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Understanding ASX Codes

What are these ASX "ticker" codes and why do they sometimes change.

	Code	Bid ($)	Offer ($)	Last ($)	Change ($)	(%)	Open ($)	High ($)	Low ($)	Volume
■	GOVT	25.950	25.990	25.910	0.000		0.000	0.000	0.000	0
■	GROW	3.630	3.650	3.640	0.000		0.000	0.000	0.000	0
▲	HACK	7.320	7.330	7.330	0.020	0.27	7.330	7.330	7.330	2,830
■	HBRD	10.050	10.060	10.060	0.000	0.00	10.060	10.060	10.060	8,369
■	HEUR	11.990	12.010	12.070	0.000		0.000	0.000	0.000	0
■	HJPN	12.710	12.730	12.840	0.000		0.000	0.000	0.000	0
▼	HVST	15.430	15.450	15.430	-0.100	-0.64	15.450	15.450	15.430	1,745
▼	IAA	84.230	84.640	84.460	-0.480	-0.57	85.000	85.000	84.460	516
▲	IAF	107.430	107.550	107.380	0.120	0.11	107.500	107.500	107.380	3,032

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Each stock traded on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX), or any other exchange really, has a code to identify it. On the ASX 'ordinary' shares normally have a 3 letter code. Like Broken Hill Proprietary Limited is BHP, it makes everything a bit easier. Commonwealth Bank is CBA and Telstra is TLS and so on for the 1000's of companies available to be traded on the ASX. They used to be called Ticker Symbols because before computers people would find out stock prices by looking for the stock code on a ticker tape. Look it up.

Unfortunately it gets a bit more complicated. The ASX has long outgrown just 3 letter codes. Ordinary shares are not the only things traded on the ASX, so generally anything that's not 'ordinary' has a code with more than 3 letters. For example if BHP issued some options they might have the code BHPO.

Most ETF's have a 3 or a 4 letter code.

Occasionally stocks or ETF's need to trade on a different basis from how they normally trade. For instance if an ETF is going through some sort of restructure it might need to

trade on a "deferred settlement" basis. In this case the underlying ETF will not trade for a while and a new code will trade which is the ETF code plus DA on the end. Recently IJH was restructured so it stopped trading for a few days and if you still wanted to trade IJH you could do so by using the code IJHDA. Just be aware that IJHDA, or any change in code, means that stock is slightly different from the original so be sure to investigate before going ahead.

To find out more about this topic check out his page on the ASX website https://www.asx.com.au/prices/understanding-asx-ticker-codes.htm