



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

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## Revision History

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## 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

<b>File</b>	<b>Time</b>
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	<b>DOWNLOAD</b> - provide the file. <b>DELTA</b> – provide the changes since the last time the user downloaded the file.  Delta actions are supported for Daily List and Participant files.
Facility	<b>ORF</b>
Files	<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

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_EQTY_ID	FINRA Security ID Symbol	Security Id generated by FINRA RDMS System.	
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
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		28
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_DIS_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			1
CLASS_TX	Class of Security		2
OFRNG_TYPE_CD	Offering Type		1
MTRTY_XPRTN_DT	Maturity/Expiration date	Format is YYYYMMDDHHMMSS	14
NSCC_ELGBL_FL	NSCC 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_FL	Subject to Corporate Action Flag		1
ORDNY_ADR_RT	ADR to Ordinary Share Ratio		11
BRKR_PRTCT_PRD_FL	Broker Protect Period Flag		1
PGYBK_ELGBL_FL	Piggyback Eligible Flag		1
REG_FEE_FL	Reg Fee Flag		1
REG_SHO_FL	Reg SHO Flag		1
4320_FL	4320 Flag		1
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_EFCTV_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_DS	Old Financial Status Indicator		50
NEW_FNNCL_STTS_DS	New Financial Status Indicator		50
OLD_OATS_RPTBL_FL	Old OATS Reportable Flag		1
NEW_OATS_RPTBL_FL	New OATS Reportable Flag		1

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_ORDNY_ADR_RT	Old ADR Ratio		11
NEW_ORDNY_ADR_RT	New ADR Ratio		11
OLD_REG_FEE_FL	Old Reg Fee Flag		1
NEW_REG_FEE_FL	New Reg Fee Flag		1
OLD_XPRTN_DT	Old Maturity Date	YYYYMMDDHHMMSS format.	14
NEW_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_DS	Offering Type		50
SUBJ_CRPRT_ACTN_DS	Subject to Corp Action Description		50
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
SPLIT_FCTR_RT	Forward/Reverse Split Ratio	Decimal	11
STOCK_PT	Percentage	Decimal	11
CASH_DVDND_AM	Cash Amount	Decimal	11
PYMNT_MTHD_CD	Payment Method		3
ADR_FEE_AM	ADR Dividend Fee	Decimal	11
ADR_TAX_RLF_AM	ADR Tax Relief Fee	Decimal	11
ADR_GRSS_RT	ADR Gross Rate	Decimal	11
ADR_NET_RT	ADR Net Rate	Decimal	11
ADR_ISSNC_FEE_AM	ADR Issuance Fee	Decimal	11
ADR_WTHLD_TAX_AM	ADR Withholding Tax	Decimal	11
QLFD_DVDND_DS	Qualified Dividend Code		50
DAILY_LIST_RSN_DS	Change Reason Description		50

CMMNT_TX	Comments		500
DVDND_TYPE_CD	Dividend Type Code		2
DVDND_NON_ADR_FL	Dividends/Distributions/Splits (Non-ADR/GDR)		1
DVDND_ADR_FL	Dividends/Distributions/Splits (ADR and GDR only)		1

**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 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>

## Appendices

### 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);
}
```