Title: I need some help with a current investigation into OCC.

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For the past 2 months I have been researching and learning how options function. In my journey I came across the OCC fairly early but did not think too deeply about them. Now I am retracing my steps because I realized how the OCC overlooks the entire options market. I was looking at some OCC data for options and came across a SEC report that records the "Market Loan-Loan Balance" and "Hedge-Loan Balance" for a particular trading day. When I try looking up the hedge-loan balance all I find is the OCC Stock loan/hedge program in which it allows clearing members to use borrowed and loaned securities to reduce OCC margin requirements by reflecting the real risk of their inter market hedged positions. So I somewhat understand what the program is, but I am still confused on tying it together with the data. For example a specific stock like Apple had a hedge loan balance of around \~2 billion on 1/29/2021 what exactly would this mean? That the OCC are using 2 billion dollars worth of loaned out Apple stock to assist in margin requirements? Having a hard time wrapping my head around this, if anyone has any insight on this specific subject, any help would be greatly appreciated. Why I am fascinated by this is because the data for GME on the Stock loan balance sheet displayed a 7227744330 dollar hedge loan balance. This was the highest of any stock on that day (i'm pretty sure or at-least one of the top). Curious to what the Hedge-Loan Balance is so I can further make some conclusions as to why the GME hedge-loan balance was so high and further, hopefully, make some correlations between the balance and a short position in GME. For some info on the screenshot, first column is market-loan balance and second column is hedge-loan balance.

[ stock-loan-bal-sec-data for 1\/27\/21](https://preview.redd.it/62l93t02s8z71.png?width=373&format;=png &auto;=webp&s;=da842b634a0b0d3a63e24aa40c591ef57346f396)