

Sample data: OpenCorporates

OpenCorporates collects information about companies from more than 75 different jurisdictions. Most of the data is collected from official registries such as Companies House in the UK. It collects lots of different datasets about companies (depending on the jurisdiction). Some numbers:

- more than 80 million companies
- more than 4 million branch relationships
- more than 1 million filed company accounts

It provides a searchable website and an API access to its data.

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