Step 1. Select a Database.

Begin your search by selecting one of over 45 database options. You can also choose to open an existing SDC Standard Session which can duplicate the 45 database options featured in the press, or set up basic search criteria for you.

HINT: Click F1 to see complete database descriptions.

Step 2. Choose a Date Range.

For the MSA database the date range reflects the date the merger/acquisition was announced. Enter a custom date range or choose from pre-set time periods, (e.g. Last 2 Quarters), then click OK.

Step 3. Define Your Search.

Choose from data items such as a company, nation, or industry to establish the criteria for your search. For this search we're using the value of the transaction (Deal Value) to narrow our search. Click on a data item and click Open.

HINT: The Search Items window contains lists of frequently used search items, categorized into tabs. The All Items tab lists all searchable data items. When selecting items from this tab, click the Add to My Favorites button to add any search item to the My Favorites tab.

Enter a value range for the data item selected and click OK.

For this search we've also selected the Target All SIC data item from the Company tab in the Search Items window to continue narrowing our search. Simply double-click on the items you wish to select or exclude, and click OK.

Continue selecting data items from the Search Items window until your search criteria defines the set of transactions you'd like to research.

Step 4. Refine and Execute Your Search.

Re-order requests, modify criteria, or use one of the Utilities (refer to next page). At this point we recommend that you click on Execute to see the number of transactions in your current search result.

HINT: Easily modify your criteria by double-clicking on the request description.
Step 5. Create a Custom Report.  
From the pull-down menu, choose Reports/New Custom.  
In the Express Report Items window you can choose all of the data items you’d like to appear on your report.  
Or  
From the pull down menu, choose League Tables/SDC Standard.  
In the Custom Standard tabular Window choose the type of 
League Table you’d like to create and click on OK.

Step 6. Click on Execute.

Step 7. View & Analyze Search Results.  
Download your report or ranking data to a text, Microsoft® Excel,  
or Lotus File before or after you execute. Instantly create pie, line  
and bar charts from your rank data.

HINT: Cut, copy, and paste data from any combination of 
reports or ranks.

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Use: Add a request to use the results of a previous search request.
View: For search results, see a breakdown of hits by database type.
For a report or rank requests, view details.
Quick Display: Display a list of transactions for current-search results. You can hand-pick transac-
tions from this list for further use and/or select a specific transaction and click on the zoom button to 
create a detailed “All Data” report.
Logical Set Operations: Union, Intersect, or Difference two or more of your search results.
Statistics: Calculate the sum, minimum, average, maximum, and median on any numerical item in 
your search result.
Top N Deals: Identify the top transactions in your search result, such as the top 10 M&A deals by 
value or the Top 25 common stock issues by manager fees.
Save Current Search Result: Save results of the last executed search result.
Load Saved Search Result: Load a previously saved search result.

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