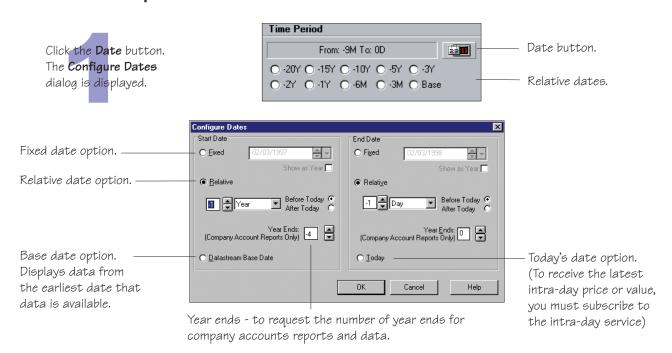
Dates

Each data category has a default date range. You can choose your own from four display period options:

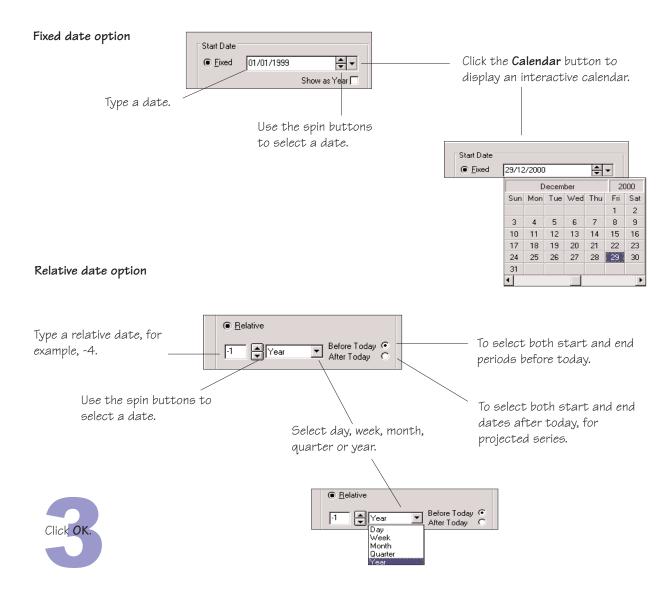
- Fixed start and end dates a fixed period. For example, the whole of last year.
- Relative start and end dates a fixed period relative to today's date.
- Datastream base date a period starting with the date of the earliest data available on the database for a series.
- Today a period ending with the latest available price or value. Intra-day prices are available for many markets. To receive the latest intra-day price or value, you must subscribe to the intra-day service.

Advance enables you to combine these start and end date options.

To select a date period:







Datatypes

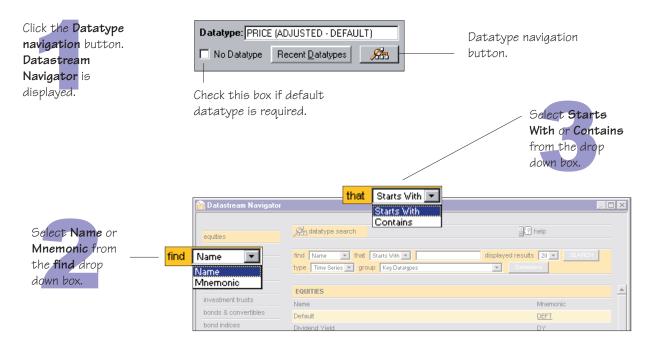
The datatype defines the type of data. For example, the default datatype for equities is Price (Adjusted).

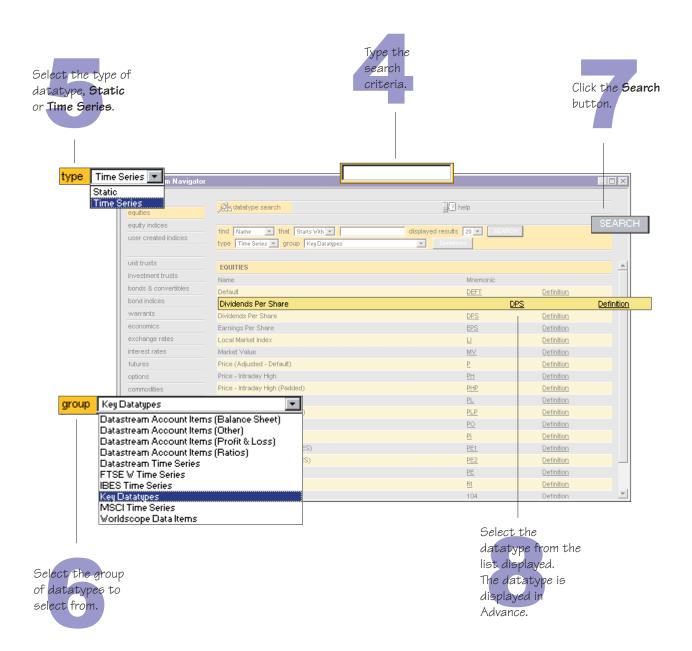
For some data categories and report/chart types, you can select the datatype. For example, for an Equity line chart request you can change from the default Price (Adjusted) datatype to Price - Opening.

When the Datatype navigation button is enabled, click to display the datatypes available for your data category.

Datatypes are grouped by their type; for example, Datastream time series, static, company accounts, I/B/E/S datatypes, MSCI datatypes, and Worldscope data items.

To select a datatype:





Currency

You can select which currency you want to display your results in.



Click the **Currency** drop down list and select a currency from the list displayed.

Note:

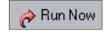
The parameters that you can change are dependent on the data category and chart, report, or data format chosen. For example, you can change the date, datatype, and currency for an Equity - Line Chart request, but only the date for a Constituent - Bar Chart request. If you cannot change the currency, the currency option is greyed out.

Making your request

Once you have selected the criteria for your request and made your display date, datatype, and currency adjustments, you can make your request:

Run Now:

Request the report, chart, or data straight away.



This connects you to Datastream and displays the result. You can change the request criteria and click the button again, or save the request for future use.

Add New Request:

Add the request to the open Project to refresh later.



This does not connect you to Datastream, but stores the request in the open Project. This enables you to work off line and send all your requests at the time of your choice.

Please see *Using Projects, Advance user guide*, pages 92-95.

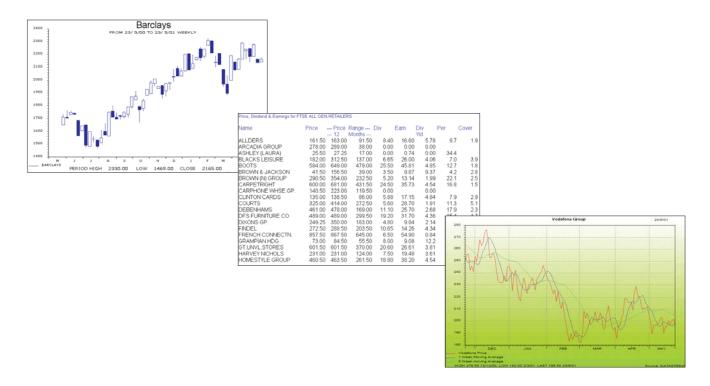
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Using your results

When you request reports, charts, and data formats from Datastream, they are displayed within Advance and are automatically added to the current open Project. You can:

- Print your charts and selected pages of reports to any Windows printer.
- Copy reports, charts, and data formats to the Windows clipboard for pasting into Windows compatible applications.
- Export reports, charts, and data in a variety of formats for use with other applications such as word processors.
- Transfer data to Microsoft Excel. Data downloaded from Datastream can be transferred to your spreadsheet for regular updating.
- Transfer charts to Microsoft Office applications, Excel, Word, and PowerPoint. You can transfer your chart requests directly into these applications as embedded, dynamic objects. Once embedded, the requests can be refreshed within the applications.



Printing reports, charts, and data

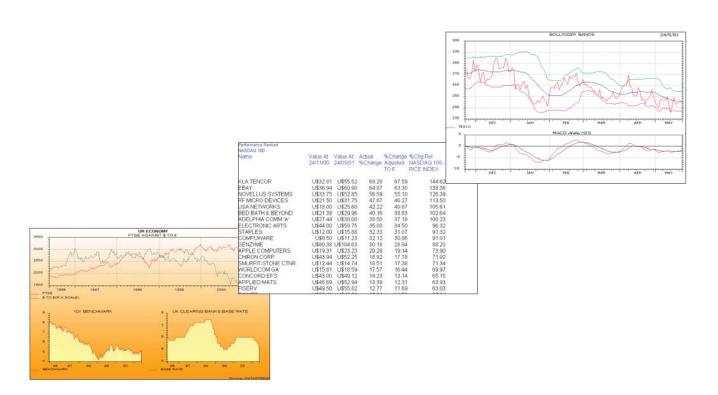
You can print any displayed report, chart, or data format to the default Windows printer.

To print your report, chart, or data:

Select **Print** from the **File** menu,
OR
click the **Print Current Request** button,

to print the request displayed.

To change the printer or printer settings, select **Print Setup** for either Report or Chart from the **File** menu.



Copying reports, charts, and data

You can copy the displayed report, chart, or data format to the clipboard and paste it into other Windows applications.

To copy a report:



- **1** Select the area to be copied; this can be:
 - A range of cells click the left mouse button and drag the cursor over the display area to define the cell area to be copied.
 - The whole report (default) the whole report is selected automatically when it is displayed.
- **2** Select **Copy** from the **Edit** menu.

Note:

The report text will be held on the clipboard in text format with TAB formatting, but without font and text formatting.

To copy a chart:

Select **Copy** from the **Edit** menu.

Note:

The chart will be held on the clipboard as a Windows Meta File.

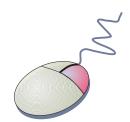
To copy data:



- 1 Select the area to be copied; this can be:
 - A range of cells click the left mouse button and drag the cursor over the displayed spreadsheet to define the cell area to be copied to the clipboard.
 - All the data (default) the whole data request is selected automatically when it is displayed.
- **2** Select **Copy** from the **Edit** menu.

Note:

The data selected will be held on the clipboard in text format with TAB delimiting for direct pasting into a spreadsheet or word processor.



You can use the right click menu to copy.

Transferring charts to MS Office

Chart requests can be transferred directly into Excel, Word, and PowerPoint as refreshable objects.

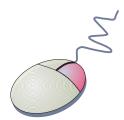
To transfer a chart request to MS Office:



- 1 Select **Transfer to Excel** (Word, PowerPoint) from the **Tools** menu. Excel (Word, PowerPoint) is opened with a new worksheet (document, slide). Your chart is displayed.
- 2 You can display the chart:
 - as a single elementOR
 - as an Office Picture right click and select **Display as Office Picture**.
 This gives you the Office Picture format options.

Note:

To display the chart as transparent, right click over the Refresh button and de-select Display original background.



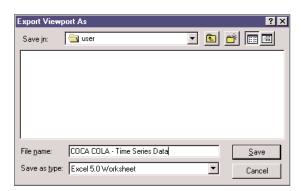
You can use the right click menu to transfer and export.

Exporting charts, reports, and data

You can export the displayed report, chart, or data as a file in a format suitable for use with other software packages. The default formats are: .XLS (Excel spreadsheet) for reports and data, and .WMF (Windows meta-file) for charts.

To export a chart, report, or data:

1 Select Export from the Tools menu.
The **Export Viewport As** dialog is displayed.



- **2** Select the export details:
 - Type an export file name
 - Select a drive or a server destination
 - Select an export format
- 3 Click OK.

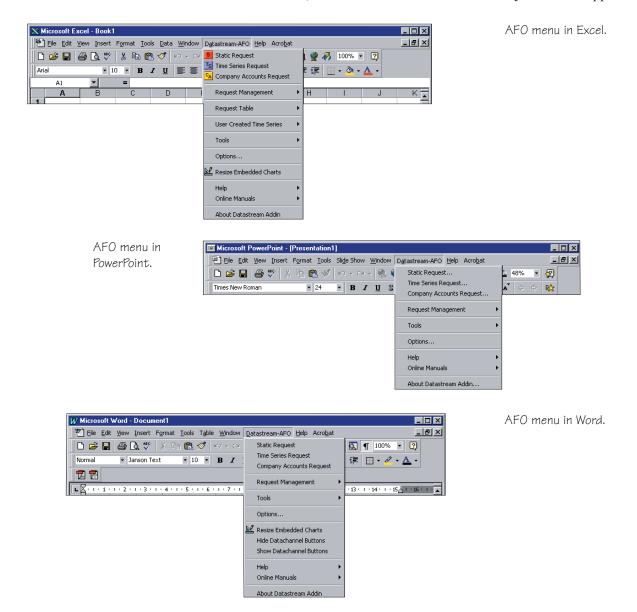
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The Advance for Office (AFO) Interface

To use Advance for Office, use the Datastream AFO menu in your Office application.



In AFO you can make static, time series, and company accounts requests.



Static requests

To request data for a specific date or dates.

	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	
1	Date	01/01/01					П
2	Туре	NAME	Р	PE	DY	CURRENCY	
3	U:KO	COCA COLA	60.94	80.2	1.18	U\$	
4	U:PEP	PEPSICO	49.56	34.7	1.13	U\$	П
_							а.

For example, the price of Coca-Cola on 01/01/00 and 01/06/00.

Time series requests

To request data over a specific period, defined by a start date, end date, and frequency of data.

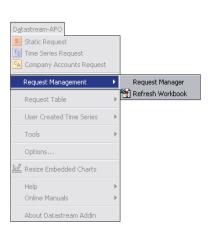
	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G
1	Start	01/06/00					
2	End	01/06/01					
3	Frequency	D					
4	Name	CURRENCY	01/06/00	02/06/00	05/06/00	06/06/00	07/06/0
5	PEPSICO	U\$	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.4
6							

For example, the daily prices of Pepsi between 01/01/00 and 01/06/00.

Company account requests

To request accounts data on the company itself.

For example, industrial company accounts for Coca-Cola over the last four years.

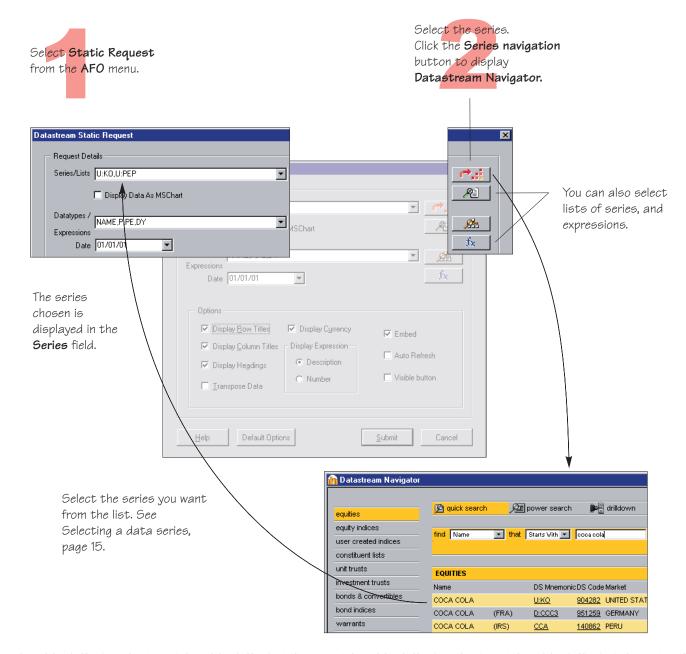


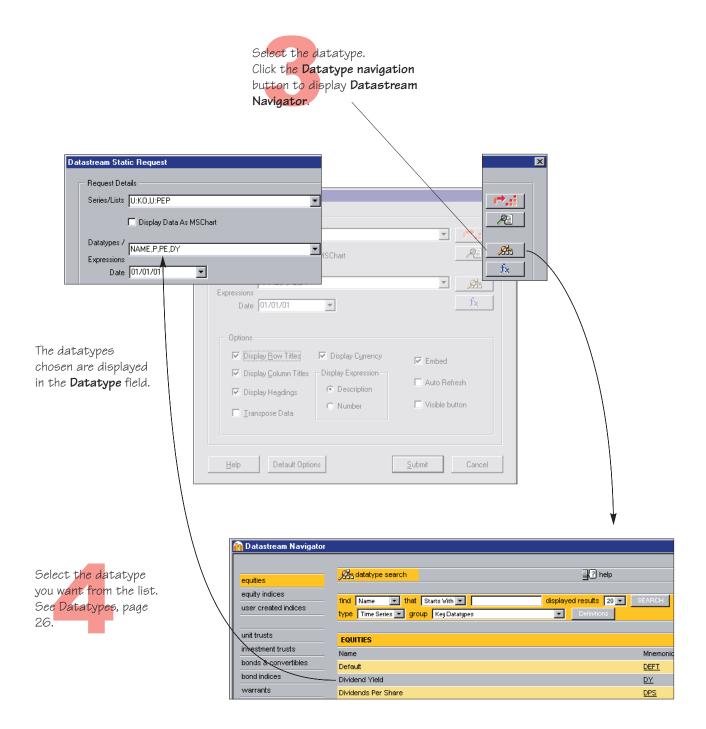
	А	В	С	D	Е	F
1	U:KO	COCA-COLA COMPANY				
2	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	31/12/96	31/12/97	31/12/98	31/12/99
3	104	TOTAL SALES	18546000	18868000	18812992	19804991
4	136	DEPRECIATION	479000	626000	645000	79200(
5	696	DEPN AND OPERATING PROVISIONS	479000	626000	645000	792000
6	993	OPERATING PROFIT	4299500	5061000	5040000	4795000
7	2408	NET INTEREST CHARGES	48000	47000	58000	7700(
8	D011	EXTRAORD./SPECIAL ITEMS	-384500	448000	118000	-81300(
9	154	PRE-TAX PROFIT	4385000	5900000	5166000	4003000
10	623	PUBLISHED AFTER TAX PROFIT	3/192000	4129000	3533000	2//31000

Request Manager

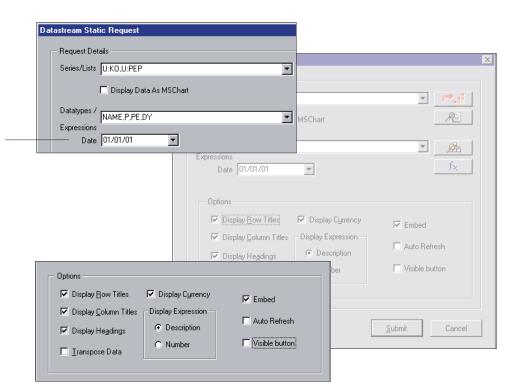
Use the Request Manager to manage your embedded requests. All the chart and data requests in your Excel work book are listed with their details. You can edit, delete, or refresh the requests individually or together.

Making a static request





Select the date.
Type the date of the data you want in the **Date** field in the format dd/mm/yy, or as a relative date from today. For example, -6m for 6 months ago from today.





Select the display

options.

Row Titles

Displays the series code at the left of each series.

Column Titles

Displays the datatype mnemonic or expression at the top of the column for each datatype.

Headings

Displays a general heading for row and column headings. For example, the date of the request.

Currency

Displays the traded currency for each selected series.

Expression

Display the expression description or number.

Transpose

Displays the series data in rows instead of columns.

Embed

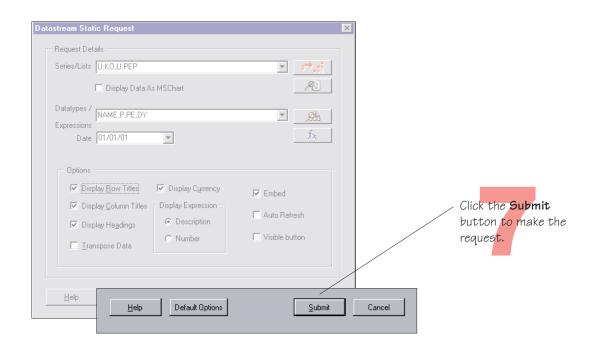
The request is embedded as a dynamic, refreshable object when saved. If this is not selected, the results cannot be refreshed.

Auto Refresh

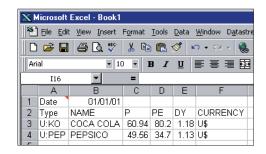
Refreshes the request automatically when you open the spreadsheet.

Visible button

Displays the **Refresh** button with the request results. You can use the **Request Manager** to refresh requests, see page 54.



The values for the datatypes selected are displayed for the date selected.

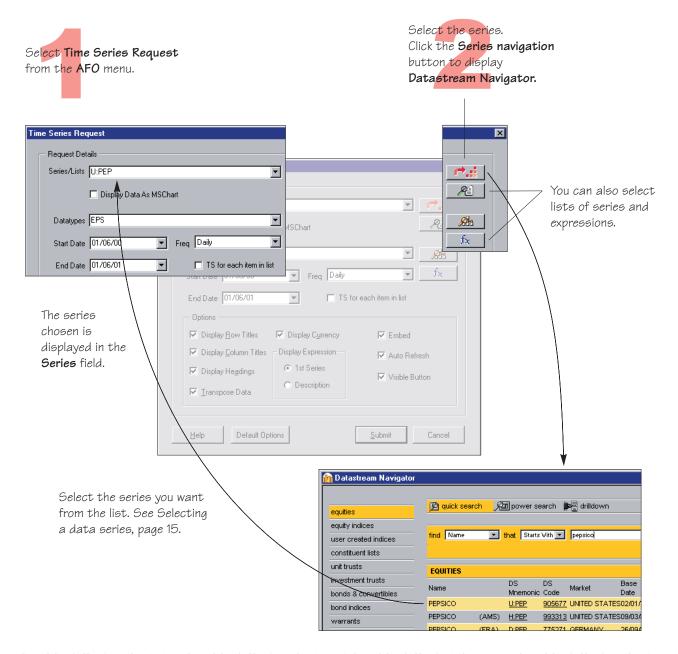


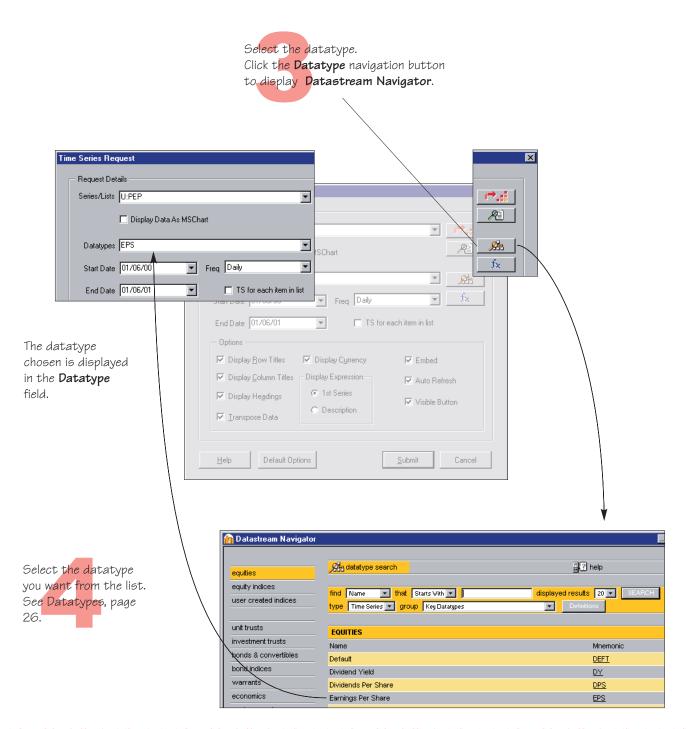
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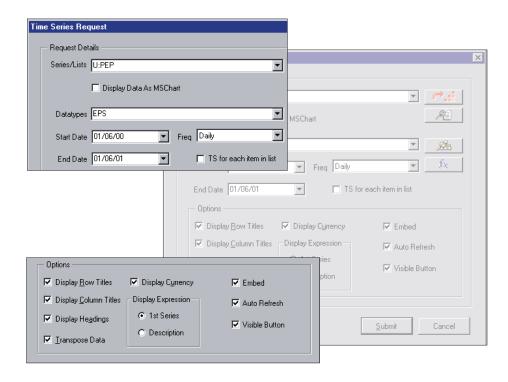
Use the Request Manager, see page 54.

Making a time series request





Select the date.
Type the date of the data you want in the Date field in the format dd/mm/yy, or as a relative date from today.
For example, -6m for 6 months ago from today.





Row Titles

Displays the series code at the left of each series.

Column Titles

Displays the datatype mnemonic or expression at the top of the column for each datatype.

Headings

Displays a general heading for row and column headings. For example, the date of the request.

Currency

Displays the traded currency for each selected series.

Expression

Display the first series mnemonic or description.

Transpose

Displays the series data in rows instead of columns.

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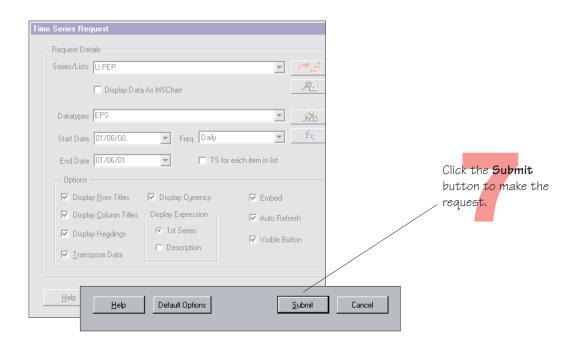
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Auto Refresh

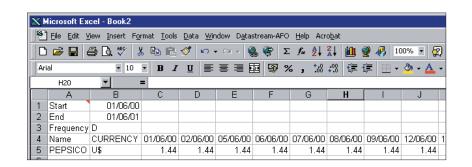
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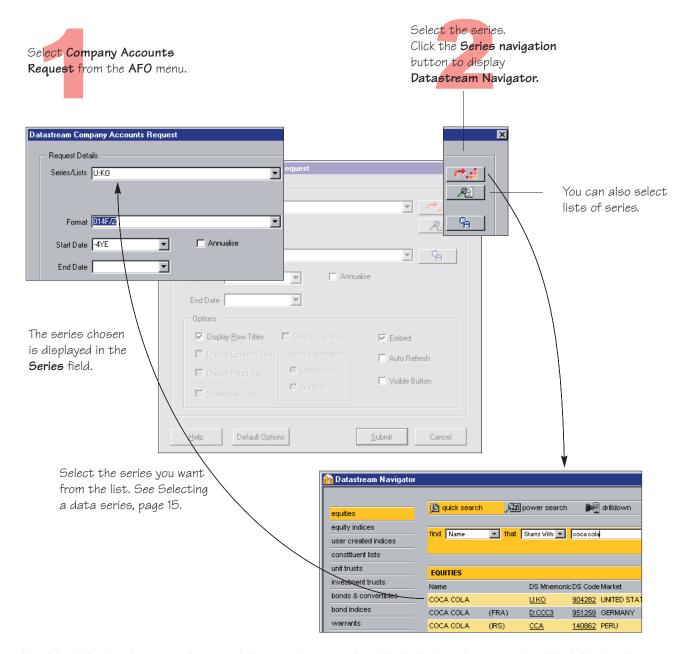
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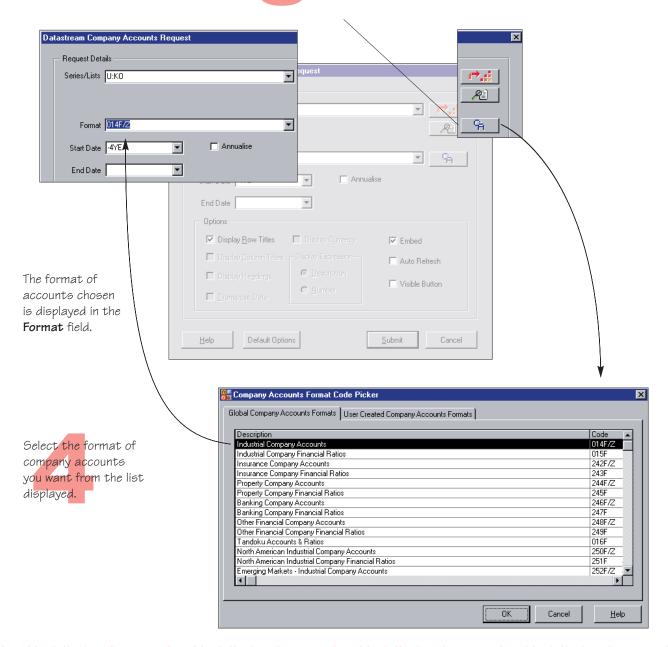
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Use the **Request Manager**, see page 54.

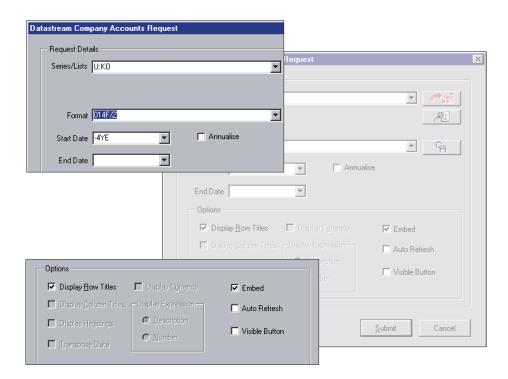
Making a company accounts request



Select the format of company accounts. Click the CA button to display the Format Code Picker.



Select the date.
Type the date of the data you want in the Date field in the format dd/mm/yy, or as a relative date from today. For example, -4YE for the last four financial years.





Row Titles

Displays the series code at the left of each series.

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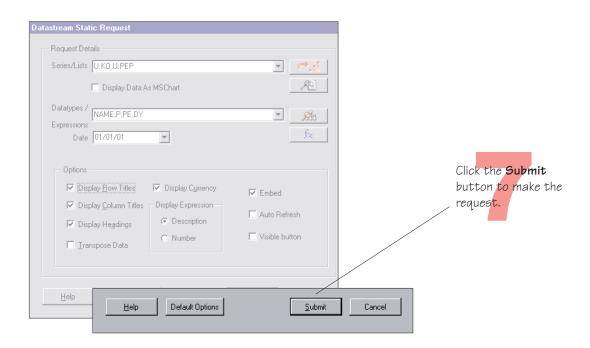
The request is embedded as a dynamic, refreshable object when saved. If this is not selected, the results cannot be refreshed.

Auto Refresh

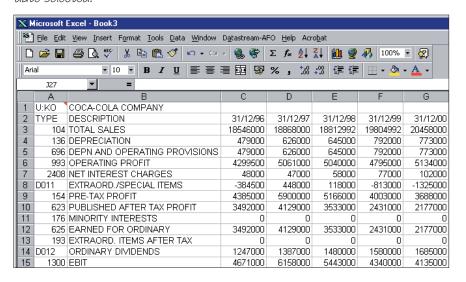
Refreshes the request automatically when you open the spreadsheet.

Visible button

Displays the **Refresh** button with the request results. You can use the **Request Manager** to refresh requests, see page 54.



The company accounts are displayed for the date selected.



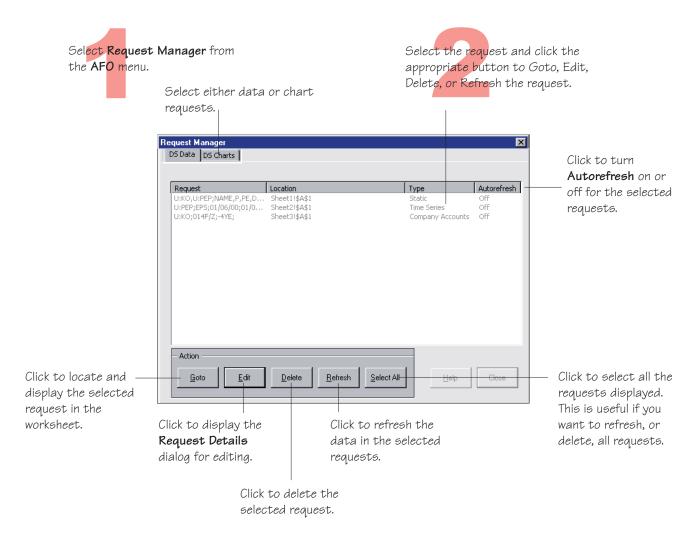
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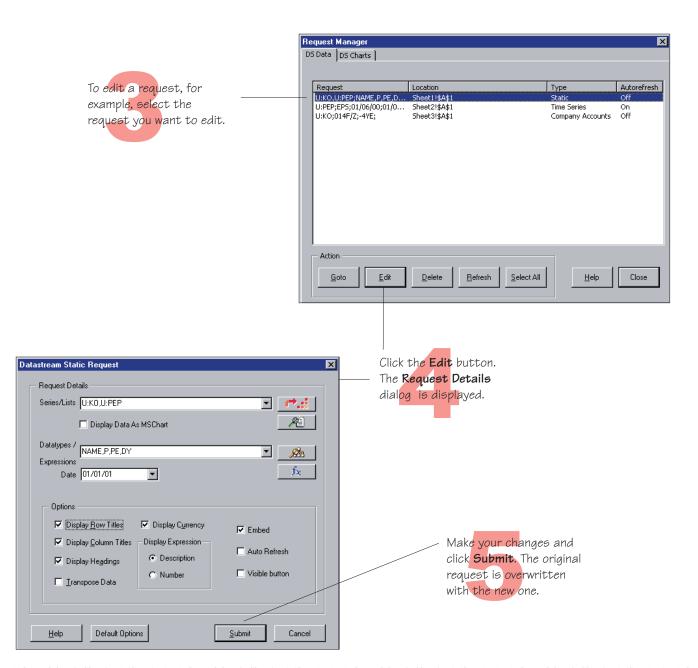
OR

Use the **Request Manager**, see page 54.

Using the Request Manager

Use the Request Manager to manage the requests in your worksheet. The Request Manager lists all the requests in your worksheet. You can find, edit, refresh, and delete requests.





Worked examples

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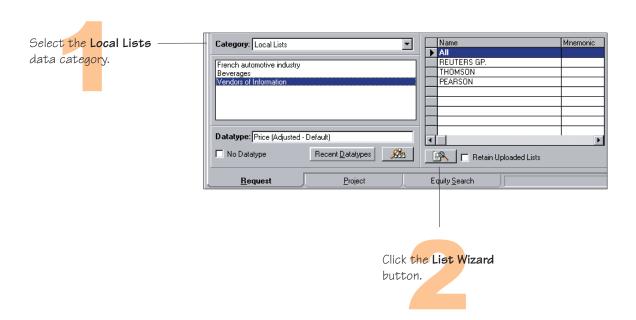
Worked examples

Creating Advance lists

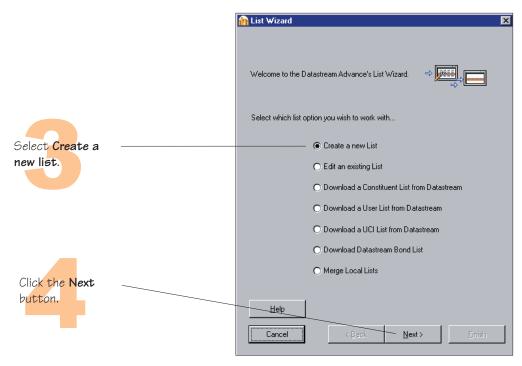
Lists are a good way to make report, chart, and data requests for groups of series that you use frequently. Instead of making individual requests, you can make one request to get results on all the series you are interested in. Once you have created your lists, you can edit them to reflect any changes in the group of series. You can use the Request or Project screens to refresh your lists in Advance, or the Request Manager to refresh them in AFO.

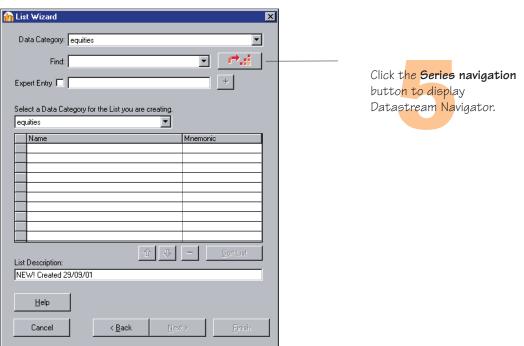
This worked example shows you how to create a list of series. For more information about lists and what you can do with them, see the *Advance User Guide*, pages 21 - 33.

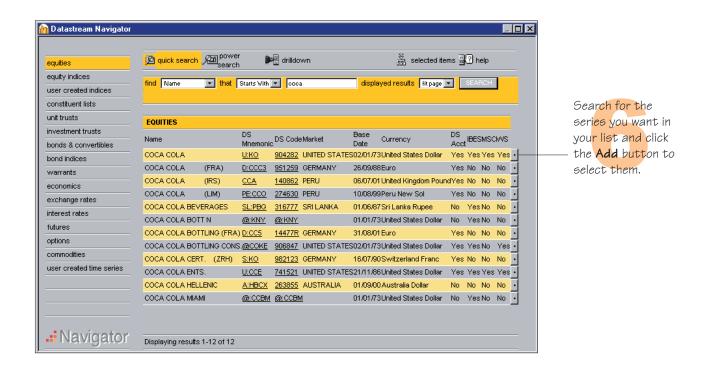
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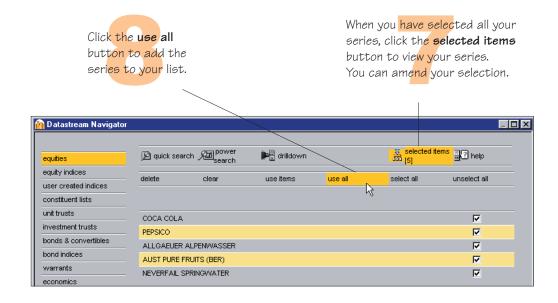


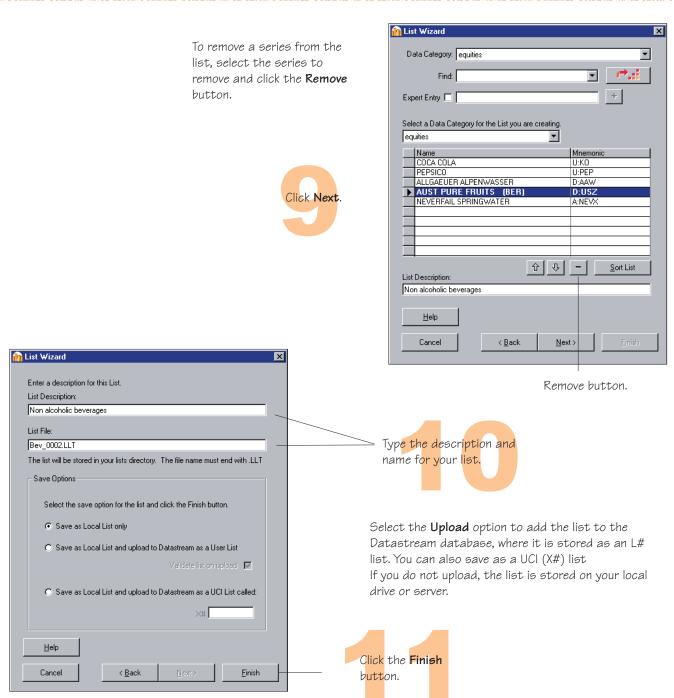
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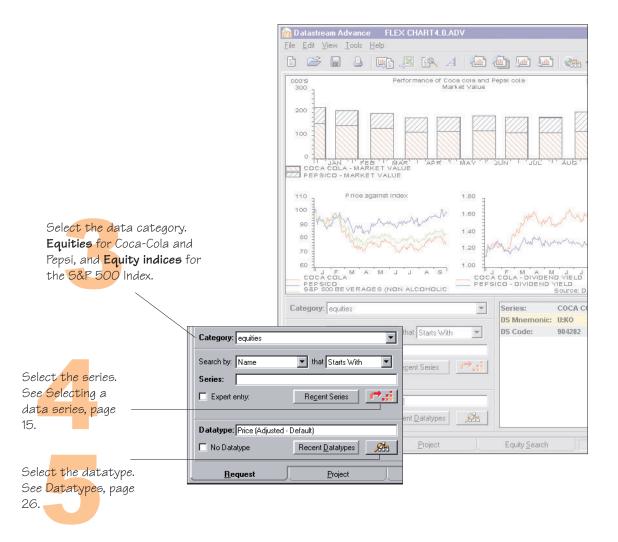


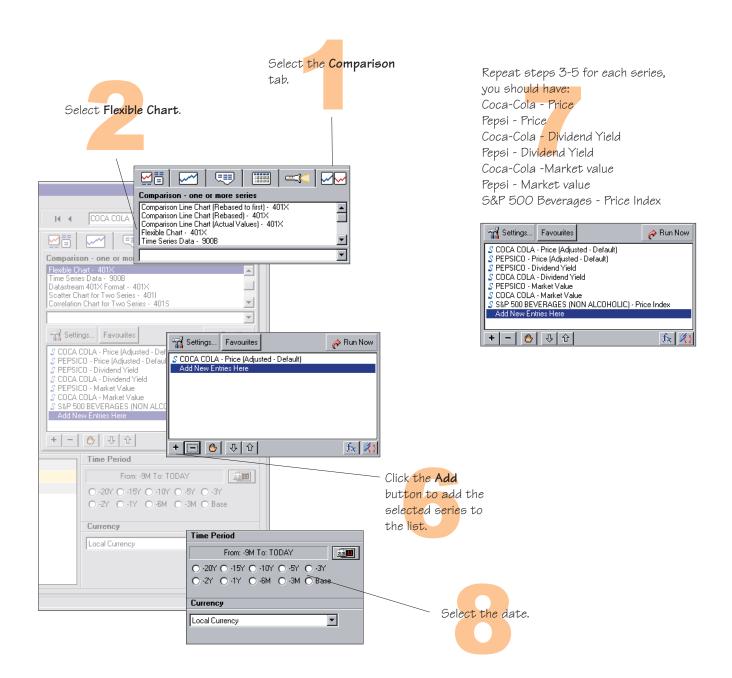


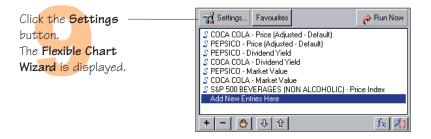


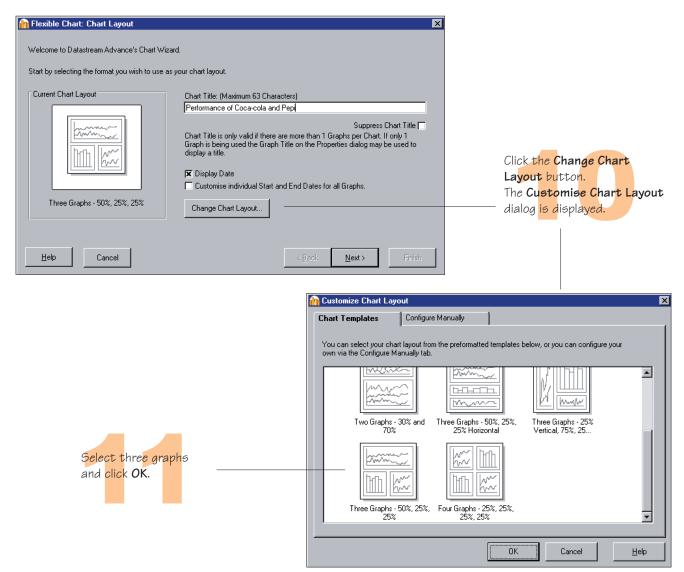
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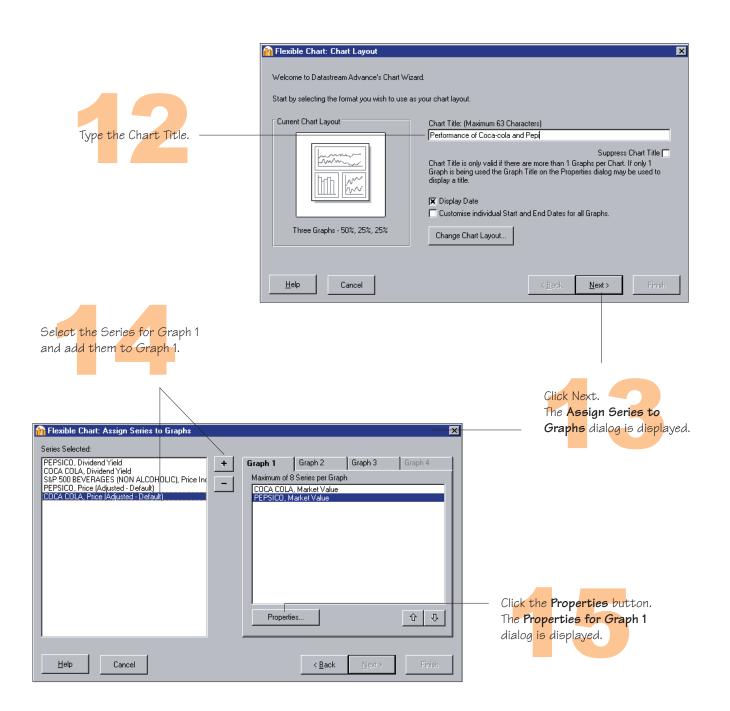
Flexible chart enables you to create multi-graph charts. This example shows you how to create a chart of three graphs showing the performance of Coca-Cola and Pepsi. It includes a Price chart against the S&P 500 index for non-alcoholic beverages, a Dividend Yield chart, and a Market Value chart.

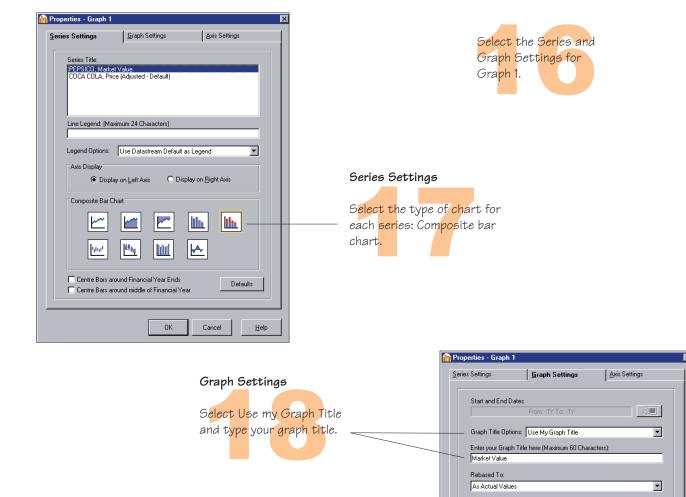












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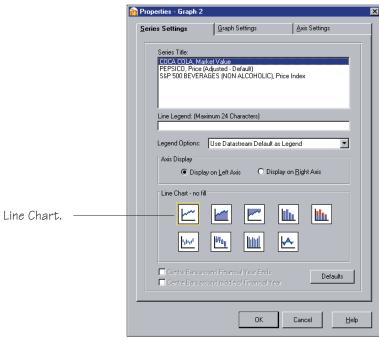
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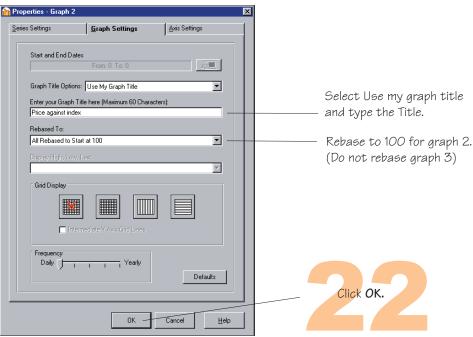
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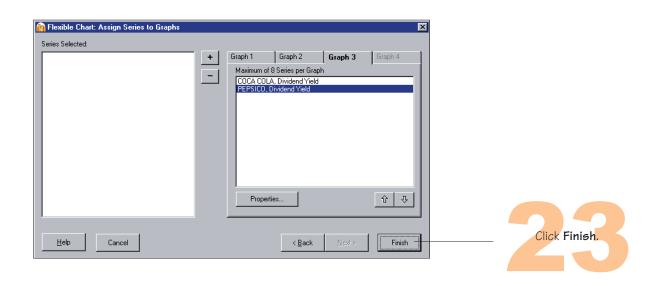
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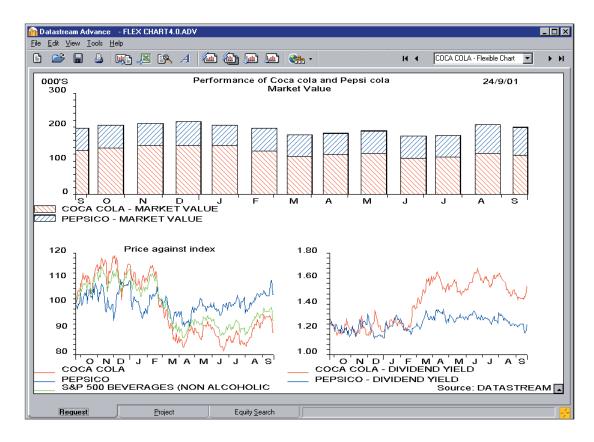








The results are displayed.



You can:

- Edit the chart settings; click the **Settings** button
- Edit the chart using Annotations; select Tools>Display Annotation Tool bar
- Save the flexible chart as a Project; select File>Save As
- Transfer or Export it; select Tools>Transfer or Tools>Export

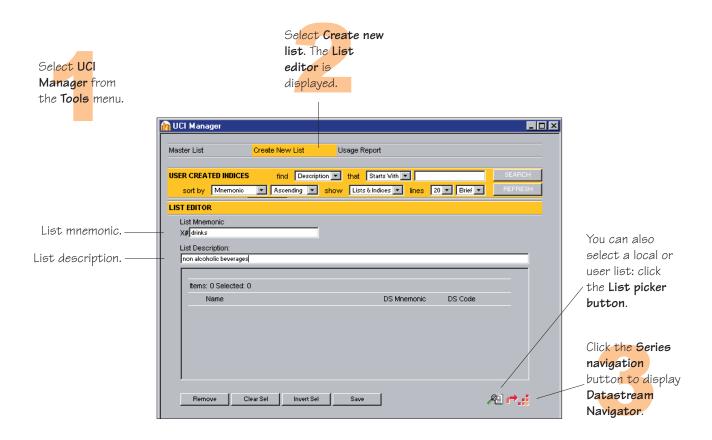
For more information, see the Advance User Guide, pages 71 - 91.

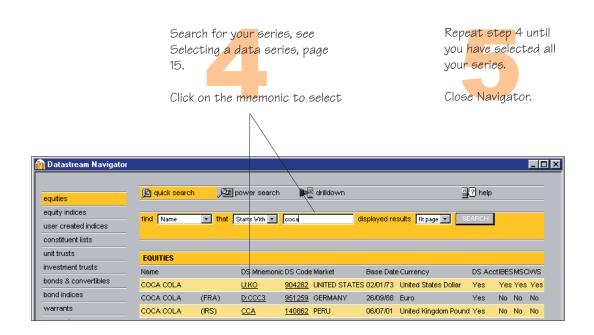
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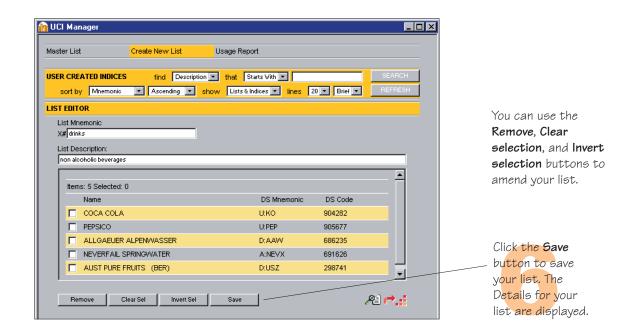
The UCI Manager enables you to create and maintain your own indices. Each index is based on a list of constituent series, which you specify as the first step of creating an index. Once created, an index can be automatically maintained for you, with new values calculated daily.

This worked example shows you how to create an index list and how to calculate it as a trial index. For more information about user created indices and what you can do with them, see the *Advance User Guide*, pages 34 - 41.

Creating an index list of beverage companies

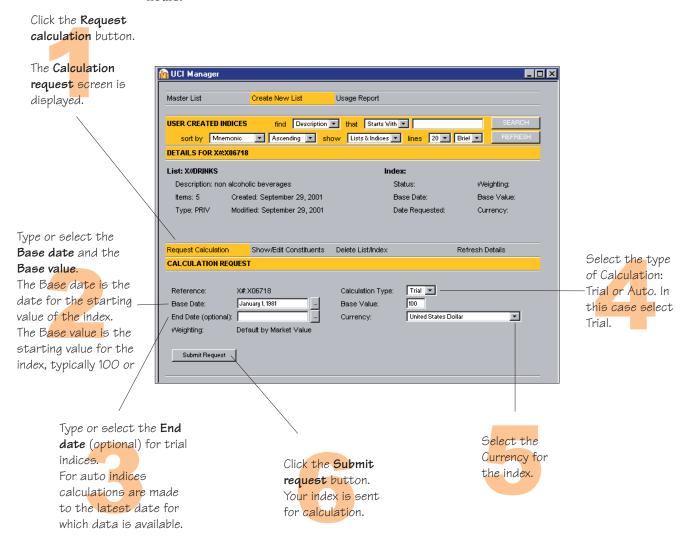






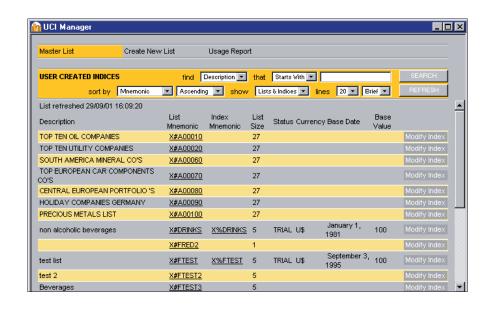
Calculating a trial index of beverage companies

This example calculates a Trial index. A trial index is an experimental or one off calculation. This is usually calculated within an hour and is not updated by Datastream. An auto index is calculated automatically, by Datastream, every 24 hours. This is first calculated the day following your initial request and then every 24 hours.



While your index is being calculated, the status is shown as Trial Pend. Click the Refresh button on the details screen to check on the status.





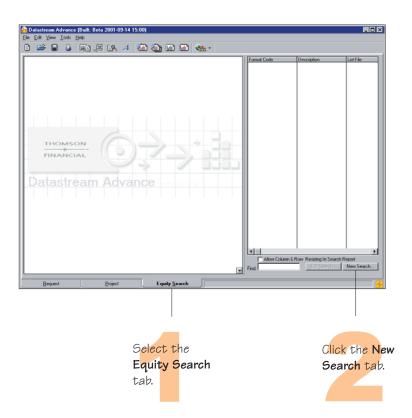
When your index is calculated, the status is shown as Trial.
When you are happy with your index, you can calculate an auto index.

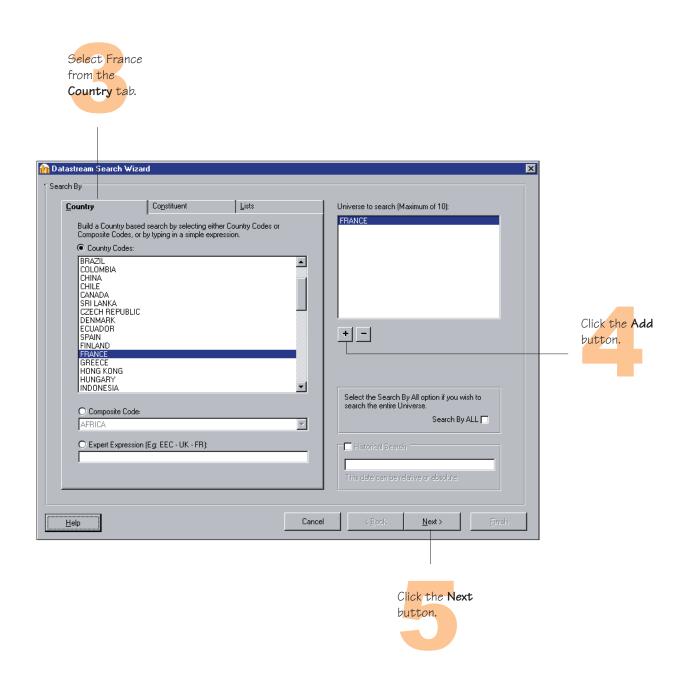
Creating an equity search

Equity search enables you to search the entire global equities database of over 60,000 stocks, or across a region, such as the euro zone, or a single market. You can store your search to edit and re-run at a later date. You can save the results in a list for analysis in Datastream Advance or AFO

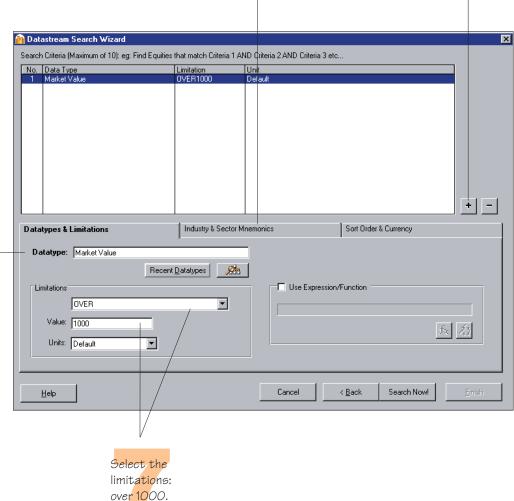
For more information about equity search and what you can do with them, see the *Advance User Guide*, pages 102 - 121.

Creating an equity search









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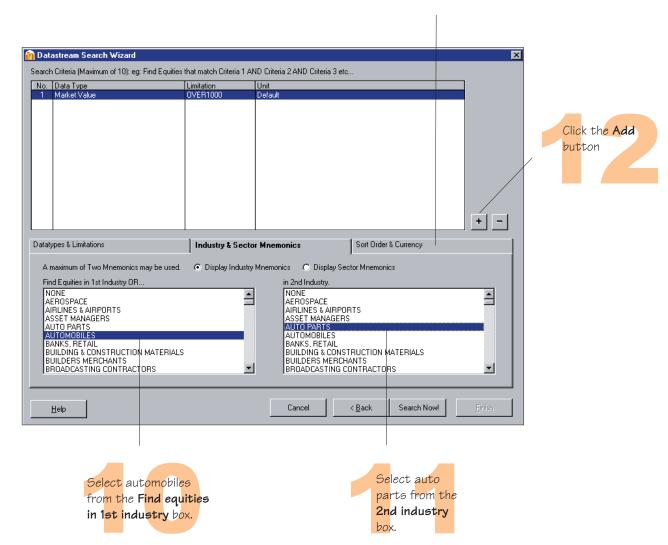
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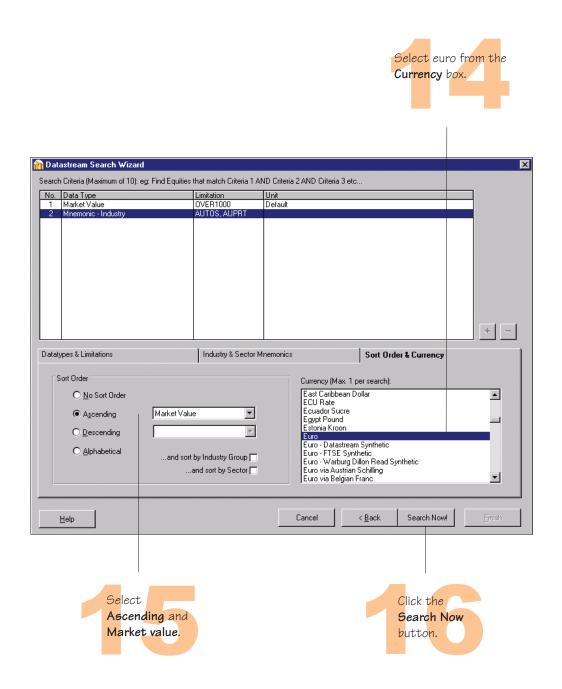
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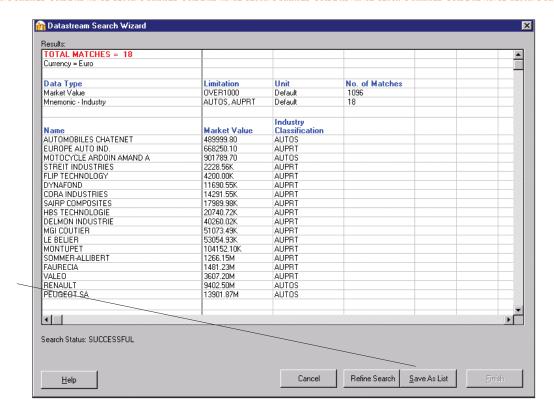
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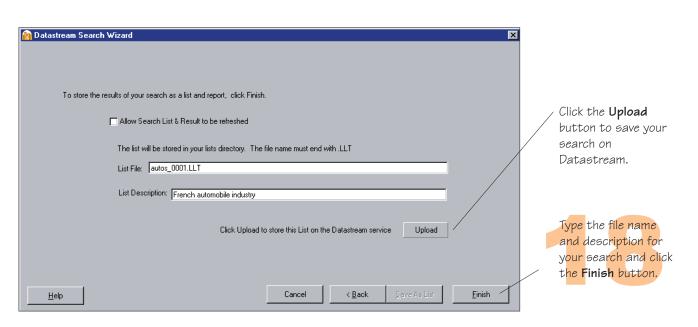




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Click the Save as list button.



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Advance lists

Advance provides flexibility for creating lists of series, such as a portfolio, a watch list, or a set of related indicators. You can analyse the series as a set or individually. Lists are a convenient way to make report, chart, and data requests using multiple series. You can create copies of Datastream's index constituent lists, remove unwanted series, reorder the list, or merge two lists to create one. The List Wizard steps you through the process effortlessly. For a worked example, see page 58.

User guide: Advance User Guide, pages 21 - 33.

Online help: Select Help>Contents>Advance facilities>Lists,

OR

Click the **Help** button on the list wizard dialog box.

Tutorial: Select Help>Tutorials>How to use Advance lists

Expressions and functions

Advance's expression picker gives you access to over 50 standard functions and expressions, which you can use to form part of your chart, report, or data requests. For example, find the percentage change in share price over 12 months.

Advance's expression builder enables you to create and edit your own expressions, which you can keep and access through the expression picker for future use.

User guide: Advance User Guide, pages, 46 - 58.

Online help: Select Help>Contents>Advance facilities> using expressions and

functions,

OR

Click the Help button on the expression picker, or expression builder

dialog boxes.

Flexible charts

Flexible chart gives you the freedom and flexibility to create your own tailor-made chart layouts. Advance provides for comprehensive customisation of all aspects of your graphs.

Flexible Chart is particularly good for creating multiple chart layouts with multiple series using a variety of different chart types and styles. For a worked example, see page 62.

User guide: Advance User Guide, pages 71 - 91.

Online help: Select Help>Contents>Flexible Chart

Tutorial: Select Help>Tutorials>How to use flexible charts

Projects

Advance Projects enable you to save your analysis and automate printing and exporting charts.

You can schedule projects to update at a future time and to print or export the updated requests in a range of graphics or spreadsheet formats.

User guide: Advance User Guide, pages 92 - 95.

Online help: Select Help>Contents>Advance facilities> Projects

Tutorial: Select Help>Tutorials>How to use Projects

Schedule Night Shift

Advance scheduling enables you to refresh your projects at a future time and on a regular basis. For example, you can refresh your projects overnight giving you access to updated charts, reports, and data the following morning.

User guide: Advance User Guide, pages 98 - 101.

Online help: Select Help>Contents>Advance facilities>Schedule Night Shift

Tutorial: Select Help>Tutorials>How to use Night Shift

Equity search

Equity search enables you to search the entire global equities database of over 60,000 stocks, or across a region, such as the euro zone, or a single market. You can store your search to edit and re-run at a later date. You can save the results in a list for analysis in Datastream Advance or AFO. For a worked example, see page 74.

User guide: Advance User Guide, pages 102 - 121.

Online help: Select Help>Contents>Equity search

Tutorial: Select Help>Tutorials>How to use equity search

Customising charts and reports

You can customise your charts and reports using properties and annotations. You can change the text, line, and fill styles, and save your styles in a template for future use.

User guide: Advance User Guide, pages 59 -70.

Online help: Select Help>Contents>Advance facilities>Annotating charts and

reports

Web browser

The embedded browser links you directly to user support through the Datastream Research Extranet. It also provides direct integration with internet products and third party providers: First Call Analyst, and Global Topic.

User guide: Advance User Guide, pages 122 - 131.

Online help: Select Help>Contents>Web browser

Favourites

Favourites enabless you to store your chart or report request with its settings, for example, dates, datatype, currency, etc. You can save them with unique names and select them from a drop down list.

User guide: Advance User Guide, page 97.

Online help: Select Help>Contents>Advance facilities>Favourites

AFO request table

The request table enables you to manage groups of refreshable requests. You can view the details of all your requests together. You can schedule the table to be updated at a future time or overnight. You can select which requests you want to update.

User guide: Advance for Office - Excel User Guide, pages 30 - 38.

Online help: Select Help>Contents>AFO request table

User created indices

The UCI Manager enables you to create and maintain your own indices. Each index is based on a list of constituent series, which you specify as the first step of creating an index. Once created, an index can be automatically maintained for you, with new values calculated daily. For a worked example, see page 70.

User guide: Advance User Guide, page 34 - 41.

Online help: Select Help>Contents>Advance facilities>Favourites

Tutorial: Select Help>Tutorials>How to use user created indices

User created time series

A user time series is a series of values (data) for different points in time created by you and uploaded for storage on Datastream. The values can be daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly and you can save the series in management groups to help you organise them. You can use these series in Advance and AFO charts and reports. You can combine them with Datastream maintained series and use functions and expressions to manipulate them. An Excel template is used to create and edit your time series. You can download an existing series to form the basis of a new one.

User guide: Advance User Guide, page 42 - 45.

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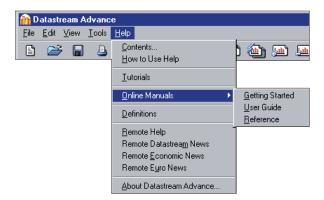
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Further support

Advance has a comprehensive documentation set to support you. This comprises a complete set of manuals, online help, and interactive tutorials to get you started.

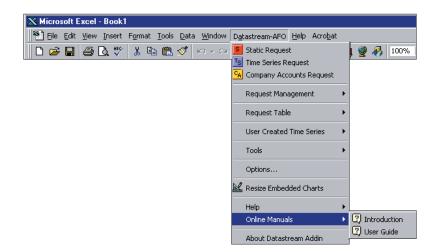
Manuals

A complete set of Advance 4.0 user guides is available from the Help menu, select online manuals. These are provided as fully bookmarked Adobe Acrobat PDF files. You can browse, select, read, and print the sections you are interested in.



- Getting started A brief guide to getting started with the basics of Advance
- User guide A comprehensive guide to Advance and how to use it
- Reference A reference guide to the menus, options, and tools

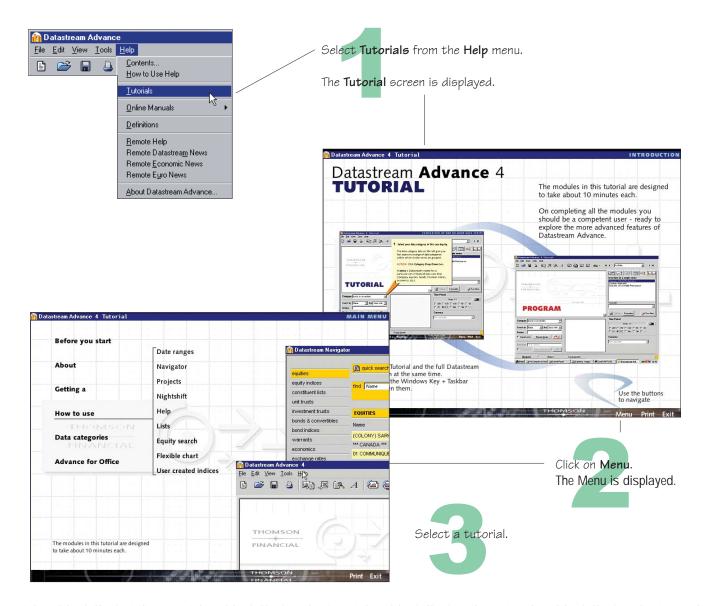
A complete set of AFO 4.0 user guides is available from the AFO menu in Excel, Word, and PowerPoint: select Online Manuals.



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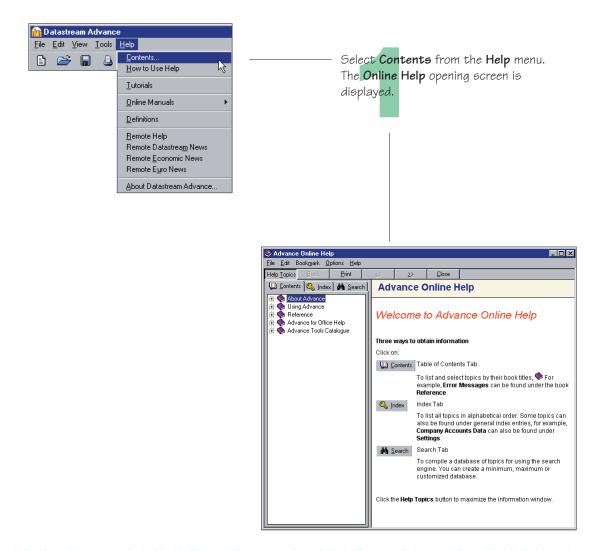
Tutorials

Advance has a set of interactive tutorials taking you step by step through the basics of Advance. Select Tutorials from the Help menu.



Online Help

A comprehensive online help system is available from the Help menu: select Contents. You can also access context sensitive Help from most of the dialog boxes within Advance.



Telephone support

Datastream provides fully resourced Help desks for queries on Advance, data, and communications problems.

Account management

In addition to the service provided by the Help desk, full advice and support is available from your Account Manager.

Datastream Research Extranet support site

The Extranet contains information on new content and functionality, series code updates and an increasing range of spreadsheets, documents, and presentations showing how Datastream charts and data can be used in Excel, Word, and PowerPoint.

Training

Datastream provides a range of hands on training workshops designed to give you the knowledge, practice, and confidence to make full use of Advance. Contact your Account Manager for complete and up to date information.

Contact details

For current numbers and addresses, see the Extranet:

http://www.datastream.com/support





