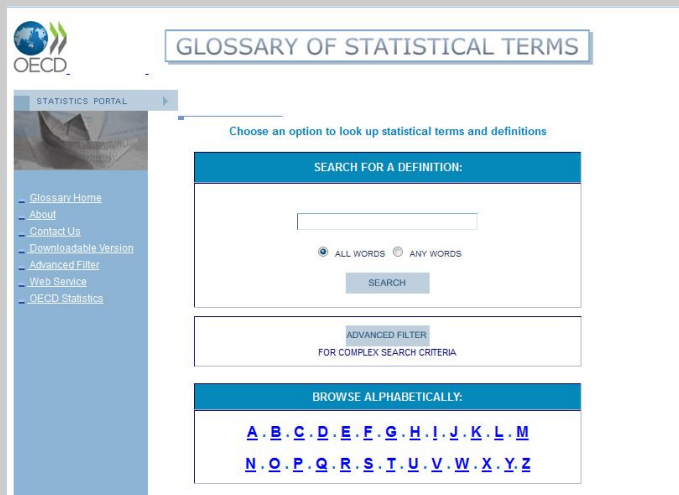


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## ***Scope and Coverage***

This online Glossary database currently contains over 6 900 definitions.

## ***Kind of Information***

The meaning of the terms, description and short notes on those terms are available here. See and see also references are also available here. Some terms within the meaning of a particular entry are cross referenced. Date of creation and date of last updating are also mentioned here. Some examples are given below for clear understanding.

### **“Bar chart”**

**French Equivalent:** Diagramme à bâtons

**Definition:**

The graphical representation of frequencies or magnitudes by rectangles drawn with lengths proportional to the frequencies or magnitudes concerned.

**Context:**

There are numerous variations which can be incorporated into this simple concept. For example, component parts of a total can be shown by sub-dividing the length of the bar. Two or three kinds of information can be compared by groups of bars each one of which is shaded or coloured to aid identification. Figures involving increases and decreases can be shown by using bars drawn in opposite directions, above and below a zero line.

**Source Publication:**

A Dictionary of Statistical Terms, 5th edition, prepared for the International Statistical Institute by F.H.C. Marriott. Published for the International Statistical Institute by Longman Scientific and Technical.

**Statistical Theme:** Methodological information (metadata)

**Created on** Tuesday, May 07, 2002

**Last updated on** Wednesday, April 07, 2004

### **“Check digit”**

**Definition:**

See Error detecting characters.

**Cross References:**

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**Statistical Theme:** Methodological information (metadata)

**Created on** Monday, March 04, 2002

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**Remarks** This site valuable for professionals and for anyone who comes into contact with the terms and concepts of statistics. It is beautifully explained and written in a clear and concise style.

**Comparable Tools**

- A Dictionary of Statistics (<http://www.oxfordreference.com/view/10.1093/acref/9780199541454.001.0001/acref-9780199541454>)
- Statistics Glossary (<http://www.statsoft.com/textbook/statistics-glossary>)

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