Access electronic resources from the library home page [www.utdallas.edu/library](http://www.utdallas.edu/library) under Databases. Use your Net-ID to access these resources from off-campus. In the alphabetical list, click on the corresponding letter to select the database to search. For example, click on the letter N to access Nexis Uni in the list.

The following databases are useful for finding information on private companies.

- **Nexis Uni**
- **Gale Business Insights: Essentials**
- **Business Source Complete**
- **Standard & Poor’s NetAdvantage**
- **Mergent Online**
- **PrivCo**

*Scroll down to see specific tips on navigating in each resource.*

**Nexis Uni**

From the library home page ([www.utdallas.edu/library](http://www.utdallas.edu/library)) click on the Databases tab in the left screen. In the alphabetical list, click on the letter N then scroll down and click on Nexis Uni in the list. You will be prompted to enter your Net-ID and password to access these resources from off-campus.

Above the search box, click on the dropdown arrow labelled Menu. Click on Company Dossier.

Searches can be executed by company name or ticker to find all of a corporation’s details, including financials; use Create a Company List to create a list of companies in a particular industry; or use Compare Companies to compare competitors.

*Note: Sometimes it will be necessary to know the corporation’s alternate names which they use to do business. Although the search is to find information on Parkland Hospital it is necessary to know that they do business as Dallas County Hospital District. The other databases listed will be helpful in finding alternate company names.*
In this search we will search for **Dallas County Hospital District**. Type the name of the company in the Company Name search box. Next, click the red Find button in the right screen. The result screen will show a list of companies.

In the result list there are three entries. The first company listed matches the known geographical location for Parkland Hospital so this will be the parent company.

Click on **Dallas County Hospital District** to view available information and other information about the company. Company details and a list of top executives are in the right screen. Additional information about the company is in the left column. You may print, download or email the information.

**Gale Business Insights: Essentials**

From the library home page (www.utdallas.edu/library) click on the Databases tab in the left screen. In the alphabetical list, click on the letter **B** then scroll down and click on **Gale**
Business Insights: Essentials. You will be prompted to enter your Net-ID and password to access these resources from off-campus.

In Gale Business Insights: Essentials type the company name in the search box then click the orange Search button. For this example, use Godiva. In the result list click on the company name to navigate to the details about the company. Note that there are several links which will lead to details such as market share reports, competitors, rankings and financials (when available) about the company.

Business Source Complete

From the library home page (www.utdallas.edu/library) click on the Databases tab in the left screen. In the alphabetical list, click on the letter B then scroll down and click on Business Source Complete in the list. You will be prompted to enter your Net-ID and password to access these resources from off-campus.

In Business Source Complete there are two ways to search.
The first way is to use the Company Information tab. Click this tab and then in the next screen use the dropdown arrow to select Company Name or Keyword Search. Next type the name or keyword into the search box.

For example, typing shoes as a keyword would be a good way to find private corporations in the footwear industry. After clicking the search button, the result list will show private corporations in the shoes/footwear industry.
Click on the corporation’s name to see the detailed information.

The second way to search in Business Source Complete is to type the company name into the first search box with quotes. For example, click on New Search in the upper blue toolbar then type “Texas Health Resources” into the first search box. Before clicking the green Search button, use the dropdown arrow to choose CO Company Entity.

Select CO Company Entity to search using a company’s exact name.
The result list will show articles from trade magazines, newspapers and journals.

**Standard & Poor’s NetAdvantage**

From the library’s website [www.utdallas.edu/library](http://www.utdallas.edu/library) click on Databases in the left screen. Next, click on the letter *S* then scroll down to click on Standard & Poor’s NetAdvantage in the list.

Remember that from off campus you will be prompted to enter your NetID and password.

In the database click on Companies in the upper blue toolbar. This search requires that the name of the company must be known.

Note that there are other ways to search in the S & P database. In Advanced Search use the dropdown arrow to select Register Private Co.

This selection will offer several ways to structure a search on private companies that are listed in the S & P database. Searches can be done using geographic location, company city, company name, or North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) number.
This search will be done using the Companies tab in the blue toolbar.

For this search click back to the S & P database’s front page and click on the Companies tab click on the dropdown arrow under Resources then select Register Private Co. Type Novartis pharmaceuticals into the Search by box then click the orange search icon.

The search result will show information about the company.

Often the content will be very brief and additional resources will be needed. Some suggested resources are the database Lexis Nexis Academic or the private corporation search in Mergent Online.

**PrivCo**

PrivCo Database can be used to locate information on privately held companies. The database is a source for business and financial data on privately-held companies, including family owned, private equity owned, venture backed, and international unlisted
companies. Search by niche industry for private companies and locate which investors have invested in specific industries.

UT Dallas’ students, faculty and staff must create an account. (The email address used must be a UTD domain for the email.) This allows for full access, courtesy of Eugene McDermott Library. In creating an account users can save their searches, create notes on corporations, venture capitalists, industries and more.

To begin, create and account or login (Please use your UT Dallas NetID email address as the user name.):

In the next screen, search for the corporation or investor

The result list will give options for viewing the content and adding notes.

Mergent Online for Private Company Information
To access this and other online resources start at the library’s web page www.utdallas.edu/library. Click on the Databases tab in the left screen. Next, click on the letter M then scroll down to select Mergent Online from the list.

Remember that from off campus you will be prompted to enter your NetID and password.

Searches can be executed by company name to find a corporation’s details including some financials.

Type Novartis pharmaceuticals into the search box. Uncheck all of the radio buttons then check the box for D&B Private Company Database. Click the Go button. In the search results click on Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation located in the United States.

In the next screen there will be a company overview and blue tabs indicating various information available.

There will be the corporation’s industry codes, company financials, competitors, reports and more. Information can be exported to an Excel spreadsheet or printed.

This information may be very brief but can be useful. This is just a starting point and other sources might be needed for more extensive information. Try using the database Lexis Nexis Academic for additional information about private companies.

It is also useful to visit a company’s website and look at About for the possibility of reports and press releases.
Most private corporations publish annual reports.
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