While beginning this process, you will have access to a lot of materials. This may cause confusion at first, so this page is intended to attempt to demystify the process. Each company and comparables table will have their own unique set of multiples to use, because it depends on the type of company and industry. This guide should help get you a little closer to selection without the hassle of finding everything on your own. Calculations are not given, you are expected to know them already or at least know where to find them.

Generic Table for Comparables:

Comparable Company Analysis

Company	Ticker	Market Cap. 2007	Market Cap. 2011 ttm	ttm P/E Ratio	EPS (Diluted) 2007	EPS (Diluted) ttm 2011	EV / EBITDA 2007	EV / EBITDA ttm 2011	RIOC ttm 2011
Median									
Mean									
Min									
Max									

This table is meant as an example for your use. You can add, delete or change columns as you, the budding analyst, decides. Some examples of adds may be P/E ratio's, specific margins such as Gross Margins or EBITDA margin. This is your choice depending on how you choose to support your thesis for Buy, Sell or Neutral.

Company Specific Data

(US Dollars in Millions)	Years Ended December 31, 2007	2008	2009	2010	Ytd - 3/2011
Market Cap					
Revenue					
P/E (year-end stock price exc. 2010)					
EBITDA					
Operating Margin					
ROE					
ROA					
ROIC					
TEV					
EBITDA/Sales					

This table outlines one way for you to gather company data and have that data for each of the specific comparable companies flow into the above table. Again, whichever data points or metrics you use, you should adjust each table accordingly. You can also adjust the amount of years you choose to review for your analysis. The number of years can change depending on cycle the company is in, the type of thesis you are trying to support, or the type of graphs you create from this data, should you choose to do so.