

Important notice

Data scraping policy

Your institution provides you with access to PitchBook—one of the world’s leading platforms for private capital market data, company intelligence, and financial research. This access is a valuable resource made available through your university’s license agreement. To protect this access for you and your fellow students, it is essential that all users understand and comply with PitchBook’s data use policies.

What is data scraping?

Data scraping means using software, scripts, bots, browser extensions, or any automated tool to collect large amounts of data from PitchBook automatically—rather than manually browsing the platform yourself.

Examples of tools and behaviors that constitute data scraping include:

- **Automated scripts/bots:** Python scripts using requests or Selenium; Node.js scrapers
- **Browser extensions:** Data harvest plugins; auto-export add-ons; LinkedIn/PitchBook scrapers
- **Headless browsers:** Playwright, Puppeteer, or PhantomJS running against PitchBook
- **Bulk export tools:** Tools that automate clicking “Export” or mimic download sequences
- **Rapid repeated queries:** Sending hundreds of search or company-profile requests in a short window
- **Translation/transformation services:** Services that access and process PitchBook content programmatically to translate, reformat, or republish data at scale

Why is this against our policy?

Your university’s PitchBook license grants you access for individual academic research and coursework—not for automated or bulk data collection. Data scraping violates our Terms of Service because it:

- Misappropriates proprietary data that PitchBook invests heavily to collect and maintain
- Overloads our servers and degrades the experience for other users
- Circumvents the access controls built into our platform
- Goes far beyond the scope of educational use covered by your institution’s license

What happens if you scrape



Your access will be permanently revoked—immediately and automatically.

PitchBook uses automated detection systems that monitor for scraping activity in real time. If your account is flagged, it will be permanently terminated immediately without warning. You will lose access to PitchBook for the remainder of your enrollment at your institution. This process is automatic; there is no manual review step, no grace period, and no reinstatement. Your institution's overall license could also be affected.

What you can do

PitchBook is designed for individual, manual research. The following are examples of acceptable use:

- Browsing company profiles, investor pages, and deal information manually
- Running searches and reviewing results for academic projects
- Using PitchBook's built-in export feature to download a reasonable number of records
- Incorporating PitchBook data into reports, theses, or class projects with proper attribution



Do you have a legitimate large-data need? If your academic research genuinely requires access to a large dataset, please do not attempt automated access. Instead, reach out to your university library—they can help facilitate the appropriate request through your institution's PitchBook partnership.

Summary

Allowed	Not Allowed
Manual browsing and research	Automated scripts or bots
Built-in exports (within limits)	Browser scraping extensions
Academic use in coursework/thesis	Bulk or rapid automated data pulls

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