Connecting the world's company data... the open data way
We live in a highly complex, massively interconnected, corporate world
Companies no longer look like this

nor even like this
but this
TELECOM CORPORATION OF NEW ZEALAND LIMITED

This diagram shows only the companies directly connected to TELECOM CORPORATION OF NEW ZEALAND LIMITED via links of control or minority shareholdings. Companies to the left own companies to the right. Minority holdings are shown as faint lines. If the graph is too big to see on one page, you can click and drag to pan around, and use your mouse wheel to zoom.

Chart options
- Show data as an ownership tree
- Show data as a network of relationships

Hide shareholdings under
- 10%
- Update graph
And they are growing more complex by the day

- **Growing in scale** Not 10s of entities but 1000s
- **Growing in speed** Seeing the beginnings of high-frequency company formation
- **Growing in opacity** Use of secrecy jurisdictions and off-register entities to provide firewalls to tax, regulation, info
- **Growing in complexity** Not a ‘hierarchy’ but complex, sometimes circular networks
No understanding = no control

- Leads to systematic problems – Lehmans, pollution exporting, market failures, barriers to innovation...
- Reduces accountability and corporate governance. Enables/encourages companies to behave like bad corporate citizens
- Undermines competition (esp cross-border)
- Enabler of money laundering, organised crime & corruption
- NB companies are artificial entities given legal personality by states for the good of society
And what really matters is getting the data

- In the 21st century, data is power
- We’ve always been governed by data, now our lives are data
- Huge asymmetry of access to public data
- Sold and collected to enrich global proprietary databases, denied to citizens
“Out of 150 large-scale corruption cases the majority used companies to hide the money trail”
it is essential to give “the greatest publicity to the affairs of... companies, that everyone may know on what grounds he is dealing”

Robert Lowe, Deputy of Board of Trade (later Chancellor of the Exchequer)
"We, the G8, agree that open data are an untapped resource with huge potential. We therefore agree to follow a set of principles [for] data: Open data by default; Usable by all... for Improved Governance... for Innovation"
“A piece of data or content is open if anyone is free to use, reuse, and redistribute it — subject only, at most, to the requirement to attribute and/or share-alike.”

Open Knowledge Definition
## Open Corporate Data Index

How countries around the world allow company registration information to be publicly accessible. [Read more →](#)

### Find a Company in the OpenCorporates Global Registry

Search over 70 jurisdictions around the world

Find a company

### The Open Company Data Index

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The role of company registers

- Primary role should be distribution and use of their data
- Selling data has devalued the brand, undermined the role
- In some areas (finance, government procurement) they are largely irrelevant
- Data hard to get at, hard to use, occasionally of dubious quality
- But we think they still matter
A simple (but huge) goal
An entry for every company (legal entity) in the world
From 3 million to over 60 million companies in less than 3 years
Searchable...
Found 1,360 results

morgan stanley

BANK MORGAN STANLEY AG (Singapore)
Inactive BANK MORGAN STANLEY LTD (United Kingdom)
Inactive branch BANK MORGAN STANLEY LTD (United Kingdom)
CORNWALL INVESTMENTS UK LIMITED (Jersey, 14 Aug 2003-)
CORPORATION DE SERVICES MORGAN STANLEY CANADA (Quebec (Canada), 16 Oct 2007-)
FUNDLOGIC (JERSEY) LIMITED (Jersey, 16 Dec 2005-)
Inactive GOLDFISH BANK LIMITED (United Kingdom, 23 Feb 2007-27 Oct 2011)
GOLDFISH CARD SERVICES LIMITED (United Kingdom, 23 Feb 1999-)
Inactive LAXTON (United Kingdom, 26 Sep 2005-)
branch MORGAN STANLEY (New York (US), 31 Mar 1986-)
MORGAN STANLEY (Delaware (US), 1 Oct 1981-)
MORGAN STANLEY & CO INCORPORATED (Finland, 26 May 1999-)
MORGAN STANLEY & CO INTERNATIONAL LTD (Finland, 19 Nov 1999-)
branch MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INCORPORATED (Iowa (US), 1 Aug 2006-)
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Filter by jurisdiction

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Searching directors/officers

HEALTHCARE ACQUISITION, INC. > All officers

W. MITT ROMNEY

Company
HEALTHCARE ACQUISITION, INC.

Name
W. MITT ROMNEY

Position
director

Other resources
- Search Google for "W. MITT ROMNEY"
- Search LittleSis for "W. MITT ROMNEY"

Other officers in HEALTHCARE ACQUISITION, INC.

GT CORPORATION SYSTEM, agent
ERNEST K. JACQUET, vice president
M.D. ROBERT M. HARTLEY, vice president
MARK L. PLAUMANN, vice president
MARK L. PLAUMANN, secretary
RALPH W. KUHNS, vice president
THOMAS B. DAX, vice president

Similarly named officers

ROMNEY, W. MITT, director, (US), 3 Jun 1991-
W MITT ROMNEY, chairman, (Mississippi (US), 6 Aug 1999-
W MITT ROMNEY, director, (Massachusetts (US), 6 Mar 1994-
W. MITT ROMNEY, president, (Massachusetts (US), 5 Nov 1990-
W. MITT ROMNEY, treasurer, (Massachusetts (US), 6 Mar 1994-
W. MITT ROMNEY, chairman, (Florida (US), 15 Aug 1989-
Linkable...
Linking branch companies

ABERDARON ESTATES LIMITED

Company Number: FC019785
Status: Active
Incorporation Date: 1 October 1996 (over 17 years ago)
Company Type: Other company type
Jurisdiction: United Kingdom
Branch: Branch of ABERDARON ESTATES LIMITED (Gibraltar)
Registered Address: Suite 6, Watergardens 4, Waterport, Gibraltar

Directors/Officers:
- PHILIP MICHAEL BROOMHEAD, director, 18 Dec 1996-
- AMANDA JOANNE MCDONALD, director, 31 Jan 2007-
- JULIAN RICHARD BEARDSLEY, director, 1 Dec 2004-26 Aug 2005
- DAVID JONATHAN COX, director, 1 Sep 2000-1 Dec 2004
- PAUL FREDERICK FRANCIS GARDNER BOUGAARD, director, 18 Dec 1996-1 Dec 2004
- ALISTAIR CHARLES PETER MCLEAN, director, 20 Mar 1997-14 Apr 2000
- FNTER (SECRETARIES) LIMITED, secretary, 24 Jun 1998-

Company network
Not yet available for this company. Click to find out

Corporate Grouping
None known. Add one now?
See all corporate groupings

Similarly named companies
- ABERDARON ESTATES LIMITED (Gibraltar)
- branch ABERDARON ESTATES LIMITED (UK)
Linking data to companies

Financial Licence Statement

This is a licence (number BD1003340) to operate in Florida (US).
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- Broker Dealer

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- Confidence: high
- Added On: March 10 2014

International Trademark Registration

This information appears* to relate to

TESCO STORES LIMITED

Mark Text: [none - image only trademark]
Mark Image: 

International Registration Number: 1051450
Holder Name: TESCO STORES LIMITED
Holder Address: Tesco House,
Delamere Road
Cheam, Surrey SM3 9SL
Holder Country: GB
Registration Date: 

OpenCorporates
The Open Database Of The Corporate World

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Linking corporate networks
Linking back to registers

Optique Gilles Esslingen & Cie, S.à r.l.

Company Number: B63034
Status: Dissolved
Incorporation Date: 17 February 1998 (over 16 years ago)
Dissolution Date: 14 February 2013
Company Type: Société à responsabilité limitée
Jurisdiction: Luxembourg
Registered Address: 14, Rue Louvigny L - 1946 Luxembourg

Registry Page: https://www.rcsl.lu/mcrcs/displayCons...

Recent filings for Optique Gilles Esslingen & Cie, S.à r.l.

14 Feb 2013: RADIATION
4 Apr 2012: COMPTES ANNUELS
Exercise 2010 (Date de début d'exercice: 01/01/2010; Date de fin d'exercice: 31/12/2010)
21 Mar 2012: COMPTES ANNUELS
Exercise du 01/01/2011 au 31/12/2011
4 Feb 2010: COMPTES ANNUELS
Exercise 2008

Source: Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés (Luxembourg), https://www.rcsl.lu/mcrcs/displayCons..., 12 May 2014
Open...
Open is not just ‘good’
(and better than closed/proprietary)

• Better for innovation
• Better for competition
• Better for efficiency
• Better for sharing (esp cross-organisation or cross-border)
It’s better quality too
# Common proprietary data quality issues

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<td>Gaps in data</td>
<td>High (&amp; often duplicated) cost of data entry. Limited to payers</td>
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<td>Lack of granularity</td>
<td>Legacy systems/data models hard to re-engineer in closed world</td>
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<td>Errors go uncorrected</td>
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<td>Black box/No provenance</td>
<td>Can’t reveal (sometimes dubious) sources. Limits usefulness/trust</td>
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<td>Proprietary IDs are internal identifiers &amp; are barriers to sharing &amp; improved data quality</td>
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Open Data: The future of business information?

- Huge amount of business information based on public data
- Focuses on adding value, not rent-seeking
- Includes full provenance – not just the right thing, but essential context
- Compare with Open Source: still lots of value to be added/CRM-focused
Get data access to over 60 million companies

Open data
- All the data on the world’s largest open database of companies
- Available as either share-alike attribution open data or commercially
- All data includes sources, allowing checking of data

Quality data
- Data is from primary public sources
- Fully provenanced, providing context and confidence
- ‘Many eyes’ on OpenCorporates adds quality control for free
- Versioned API

Unique data
- Open, transparent and highly granular model
- Many unique datasets and sources
- Enrich your existing data, or build new services

Get started
Explore the documentation
Try the API
View open data/pricing options
REGISTER FOR API KEY