Explanation of WRDS Account Types

Faculty

Faculty accounts are available to all standing faculty of member institutions. Standard accounts allow unlimited access via web, SSH, and/or FTP, and include 750 MB of permanent disk storage. Faculty will have their own password access; this password is to remain confidential and is <u>not to be shared with any other individual</u>.

PhD Student

Phd accounts are available to all current Ph.D. candidates of member institutions. Standard accounts allow unlimited access via web, SSH, and/or FTP, and include 750 MB of permanent disk storage. Ph.D. accounts are required to have an expiration date. Doctoral students will have their own password; this password is to remain confidential and is <u>not to be shared with any other individual</u>.

Masters

Masters accounts are available to all full-time masters students of member institutions. These accounts allow unlimited access via the WRDS website. Masters students will have their own password; this password is to remain confidential and is <u>not to be shared with any other individual</u>. These accounts do NOT include disk storage and they expire at the end of the semester.

Research Assistant

Research accounts are available to graduate and undergraduate students performing research for a faculty member. These accounts allow access via web, SSH, and/or FTP, and include 750 MB of permanent disk storage. RA accounts are required to have an expiration date. A standing faculty member may have one Research Assistant account. Research accounts will have their own password access; this password is to remain confidential and is <u>not to be shared with any other individual</u>.

Visitor

Visitor accounts are available to visiting faculty (non-permanent or part time position, or those on a limited appointment). These accounts are subject to additional review and may not be used after the visiting appointment ends. Visitor accounts allow unlimited access via web, SSH, and/or FTP, and include 750 MB of permanent disk storage. Visitor accounts are required to have an expiration date. Visitor accounts will have their own password access, and this password is to remain confidential and is <u>not to be shared with any other individual</u>.

Staff
Staff accounts can be requested by support personnel (i.e. the WRDS Representative) of member institutions. Staff accounts allow unlimited access via web, SSH, and/or FTP, and include 750 MB of permanent disk storage. Staff accounts do not have an expiration date. Staff accounts will have their own password access, and this password is to remain confidential and is not to be shared with any other individual.

Class
Class accounts may be requested by standing faculty of member institutions and are used to access the WRDS web interface. These accounts are primarily for student usage that is associated with a specific class and all students in the class share the same password. This password is not to be shared with any other individual outside of the class. Class accounts can accommodate up to 15 simultaneous users and there should be only one Class account per unique class name. These accounts do NOT include disk storage, and they expire at the end of the semester. Class accounts need to be set up by the Professor, approved by the WRDS Representative, and should not be carried over for the next semester's class. TAQ data use is not permitted within actual class time.