

Reference Guide

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1. File Formats

ASCII

ASCII is an abbreviation for American Standard Code of Information Interchange. ASCII files contain information written in the 7-bit ASCII character coding set. The ASCII character set is the most universally used character set for personal computers

PRN

PRN is an abbreviation for the word print. A PRN file is an ASCII file that is formatted to be more readable when printed.

DIF

DIF is an abbreviation for Data Interchange Format. The DIF file format was designed to transfer large and complex spreadsheets, formulas and all, between applications and even different systems. It is a simple but elegant file format designed for computers and, as such, is generally meaningless, even confusing, when viewed by the human eye.

Excel

Excel is Microsoft's spreadsheet data format. It is a specific type of ASCII file that is recognized by the file extension CFV. A data file exported by DTU in the Excel file format is compatible with an Excel spreadsheet.

2. Sample Specification Files (Export only)

The sample specifications detailed below are based on standard fields as laid out in Chapter II. They are suggested as guidelines only and can be modified as required.

Export ASCII

Ticker Class	Fields	Specification File
Stocks	SDOHLCV	STOCKASC.DTE
Indices	SDOHL C	INDEXASC.DTE
Futures	SDHLCVT	FUTURASC.DTE
Mutual funds	SDA	MUTULASC.DTE
Groups and sectors	SDOHLCV	GPSCTASC.DTE
Markets	SDHLC12345678XY	MKTASC.DTE

The above ASCII specification files have the following file formats in common:

Comma delimited
Date order is Year, Month, Day
Volume in units
No header to file

Export PRN

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