Retrieving Titles and Subtitles – Fixing the Code 1

Details

Total: 77748 entries

- Version 2: All entries, including entries with keyword matches but without gvkey matches. There are 77884 entries.
- Version 2_DuplicateDropped: Dropped duplicates (for report, title, subtitle and date) in Stata. 136 duplicates were dropped and 77748 entries remain.
 - o 3939 entries / 3473 unique entries with missing titles and subtitles
 - o 0 with titles but missing subtitles
 - o 8416 with titles but 'Â' as the subtitle
- Version 3 and 4: Added back titles and subtitles for entries, but with an incorrect mergeclean.do.
 - Many entries with missing titles and subtitles, without further manual matching
- Version 5: Added back titles and subtitles for entries without gvkey matches. Deleted the line of Stata code in mergeclean.do removing entries in the dataset with titles/dates/subtitles that didn't match with the gvkey dataset. There are 77748 entries. After the 'more inclusive' merge, there are:
 - 88 entries / 78 unique entries with missing titles and subtitles
 - o 0 with titles but missing subtitles
 - o 8416 with titles but 'Â' as the subtitle

Fixing the line of code in *mergoclean.do* significantly reduced the number of missing entries, but did not eliminate all of them.

Possible Reason for the Remaining Missing Entries

After checking the missing entries, it seems that there is a recurring pattern of a "appearing before the entry in the csv file, which could have led to some error with how the dates/titles/subtitles are extracted. However, we note that these conference calls still appear in keyword matches, so the error doesn't seem to "ripple down the processing pipeline".



- Direct solution: Merge directly with the .xls source files and not the intermediate files.
- Longer-term: Find out where the algorithm is not working and fix that part.