



**Web API Specification for the  
OTC Reporting Facility  
File Downloads - ORF**

Version 3.0

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## Revision History

Version/Date	Changes Made
Version 1.0; 2/10/2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Original version of specification</li></ul>
Version 2.0; 3/19/2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Changes are described in Appendix A – Version 2.0 Summary of Changes</li></ul>
Version 3.0; 4/22/2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Add field length (14) for FINRA_OTC_ID;</li><li>• Change field length from 11 to 15 bytes for: ADR_ORDNY_SHARE_RT; OLD ADR_ORDNY_SHARE_RT; and NEW ADR_ORDNY_SHARE_RT</li></ul>

## Introduction

The FINRA Trade Reporting and Quotation Service (TRAQS™) is a system developed by FINRA in order to facilitate the various fixed income and equity reporting facilities FINRA currently maintains (e.g., TRACE, TRF, ADF, OTC Equity Reporting, etc...) into a single platform.

The TRAQS Download domain supports client needs via Web Application Programming Interface (API) to download the security master and other files.

## Access to the file domain

Equity file downloads use the NASDAQ Web Security Framework (NWSF) for authentication (proper client authorization for access to particular files must be in place). In order to access the site and download files, a user needs to present a valid NWSF account/password and client certificate with access to the application.

The Security Master is maintained by FINRA Operations. For questions concerning the data in this file, or to subscribe to receive the file, please contact FINRA Operations at (866) 776-0800 or [FINRAOperations@finra.org](mailto:FINRAOperations@finra.org). For technical questions or issues accessing the file, please contact FINRA Product Management at (866) 899-2107 or [FINRAProductManagement@finra.org](mailto:FINRAProductManagement@finra.org).

## Protocol

FINRA's download site provides access to all of the files using standard HTTP Secure (https) protocol. It is a combination of the Hypertext Transfer protocol and the SSL/TLS protocol to provide encrypted communications and secure identification. The URL <https://download.finratraqs.org> is the domain where the file resides. In order to access file reference data users should refer to the query string detailed in the specification.

## File availability – all times are approximate

File	Time
Start of day security master file; participant master file; daily list participant; clearing number relationship file; participant agreements file; explicit fee agreement file; daily list security file	7:00 a.m. ET; and available throughout the day on a near-real time basis.
Final possible file updates	8:00 p.m. ET

Users may attempt to access the files on non-business days; however, due to server maintenance which occurs on weekends and other non-business days it is possible the user will not have immediate success in accessing the data during these days.

## URL Parameters

Parameter	Parameter Options
Action	<p><b>DOWNLOAD</b> - provide the file.  <b>DELTA</b> – provide the changes since the last time the user downloaded the file.</p> <p>Delta actions are supported for Security Daily List and Participant Daily List files.</p>
Facility	<b>ORF</b>
Files	<p><b>EQUITYMASTERAC</b> – Equity Security Master File Active issues  <b>EQUITYMASTERIN</b> – Equity Security Master File Inactive issues  <b>DAILYLIST</b> – Security Daily List for OTC Reporting Facility  <b>PARTICIPANT</b> – Equity Participant Master File  <b>PDAILYLIST</b> – Equity Participant Daily List  <b>EQUITYCLEAR</b> – Equity Clearing Relationship File  <b>EQUITYUSA</b> – Equity US Agreements File  <b>EXPLICITFEE</b> – Explicit Fee Agreement File</p>

All files are pipe delimited.

File	Query Parameters
Equity Security Master – Active issues	action=DOWNLOAD&file=EQUITYMASTERAC&facility=ORF
Equity Security Master – Inactive issues	action=DOWNLOAD&file=EQUITYMASTERIN&facility=ORF
Equity Participant Master	action=DOWNLOAD&file=PARTICIPANT&facility=ORF
Equity Participant Daily List	action=DOWNLOAD&file=PDAILYLIST&facility=ORF
Equity Participant Daily List delta	action=DELTA&file=PDAILYLIST&facility=ORF
Equity Clearing Relationship	action=DOWNLOAD&file=EQUITYCLEAR&facility=ORF
Equity US Agreements	action=DOWNLOAD&file=EQUITYUSA&facility=ORF
Explicit Fee	action=DOWNLOAD&file=EQUITYEXPLICITFEE&facility=ORF
Security Daily List delta (See note 1)	action=DELTA&file=DAILYLIST&facility=ORF
Security Daily List for a specific day	action=DOWNLOAD&file=DAILYLIST&facility=ORF&day=6/2/2014

**ORF - Equity Security Master File (Active and Inactive issues)**

<b>Field Name (Header)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Maximum Length</b>
FINRA_OTC_ID	FINRA OTC Security ID Symbol	Security Id generated by FINRA RDMS System.	14
CUSIP_ID	CUSIP	This field will be blank for firms that do not have a CUSIP license in place.	9
SYM_CD	Security Symbol	Local exchange symbol.	14
SYM_SUF_CD	Symbol Suffix		7
SCRTY_DS	Security Description	Security Description/Name.	250
RND_LOT_QT	Round Lot Size	Min. number of shares that can be purchased without incurring a larger fee.	4
CPN_RT	Coupon Rate		6
DTC_ELGBL_FL	DTC Eligibility Flag	Indicates if security is eligible to be delivered through a computerized system established by DTCC.	1
SCRTY_TYPE_CD	Security Type	Security Type Description.	4
WIS_DSTRD_CD	When Issued Flag	Indicates if the security does not have a firm settlement. WI or WD.	2
STTS_CD	Status Code	Indicates if security is active, inactive or terminated.	1
NACTV_DT	Inactive date and time	Format is YYYYMMDDHHMMSS	14
TEST_SCRTY_FL	Test Security Flag to indicate whether the security is used for testing. Default value will be 'N'		1
PRICE_CHK_FL	Price Check Flag		1
SCRTY_EFCTV_TS	Security effective time stamp	Format is YYYYMMDDHHMMSS	14
SIP_SYM_ID	SIP Symbol		21
OTCBB_QUOTE_FL		Y or N	1
CLASS_TX	Class of Security		2
OFRNG_TYPE_CD	Offering Type		1
MTRTY_XPRTN_DT	Maturity/Expiration date	Format is YYYYMMDDHHMMSS	14
NACC_ELGBL_FL	NACC Clearing Eligible		1

<b>Field Name (Header)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Maximum Length</b>
	Flag		
DSMTN_FL	Dissemination Flag		1
SUBJ_CRPRT_ACTN_CD	Subject to Corporate Action	Y or N	2
ADR_ORDNY_SHARE_RT	ADR to Ordinary Share Ratio		15
BRKR_PRTCT_PRD_FL	Broker Protect Period Flag		1
PGYBK_ELGBL_FL	Piggyback Eligible Flag		1
REG_FEE_FL	Reg Fee Flag	Y if a 144A or 144A and Reg S	1
REG_SHO_FL	Reg SHO Flag		1
RULE_4320_FL	4320 Flag		1
OATS_RPTBL_FL	OATS Flag		1
FNNCL_STTS_CD	Financial Status Indicator		1
LAST_UPDT_TS	Timestamp value when record was created	Format is YYYYMMDDHHMMSS	14

**ORF Daily List (for Securities)**

<b>Field Name (Header)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Maximum Length</b>
DAILY_LIST_TS	Daily List Date/Time	YYYYMMDDHHMMSS format.	14
DAILY_LIST_EVENT_CD	Daily List Event Type	Valid values are: SA - Security Addition SC – Security Change SD – Security Deletion DA – Dividend Addition DC – Dividend Change DD – Dividend Deletion/Cancellation <i>Note: for corporate actions where the security attribute changes and a distribution is announced (i.e., Forward Split, Reverse Split, Stock Dividend or Split, Reverse Split followed by Forward Split), the Change Type shall be Dividend Addition.</i>	2
OLD_SYM_CD	Old Symbol		14
NEW_SYM_CD	New Symbol		14
OLD_CUSIP_ID	Old Cusip		9
NEW_CUSIP_ID	New Cusip		9
OLD_SCRTY_DS	Old Security Description		250
NEW_SCRTY_DS	New Security Description		250
OLD_FNNCL_STTS_CD	Old Financial Status Indicator		1
NEW_FNNCL_STTS_CD	New Financial Status Indicator		1
OLD_OATS_RPTBL_FL	Old OATS Reportable Flag		1
NEW_OATS_RPTBL_FL	New OATS Reportable Flag		1

<b>Field Name (Header)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Maximum Length</b>
OLD_RND_LOT_QT	Old Unit of Trade		4
NEW_RND_LOT_QT	New Unit of Trade		4
OLD_CLASS_TX	Old Class		2
NEW_CLASS_TX	New Class		2
OLD_ADR_ORDNY_SHARE_RT	Old ADR Ratio		15
NEW_ADR_ORDNY_SHARE_RT	New ADR Ratio		15
OLD_REG_FEE_FL	Old Reg Fee Flag		1
NEW_REG_FEE_FL	New Reg Fee Flag		1
OLD_MTRTY_XPRTN_DT	Old Maturity Date	YYYYMMDDHHMMSS format.	14
NEW_MTRTY_XPRTN_DT	New Maturity Date	YYYYMMDDHHMMSS format.	14
OLD_MKT_CTGRY_CD	Old Market Category Code	U – OTCBB u – Other OTC	1
NEW_MKT_CTGRY_CD	New Market Category Code	U – OTCBB u – Other OTC	1
OFRNG_TYPE_CD	Offering Type		1
SUBJ_CRPRT_ACTN_CD	Subject to Corp Action		2
DCLRN_DT	Declaration Date	YYYYMMDDHHMMSS format.	14
PYMNT_DT	Payment Date	YYYYMMDDHHMMSS format.	14
EX_DT	This is the “change effective date”, i.e., the effective date of the change being announced on the Daily List or the Ex Date of the Dividend.	YYYYMMDDHHMMSS format.	14
REC_DT	Record Date	YYYYMMDDHHMMSS format.	14
FRWRD_SPLIT_RT	Forward Split Ratio	Decimal	10
RVRS_SPLIT_RT	Reverse Split Ratio	Decimal	10
STOCK_PT	Percentage	Decimal	10; 4 after the decimal
CASH_AMT_TX	Cash Amount	Decimal	25
PYMNT_MTHD_CD	Payment Method		3
ADR_FEE_AM	ADR Dividend Fee	Decimal	10; 4 after the decimal
ADR_TAX_RLF_AM	ADR Tax Relief Fee	Decimal	10; 4 after the decimal
ADR_GROSS_RT	ADR Gross Rate	Decimal	18; 7 after the decimal



<b>Field Name (Header)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Maximum Length</b>
ADR_NET_RT	ADR Net Rate	Decimal	18; 7 after the decimal
ADR_ISSNC_FEE_AM	ADR Issuance Fee	Decimal	10; 4 after the decimal
ADR_WHLDG_TAX_PT	ADR Withholding Tax	Decimal	10; 4 after the decimal
QLFD_CD	Qualified Dividend Code		1
DAILY_LIST_RSN_CD	Change Reason Description		5
CMMNT_TX	Comments		500

**ORF - Equity Participant Master File**

<b>Field Name (Header)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Maximum Length</b>
MPID	Market Participant Identifier	FINRA identifier assigned to the participant.	6
DBA_NM	Firm Name		64

**ORF - Equity Participant Daily List**

<b>Field Name (Header)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Maximum Length</b>
list_dt	Daily List Date	Format is MMDDYYYY	
effective_dt	Effective Date	Format is MMDDYYYY	
cd_description	Event Type	Valid values are: Participant Addition Participant Deletion Participant Change	
old_mpid	Market Participant Identifier		6
old_dba	Firm Name		64
new_mpid	New Market Participant Identifier		6
new_dba	New Firm Name		64
rf_cd	Reporting Facility	Value will always be ORF	

**ORF - Equity Clearing Relationship File**

<b>Field Name (Header)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Maximum Length</b>
MPID	MPID of the Client	FINRA identifier assigned to the participant.	6
CLRG_ORG_NB	Clearing Number of Clearing Org used by the MPID		5
CLRG_FIRM_NM	Clearing Firm Name	Name of Clearing Firm Organization.	64
CLRG_EFCTV_DT	Clearing Relationship Effective Date	Format is YYYYMMDDHHMMSS	14
CLRG_XPRTN_DT	Clearing Relationship Expiration Date	Format is YYYYMMDDHHMMSS	14
PRMRY_CLRG_FL	Default Clearing Relationship flag	Value will be Y or N to state if the clearing number in this record is the default clearing number.	1

**ORF - Equity US Agreements File**

<b>Field Name (Header)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Maximum Length</b>
MPID	MPID of the Client	FINRA identifier assigned to the participant.	6
AGRMT_EFCTV_DT	Effective Date for the agreement with the client	Format is YYYYMMDDHHMMSS	14
AGRMT_XPRTN_DT	End date for agreement with the client	Format is YYMMDDHHMMSS	12
UNFRM_SRVC_AGRMT_MP_ID	MPID of client with who agreement is based	FINRA identifier assigned to the participant.	6
US_GIVEUP_DROP_FL	Give Up firm receives drop copies of transaction messages	Y or N.	

**ORF – Explicit Fee File**

<b>Field Name (Header)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Maximum Length</b>
MPID_1	MPID of the Client	FINRA identifier assigned to the participant.	6
CLRG_FIRM_NM_1	Clearing Firm Name for first MPID	Name of Clearing Firm Organization.	64
MPID_2	MPID of Client 2 in file	FINRA identifier assigned to the second participant.	6
CLRG_FIRM_NM_2	Clearing Firm Name for second MPID	Name of Clearing Firm Organization for second participant.	64
AGRMT_EFCTV_DT	Effective Date for the agreement with the client	Format is YYYYMMDDHHMMSS	14
AGRMT_XPRTN_DT	End date for agreement with the client	Format is YYMMDDHHMMSS	12

## Example Requests

### *Example - Get the current active Equity Security Master file*

<https://download.finratraqs.org/DownloadHandler.ashx?action=DOWNLOAD&file=EQUITYMASTERAC&facility=ORF>

### *Example - Get the current Equity Participant Master file*

<https://download.finratraqs.org/DownloadHandler.ashx?action=DOWNLOAD &file=PARTICIPANT&facility=ORF>

### *Example - Get the current Equity Clearing Relationship Master file*

<https://download.finratraqs.org/DownloadHandler.ashx?action=DOWNLOAD &file=EQUITYCLEAR&facility=ORF>

### *Example - Get the current Equity US Agreements Master file*

<https://download.finratraqs.org/DownloadHandler.ashx?action=DOWNLOAD &file=EQUITYUSA&facility=ORF>

### *Example - Get the current Explicit Fee file*

<https://download.finratraqs.org/DownloadHandler.ashx?action=DOWNLOAD &file=EQUITYEXPLICITFEE&facility=ORF>

## Appendix A – Version 2.0 Summary of Changes:

Version 2.0 changes

### EQUITY SECURITY MASTER FILE

Previous Field Name	New Field Name	Previous Maximum Length	New Maximum Length
FINRA_EQTY_ID	FINRA_OTC_ID		
(FIELD ADDED)	SYM_SUF_CD		7
CPN_RT		28	6
WIS_DIS_CD	WIS_DSTRD_CD		
SUBJ_CRPRT_ACTN_FL	SUBJ_CRPRT_ACTN_CD	1	2
ORDNY_ADR_RT	ADR_ORDNY_SHARE_RT		
4320_FL	RULE_4320_FL		
(FIELD ADDED)	OATS_RPTBL_FL		1
(FIELD ADDED)	FNNCL_STTS_CD		1
TS	LAST_UPDT_TS		

### DAILY LIST FILE

Previous Field Name	New Field Name	Previous Maximum Length	New Maximum Length
DAILY_LIST_EFCTV_TS	DAILY_LIST_TS		
OLD_FNNCL_STTS_DS	OLD_FNNCL_STTS_CD	50	1
NEW_FNNCL_STTS_DS	NEW_FNNCL_STTS_CD	50	1
OLD_ORDNY_ADR_RT	OLD_ADR_ORDNY_SHARE_RT		
NEW_ORDNY_ADR_RT	NEW_ADR_ORDNY_SHARE_RT		
OLD_XPRTN_DT	OLD_MTRTY_XPRTN_DT		
NEW_XPRTN_DT	NEW_MTRTY_XPRTN_DT		
OFRNG_TYPE_DS	OFRNG_TYPE_CD	50	1
SUBJ_CRPRT_ACTN_DS	SUBJ_CRPRT_ACTN_CD	50	2
SPLIT_FCTR_RT	FRWRD_SPLIT_RT	11	10
(FIELD ADDED)	RVRS_SPLIT_RT		10
STOCK_PT		11	10
CASH_DVDND_AM	CASH_AMT_TX	11	25
ADR_FEE_AM		11	10
ADR_TAX_RLF_AM		11	10
ADR_GRSS_RT	ADR_GROSS_RT	11	18
ADR_NET_RT		11	18
ADR_ISSNC_FEE_AM		11	10
ADR_WTHLD_TAX_AM	ADR_WHLDG_TAX_PT	11	10
QLFD_DVDND_DS	QLFD_CD	50	1
DAILY_LIST_RSN_DS	DAILY_LIST_RSN_CD	50	5
DVDND_TYPE_CD	(FIELD DELETED)	2	
DVDND_NON_ADR_FL	(FIELD DELETED)	1	
DVDND_ADR_FL	(FIELD DELETED)	1	

**Added - Equity Participant Daily List Data Layout**

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effective_dt	Effective Date	Format is MMDDYYYY	
cd_description	Event Type	Valid values are: Participant Addition Participant Deletion Participant Change	
old_mpid	Market Participant Identifier		6
old_dba	Firm Name		64
new_mpid	New Market Participant Identifier		6
new_dba	New Firm Name		64
rf_cd	Reporting Facility	Value will always be ORF	

## Appendix B

### Programmatic Access (C#, .NET example)

The following is a code excerpt to illustrate how to use the MPP Download site programmatically. If you are going to access the site with an application the first step is to download the NWSF client certificate using your web browser. Install it in the browser then export the certificate from the browser, saving the certificate to a location on the machine as an X905 certificate (.cer).

*Example using the active Equity Security Master:*

```
string Action = "DOWNLOAD";
string file = "EQUITYMASTERAC";
string facility = "ORF";

string site = "https:// download.finratraqs.org/DownloadHandler.ashx";
string query = string.Format("{0}?action={1}&file={2}&facility={3}", site,
                             Action, file, facility);

// Create request
HttpWebRequest webRequest = WebRequest.Create(query) as HttpWebRequest;

// Get cert and add to request
X509Certificate Cert =
    X509Certificate.CreateFromCertFile("C:\\MPP\\cert\\mpp_cert.cer");

webRequest.ClientCertificates.Add(Cert);
webRequest.Method = "GET";

// Add nwsf user/password to request

NetworkCredential nwCredentials = new NetworkCredential("user", "pwd");
webRequest.Credentials = nwCredentials;

// Make the request
HttpWebResponse Response = (HttpWebResponse)webRequest.GetResponse();

// Fiddle with the header in the response to get the file name

int pos = Response.Headers["Content-Disposition"].IndexOf("TRACE");

string Filename = Response.Headers["Content-Disposition"].Substring(pos);

// Create a file to save it in ..
StreamWriter sw = new StreamWriter("C:\\MPP\\files\\" + Filename, false);

StreamReader sr = new StreamReader(Response.GetResponseStream(),
                                   Encoding.Default);

int cnt;
char [] ReadBuf = new char[1024];

while ((cnt = sr.Read(ReadBuf, 0, 1024)) != 0)
{
    sw.Write(ReadBuf);
}
```