

SUMMARY

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I primarily worked in this project on compiling and organizing data from the Offshore Funds Database and from the Wharton School Mutual funds database. My first task involved getting OCR Scanning of the seven Offshore Funds Directory books done at Tyco. Following that I wrote programs in Perl to get the data we needed from those OCR scans. Following this I updated the database, which is stored in Microsoft Access, with this new data. Following this I wrote Perl programs that could identify fund managers that had switched to and from mutual and hedge funds. In this project I learned the intricacies of Microsoft Access and I expanded my prior programming experience to include the Perl language. Also I successfully learned how to interface Perl directly with a Microsoft Access Database.

As far as results we have little to report so far as this project may be ongoing for some time, but so far there has been a very clear link between mutual fund manager performance and performance in hedge funds. I very much enjoyed my SRO experience and would gladly do it all over again. It gave me valuable insights into not only what constitutes economics research but also what I would experience should I continue my studies at the graduate level.