

# BC3402 Tutorial 1: Question 2

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## Point 1: Listing Requirements (2003)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Much more stringent listing requirements</li><li>• Require market capitalization of at least 60m, with earnings of at least 6.5m over the past 3 years (or 2.5m in the past year)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not as stringent</li><li>• Require market capitalization of at least 8m, with earnings of at least 1m in the past year</li></ul>

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## Point 1: Listing Requirements (Now)


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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requires firms to already have 1.1 million publicly-traded shares outstanding with a collective market value of at least \$100 million</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requires firms to already have 1.25 million publicly-traded shares with a collective market value of \$45 million.</li></ul>
Both requires a minimum security listing of \$4 per share	



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### Point 2: Ownership Structure & Organization


NYSE	NASDAQ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not-for-profit organization</li><li>• Co-owned by members holding 'seats'</li><li>• Need a seat in order to bid and participate in the stock market</li><li>• 1366 seats available</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For-profit organization</li></ul>



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### Point 3: Business Model


NYSE	NASDAQ
Main sources of revenue: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Listing Fees</li><li>2. Market Data Fees</li><li>3. Regulatory Fees</li><li>4. Trading Fees</li></ol>	Main sources of revenue: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Transaction services Execution of trades e.g. over the SelectNet platform</li><li>1. Market information services Data vendors that buy varying levels of quote and trade information for resale<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Corporate client group services</li></ol></li></ol> Issuer services/listing fees




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### Point 4: How it works

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Driven by specialists who act as the auctioneer of their stock</li><li>2. Trades are completed between floor brokers and specialists</li><li>3. Specialists work to avoid large price variations between consecutive sales</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Driven by market makers who compete for orders by quoting bid and ask prices</li><li>2. On average, a single stock tends to be traded by 14 different market makers</li><li>3. Utilizes alternative trading systems</li></ol>



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ECNs were challenging the traditional market maker / broker model

1. Automatic.
2. Anonymous.
3. Low cost.
4. Fast.
5. After-hours Trading


ECNs were successful in capturing trade shares on the NASDAQ and the lower trading shares of NYSE-listed securities



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Situational factors at the turn of the century

1. Burst of the dot-com era
  - a. Dotcom bubble was a rapid rise in U.S. technology stock equity valuations fueled by investments in Internet-based companies during the bull market in the late 1990s, causing the value of equity markets to rise exponentially
  - b. The Nasdaq, which rose five-fold during this period, saw an 75% drop, resulting in a loss of billions of dollars.




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2. Series of corporate accounting scandals - Enron and WorldCom

Scandals


- a. Enron Scandal
  - i. The collapse of Enron, which held more than \$60 billion in assets, involved one of the biggest bankruptcy filings in US history
- b. WorldCom Scandals
  - i. The WorldCom scandal (2002) which included senior executives at WorldCom led by founder and CEO Bernard Ebbers orchestrating a scheme to inflate earnings to maintain WorldCom's stock price.



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3. Bear Market
  - a. Equities entered a bear market after the dot-com bubble burst and series of corporate accounting scandals
  - b. Bear market: when the market is down 20% for at least a 2 month period, often accompanied by negative investor sentiment and declining economic prospects. Investors are also more risk-averse.





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Stricter corporate-governance and investor-information requirements

1. Sarbanes-Oxley Act (2002)
  - a. Strict new rules & recordkeeping requirements
  - b. New criminal penalties for violating securities laws.
2. Affected both markets ability to attract new companies to be listed on their respective exchange
  - a. High cost of SOX compliance
  - b. Smaller and foreign companies forced to delist


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Uncertainty brought by COVID-19

- a. Stock exchanges disturbed by unique trends, like shutdowns and exacerbated supply chain issues
- b. Uncertainty about the trajectory of recovery which can contribute to stock market volatility
- c. Dominance that NYSE and NASDAQ used to hold is uncertain now
- d. However, the combination of vaccines and a growing font of data about COVID-19 has taught the market "to look through each wave of the pandemic." Market jitters over omicron also subsided relatively quickly in late Nov or early Dec



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Increased pervasiveness of market manipulation and other unethical/problematic practices

- a. Social media and the increased connectivity around the world
  - i. Much easier to coordinate the buying and selling of stocks
  - ii. Might also have the effect of perpetuating market manipulation
    1. @elonmusk
    2. GameStop
- b. Solutions: More advanced predictive solutions to analyze and determine & flag suspicious activity



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Landscape is constantly shifting - exchanges need to keep up

- a. Trading of cryptocurrencies and blockchain-based securities
  - i. Decentralized vs Centralized
- b. Japan's Financial Services Agency has allowed the Japan Exchange Group, which operates the Tokyo Stock Exchange, to use blockchain as its core trading infrastructure
- c. In 2015, Nasdaq unveiled the use of its Nasdaq Linq blockchain ledger technology to successfully complete and record private securities transactions