

Hey, if I understand rightly, your suggesting that say MSFT should have the same unique identifier in every era? If that is what you mean, unfortunately, I don't think they'd ever do that. The reason why the data we are given is anonymized and obfuscated is because this data is really expensive. They buy it from data vendors who make their money by collecting data and selling it. If the Numerai team allowed us to identify equities across eras, it'd make it a lot easier to figure out what the features are, and even if the equities had an anonymous id, you could start to figure out which id corresponds to which stock. The data vendors don't want their data in the public domain, as then no one would buy it from them, so its important its kept anonymous so that the Numerai dataset can only be understood by the Numerai team.