

Sources of Information on Mergers & Acquisitions

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Type of Info	Source Name	How you find it at W U:	Comments
M & A news	Mergers & Acquisitions : The Dealmaker's Journal.	From 07/01/1998 to present in Business Source Premier From 01/01/1998 to present in Factiva	This journal represents the best single source of merger, acquisition, and divestiture data for U.S. firms. Each monthly issue includes the M&A Roster which lists all deals valued at \$25 million or more that occurred in the preceding quarter. Deals are organized by industry. Entries include the acquirer, the target, terms, and the date completed. An annual Almanac summarizing the facts on all deals is published in the February issue. From 1997-1999 the March issue contained the Almanac. Prior to 1997, the May/June issue contained the Almanac. Beginning in 2000, Mergers & Acquisitions ranks "winners" in twelve categories related to M&A activity. Nine rankings are announced in the January issue, with the final three (Deal of the Year, Deal of the Decade, M&A Investment Bank of the Year) announced in the February issue. Data for this journal comes from a database called Securities Data Merger & Corporate Transactions Database (1981-current), maintained by the publisher, Securities Data Company.
	Acquisitions Monthly	From 11/01/2001 to present in Business and Company Resource Center	
	The Deal	Print copies in business library; we also have one subscription to online version at www.thedeal.com - Ask at circulation desk and they will set you up in the library (not available remotely)	"Each issue of The Deal quickly brings you up to speed on current deals in every sector from all around the world. We cover the players – the people behind the deals – plus we bring you comprehensive perspectives and timely commentary and analysis with pages of charts and stats, as well as in-depth features throughout the magazine."

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	Private Equity Week	from 01/01/1998 to present in Factiva from 02/01/1998 to present in LexisNexis Academic	Private Equity Week tracks news and information in the private equity industry. You can sign up for The Wire free daily newsletter at http://www.ventureeconomics.com/vec/1070549768765.html Note: web content is restricted to personal subscriptions- to reach articles, use database access at left.
	Buyouts	from 12/01/1991 to present in Factiva from 04/01/1996 to present in LexisNexis Academic Paper copies of the publication are also available in the Career Management Center library.	Buyouts tracks news and information on...you guessed it...buyouts.
	Venture Capital Journal	from 12/01/1991 to present in Factiva from 05/01/1996 to present in LexisNexis Academic Paper copies of the publication are also available in the Career Management Center library.	VCJ tracks news and information on the VC industry.
	U.S. Mergers & Acquisitions Calendar	http://biz.yahoo.com/me/	Yahoo! Finance provides monthly compilations of U.S. merger and acquisition announcements, with execution dates, acquiring and target companies, and brief information on terms.
	M&A Databank	CCN Money http://money.cnn.com/	CNN Money provides a listing of the most recent deals on this website, arranged with the most recent at the top, with target and acquiror names and the dollar value of the deal, with a link to a report on each deal. See also their related Top 25 Deals year-to-date list, arranged by the dollar value of the deal. Coverage is worldwide for these lists.

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	Mergers & Acquisitions Announced	Online Investor.com http://www.theonlineinvestor.com/	Provides weekly compilations of merger and acquisition announcements.
	New York Times DealBook blog	http://dealbook.blogs.nytimes.com/	Spinoff of DealBook columns in the New York Times, written by Andrew Ross Sorkin,
WU Databases for researching companies* <i>See note at top of document about remote access</i>	SDC Platinum Mergers & Acquisitions (Thomson Research)	Available on site (Simon Hall) only through the library; limited to 2 simultaneous users during the day; unlimited users nights and weekends	
	Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage	http://www.netadvantage.standardpoor.com/NASApp/NetAdvantage/index.do	Check the Stock Reports database on the left column
	Dun & Bradstreet	D&B The Million Dollar Database http://www.olin.wustl.edu/library/articles/db.cfm	A source useful for both current business information and business history. Most companies have D&B reports (generally for credit information). Dun & Bradstreet is a publisher that often actively seeks information from private firms by directly calling the company. Much of the information in a D&B report is voluntary so the quantity of information will likely vary from company to company.
	Hoover's	http://premium.hoovers.com/subscribe/	Click on Company Profiles and Financial
	Sorkins	http://www.sorkinsonline.com	Regional business information for three major metropolitan areas— St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago.

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	Investext Plus	Investext Plus	Search Investext Plus to find investment, company and industry reports from over 500 brokers in North America, Europe, Asia/Pacific, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East.
	Valueline	http://www.valueline.com/secure/vlrc/research.html	This includes on-line access to Value Line's leading publications covering stocks, mutual funds, options and convertible securities as well as special situation stocks.
	ProQuest Tax & Accounting	Available remotely to all students http://www.olin.wustl.edu/library/articles/db.cfm	<p>Included in this database, in full text, are such publications as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M & A Tax Report (2004-current) • Mergers and Acquisitions (1993-current) • Mergers & Acquisitions Report (1992-1998) • Mergers & Acquisitions Report (1998-current) • Weekly Corporate Growth Report (Nov/Dec 1987-current) <p>A subject search for SUB(Mergers & Acquisitions) produced over 420,000 articles, including over 4,800 articles in scholarly journals, over 19,000 articles in magazines, over 130,000 articles in trade publications, and over 218,000 newspaper articles.</p> <p>These large article sets may be made smaller by combining the subject with another subject, such as a company or personal name, as in SUB(Mergers & Acquisitions) and SUB(Citicorp) or SUB(Mergers & Acquisitions) and CO(Ford Motor Co) or SUB(Mergers & Acquisitions) and NA(Rupert Murdoch).</p> <p>You can also search for this topic by using the subject search SUB(Acquisitions & Mergers), which produces over 450,000 articles.</p>

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Websites /portals worth checking out	US Securities and Exchange Commission	http://www.sec.gov Also check the brief information page on Mergers: http://www.sec.gov/answers/mergers.htm	The SEC's Electronic Data Gathering , Analysis and Retrieval (EDGAR) database includes corporate annual reports and other filings with the SEC.
	American Institute of Certified Public Accountants	http://www.aicpa.org	This organization, founded in 1887, is an information source for all accounting matters and issues. A search of this site for Mergers & Acquisitions produced over two hundred results, including <u>Adventures in Mergers/Acquisitions & Joint Ventures</u> and <u>Differences Between Mergers and Acquisitions</u> .
	Bank of America Business Capital	http://www.bofabusinesscapital.com/resources/resources.php	Provides a variety of links to resources, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CapitalEyes</i>—a monthly newsletter on leveraged finance delivered free to subscribers via email. • Featured Articles • CFO Survey (2006) • Economic Perspectives
Additional Reference Resources	Mergers & Acquisitions (online encyclopedia)	Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merger	A 'work in progress' constantly refining entries from volunteer contributors. Generally good content, but can be skewed to reflect special viewpoints
	M & A Dictionary	Investorede.com http://www.investorede.com/dictionary/Mergers_and_Acquisitions_dictionary_category.html	Covers terms used in mergers and acquisitions, from Absorbed through Poison Pill to Zombie.

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	International Directory of Company Histories	Reference HD2721 I58	A multi-volume set of 2-3 page histories for over 4600 companies.
	Forbes List of Top 500 Private Companies	http://images.forbes.com/lists/2005/21/htm/filter.html?sort=0	
	Asiaweek 1000 Companies	http://www.asiaweek.com/asiaweek/features/asiaweek1000.2000/index.html	Info on largest Asian corporations by country and industry, including sales and profits.
	Google Print	http://print.google.com	A great way to browse through books- you can see several pages of preview information. To find if we have the book at WashU, search our catalog at http://catalog.wustl.edu/search~/

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It's always a challenge finding information on private companies. Try Dun & Bradstreet and Hoover's first, for directory type information, then check out their website. Follow that with a search in several of the major article databases (ProQuest, Business Source Premier, Business & Company Resource Center, Factiva) to find out if anyone has written articles about them- this usually surfaces the rankings articles as well. If they are a technology company, consider checking Faulkner's database. If they are based in Chicago, Kansas City or St. Louis I would check the Sorkins database. All these databases can be accessed through the business library on a single page: <http://www.olin.wustl.edu/library/articles/db.cfm>