

Taking Chances with Risk Management?

Good data = good decisions

You've been working really hard to avoid unpleasant surprises. Especially in this environment. You've reviewed your risk scoring models and revised your guidelines. You've tightened your criteria and made your processes more robust. You've added staff if you could, and invested in technology.

But have you built your Risk Management on a shaky foundation? Your processes are only as good as the data that they're based on. And the quality and reliability of that data is often suspect.

Data entry errors

Manual processes for spreading cause errors. The standardized data required by most risk modeling software results in ad-hoc transformations and standardization. By the time you find out something is wrong (if you find out at all), it's too late. You often have no way of correlating the number in the financial statement and what was used in the risk model, because someone transformed it manually, using ad-hoc rules.

Lack of scalability

Your manual processes constrain your ability to scale your risk management operations. There is always a backlog of financial statements that haven't been spread yet. This pressure and backlog leads to mistakes and wasted effort in low value-add activities.

Limited use of useful data

Don't you wish more people within your organization could have access to the financial information you receive each month? Are you constrained by the lack of the appropriate technology to distribute this information to everyone who needs to get it?



Comprehensive. Secure. High-quality

Introducing an industrial-strength solution for all your private and public-company financial spreading needs.

Key features

- Complete calendar management
- All common document types accepted
- Highly automated data extraction
- Extensive data quality checks
- Automated rule-based data standardization
- Easy-to-use, powerful application to view and analyze data
 - Secure application with multi-level access control
 - Powerful features such as screening, charting, comparison, custom worksheets and alerts.
 - Powerful, yet easy-to-use Excel add-in to import data directly into spreadsheets and templates
 - 'Click-through auditability' of every number
- Export data to risk scoring application

A sound foundation

Introducing SecureData

Introducing SecureData from Gridstone Research. Leveraging many years of expertise in extracting public company fundamental data for Investment Analysts, Gridstone now offers a comprehensive, secure, hosted solution for all your private company financial spreading needs.

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With SecureData, you leave all your data spreading needs to Gridstone. Just send us the financial statements you receive, and soon thereafter, view and analyze standardized and as-reported data and ratios through a secure, easy-to-use, web-based platform.

Sophisticated data extraction and transformation

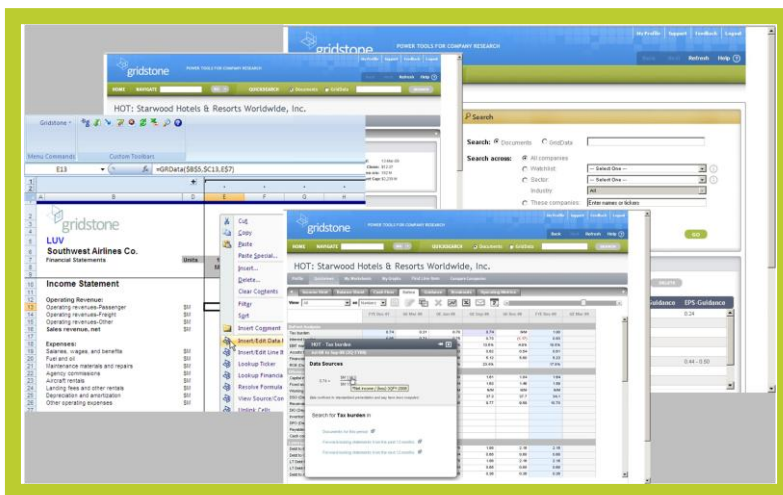
Gridstone uses a highly-automated data extraction engine to capture data, and a sophisticated taxonomy to verify, transform and standardize it, reducing manual data entry, minimizing errors and eliminating ad-hoc standardization.

Powerful and flexible platform for data analysis

Selectively give employees throughout the firm access to the extracted data. They can **chart** any number, or **compare** it to similar public and private companies. They can also **screen** through your portfolio of companies for companies matching specific criteria, and **download** the data to Excel for analysis. If they need to **check the veracity** of a number, with two clicks, they can see the number highlighted in its source document, for easy audit.

By using our **Excel add-in**, analysts can continue to use spreadsheets that they use today – a simple and easy-to-use formula pulls data into the model, and keeps it up to date when new information comes in.

Free your credit analysts to concentrate on the truly value-adding work of analyzing data and managing risk. Leave the important but low value-adding task of managing the underlying data to the professionals and technology at Gridstone.



SecureData's powerful yet easy-to-use Web and Excel-based data presentation application makes it easy to use the data in analysis.



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